

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
HOMESTEAD DINNING ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Gadbois, Doug Clark, Clark Hubbard, Dan Larivee, Peter Kittell, and Greg Bouchard.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sara Rainville, Secretary.

Dick called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Camp Conversion Committee:

Tabled until next meeting when more members are present.

Building Permit Committee:

Dick inquired if Sara had received the new permit at the Town Clerk's office, she has not. Once she does Dick would like copies made for the file to hand out as well as a copy sent to the select board.

FY11 Planning Grants:

Dick noted that NRP will help with the application process if the PC wants to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant. Zoning Bylaws as well as the Town Plan should be updated in the near future. Dick stated that the Town Plan should be updated every 5 years. Peter commented that the Town of Franklin receives 40 hours of services from NRP a year as part of their membership.

Clark/Dan made motion to apply for the planning grant to update the Town Plan. Discussion was had. All present in favor, motion passed. Dick will be in contact with Catherine Dimitruk at NRP to ask for their assistance in applying for the grant.

Assistant Zoning Administrator:

Dick has a candidate for an Assistant Zoning Administrator, Robert Cormier. The current ZA has not done any enforcement on zoning violations since he has been in office. Peter stated that enforcement is up to the Select board to initiate. The Select board is working with numerous people around town about their junk ordinance violations; progress is being made.

Dan commented he does not feel it is the Town's place to tell people what they can have and do on their land.

Dick stated that they PC should get direction from the Select board, its not worth having Mr. Cormier be the Assistant ZA if the Select board will not back him on violation enforcement. Dick noted that a ticket system works the best for violations.

Doug noted it has the appearance of a conflict of interest by having Ms. McLaughlin on the PC and Mr. Cormier as the Assistant ZA.

Doug exited the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Dick will see to it that all PC members get a copy of the ethics policy that was adopted by the PC.

Peter feels that hiring an Assistant ZA would be offensive to the current ZA and a round-about way of pushing him out of that position.

Regional Planning Commission Membership:

Currently Dan and Doug are the PC members that have been elected to attend monthly NRP meetings on Franklin's behalf. Dick stated that the Select board would like to know if these two still would like to represent Franklin or if someone else would like to talk their places. Dan commented that he could attend the meetings but anything pertaining to the Morses Line Border Crossing issue he would have to remain neutral on due to his business; if someone wants to take his place he is more than willing to step down.

Peter/Greg made motion to accept Dan's resignation as Franklin's representative at the NRP meetings. All in favor, motion passed.

Dan/Greg made motion to appoint Clark as Franklin's representative at the NRP meetings. All in favor, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Greg/Dan to approve the minutes from July 20, 2010. Dick asked if there was any further discussion, none had. All voted in favor, minutes accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2010.

Motion made by Clark/Greg to adjourn the meeting. All members in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
September 23, 2010
Sara Rainville, Acting Secretary

Note: These minutes are not final until approved by the Planning Commission at their next regular meeting.

These minutes were approved on October 19, 2010.