

# TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

OCTOBER 31, 2012  
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Allan Pickman, Camilla Lockwood, Mary Beth Ayvazian, and Rose Lowry,

Call to order by Lowry at 7:50 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Approval of the minutes of 10/18/12 was tabled until the next meeting, so that a procedural issue regarding the minutes of 10/3/12 can be addressed.

Community Planning Grant: Board members reviewed a draft report written by Lisa Murphy from Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) after her examination of Temple's land use documents. Murphy's comments and observations were briefly discussed and her suggestions were thought to be most helpful. Related topics mentioned include: noise issues/ordinance, differences between open space development types, use of shared driveways, and definition of structure. It was noted Murphy may not be aware of the existence of Temple's Driveway Regulations.

Lockwood provided a summary of responses she gleaned from reviewing the Master Plan survey forms. She noted the most valued characteristics were Temple's rural character, its residents, and the sense of community. Items of concern were protection of open spaces, wildlife, and viewsheds. Also seen as important was a desire to develop a network of trails or bike paths, as well as a recreation/swimming area. The results of the survey will be used to help develop questions for the public forum on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Planning for Public Forum: The following items were brought up in deciding how to format and run the forum:

- For theme of "keep Temple the same" – need to make changes to zoning – more regulation is not necessarily more restrictions - regulation is not a bad thing – ordinances can protect the town
- Big picture questions to ask, i.e. commercial/industrial area, projected build-out of town
- Lowry will do introduction – use of slides, maps, other visuals
- Lisa Murphy to explain results of survey and impact on planning with slide presentation
- List of topics developed for discussion groups:
  - 1) Money - local economy, business, agriculture, energy
  - 2) Ecology - wildlife, habitat, water supply, natural resources
  - 3) Character – aesthetics, views, night skies, noise
  - 4) Housing/Population – elderly, affordable, building maintenance
  - 5) Cultural – arts, events, recreation, history
  - 6) Community Facilities – library, police, municipal, church, parks
- Formation of discussion groups with PB facilitator
- Use of "more of/less of" charts to illustrate responses
- Results of discussions and responses
- How information will be used to develop possible zoning changes to vote on in March
- If low turnout, just ask questions of audience (no groups)
- Encourage attendance with postcard mailer, email/phone contact, direct invitation to other town committees/boards, sign near road
- Meet at 7 p.m. to prepare for forum at 7:30 p.m.

Move to adjourn by Ayvazian, second by Pickman, and so voted at 9:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

*Next regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.*

*\*Public Forum begins at 7:30 p.m.\**