

Fryeburg Planning Board Meeting October 23, 2018 – American Legion

Members in Attendance: Patrick Emery, Chairman, Robert Ricks, Barry Woodbrey, Ed Price, Vice Chairman, Edy Kizaki, Secretary, Tom Rebmann, Alternate

The meeting was called to order and it was determined that there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Emery asked for a motion to approve the September minutes, but Price declared there was not enough time to review them so made a motion for a postponement until the next meeting. Emery seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Natural Eco-Systems of Fryeburg Presentation and Discussion: Two presenters from the Maine State Agency Beginning With Habitat were present at the invitation of the Planning Board and Conversation Committee members, and gave a presentation with maps which showed the various delicate ecosystems and where the town can focus to get the most mileage for our efforts to preserve our rare species. Fryeburg has one of the most diverse and valued assortment of species this far north. Selectman Eastman who was present spoke to commend Fryeburg for long term careful management of our resources which resulted in this rich diversity since even before the State started to provide support to towns and areas. To sum up the guidelines and mapping is not to stop development but to understand how to mitigate forces when needed so that our development can co-exist with the sensitive biological treasures of our area. Billings, A Conservation Committee member, stated that we have a natural treasure in our rare species and ecosystems and other areas come here (creating tourism dollars) to experience and observe these resources. Selectwoman Clarke stated that this is an important addition to the gathering information with regard to the ecosystems of our community, and that if we do need to make changes with regard to where our Industrial Zone is or where our General Commercial Zone is or what our requirements are to protect our way of life, she strongly encourages the Planning Board to make those changes. The COE responded to a comment by Ricks that we have some locally produced zoning maps that show our protection area and wondering how they can interact with what is provided by Beginning With Habitat by explaining she is able to make overlays onto the maps that will show where it all coincides and where it doesn't, and help us with our local planning activities. The presentation and discussion ended at around 7:36 pm.

The entire presentation can be viewed in full on Valley Vision video archives at <https://vimeo.com/channels/1200854/300789842>.

Pubic Forum: No new business was brought forth by the public.

CEO's Monthly Report: Report reviewed. Price made a motion to approve the monthly report, which was seconded by Ricks. Chairman asked for a vote, and the report was unanimously accepted..

Other business: It was discussed if there should be a public hearing about the property maintenance ordinance. It was decided to take a brief poll to find out more public opinion and attitudes, then to schedule a public hearing after assessing the responses. The next meeting will be November 27.

Chairman asked for all those in favor of adjourning and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

A workshop followed about property maintenance.

Submitted by E. Kizaki 11/20/2018