

Town of Francestown

Review of Recent Planning Services

by Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission



The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) has provided the Town of Francestown with a wide range of services and resources to help the town address its planning and transportation needs.

The SNHPC appreciates working with Town staff from various departments and the dedication of the Town's Commissioners. Francestown's current Commission representatives include Gary Schnakenberg (Executive Committee Rep.), Alfred Eisenberg (Alt), Linda Kunhardt, and Jennifer Vadney (Alt).

Despite nationwide inflation and cost increases across the vast spectrum of goods and services, the SNHPC has kept its municipal membership dues rate flat at \$0.676 per capita for the past four years by leveraging federal and other funding sources to benefit our member communities.

Highlights of the SNHPC's recent services to the Town of Francestown included:

- Coordinating with the Francestown Fire Department to begin updating the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Promoting New Hampshire Bike Month and regional bicycle-related events, including the Tour de Francestown.
- Conducting traffic counts at seven locations in Francestown.
- Providing mobility management services to connect Town residents to free and affordable transportation options.
- Completing a comprehensive update of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment to analyze historical trends, project future needs, and identify strategies to meet the region's housing needs.
- Launching implementation of a \$500K U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment grant, which will assess sites under the SNHPC Brownfields Program to provide new opportunities for cleanup and economic development.
- Identifying high-priority Electric Vehicle (EV) corridors and analyzing feasibility of DC Fast-Charging stations along transportation corridors.
- Facilitating a Pathways to Play initiative to assess recreational access in all SNHPC communities. Activities were guided by a stakeholder group and included a regional survey, community outreach activities at the Francestown Community Market, and recreation facilities mapping.
- Coordinating regional climate action planning efforts, developing a climate action toolkit focused on roadway adaptations, and supporting federally-funded climate action planning efforts.
- Updating the SNHPC Complete Streets Toolkit to include guidance on the most recent best practices and projects from New Hampshire and beyond.

Town of Francestown's Representatives to the Commission
Alfred Eisenberg (Alt), Linda Kunhardt, Jennifer Vadney (Alt)

Executive Committee Representative: Gary Schnakenberg