

**FRANKLIN PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
August 23, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Minutes

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

☐ Pledge of Allegiance

☐ Roll Call

Present: Tim Stangroom, Mike Freeman, Jo Brown, Ted Starkweather, Tim Flaherty, David Veysey, Anthony Giunta, David Testerman, James Wells, and Planning Director Richard Lewis

Absent: Brian Colburn, Brian Sullivan, and Scott Clarenbach.

☐ Approval of Minutes from June 28, 2017: Member Starkweather motioned / Member Flaherty seconded to accept the minutes as presented. No errors, omissions or corrections were identified and the minutes were approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

Old Business: Discussion of the Master Plan Draft and Zoning Issues

Director Lewis stated that the draft in front of the board incorporated the ideas presented in the July 11th meeting, noting that the new material is shaded. He asked for any revisions or comments regarding the updated draft.

Member Flaherty questioned the completion timeframe for the CATCH project and Mr. Lewis suggested that instead of saying 'fall' it might be more accurate to say 'late fall, early winter.' Mr. Flaherty also asked to have the Franklin Dam be included in the natural resources section on page 10. Member Freeman asked that under the goals section on page 9, a new access to Route 93 be given its own bullet statement to better support the inclusion of the road project onto the State's Ten Year Transportation Plan. Prior to the meeting being called to order, Member Veysey pointed out several typos.

Member Brown said that the Vision Statement looked good right now and asked if the board couldn't vote of its approval to get it ready for a public forum as soon as possible. Director Lewis suggested that if the Board wanted to approve the draft, he could get it cleaned up after Labor Day and have Colby-Sawyer work on some graphics. Chairman Veysey encouraged the board to hand in any changes quickly so that Director Lewis could perform a rewrite and the document would be ready for the September 27th meeting.

Member Brown motioned and Member Starkweather seconded the approval of the Master Plan draft with the noted corrections/alterations. Possible dates for the next meeting included September 27th and October 11th with notices posted in the newspaper, on the city website and at City Hall and the Library. By a vote of 9-0-0 the motion passed.

Approved 9-27-17

New Business: None

Other business:

Director Lewis highlighted five possible zoning ordinance changes. 1) Signs and the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court decision, 2) Lake Protected Zone setbacks and possible changes for those lots in the bird street area, 3) Whitewater Park and the maintenance responsibilities on city land, 4) Telecommunications updates that require only a building permit to add co-locators to an existing pole, and 5) Agricultural uses and the setbacks for agricultural structures.

An email from Donna Keely requesting permission for Eversource to work extended hours on the weekend of November 18 through November 21 to install electrical breakers.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was approved at 8:35 pm.