

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PLANNING BOARD  
September 10, 2013  
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Camilla Lockwood, Rose Lowry, John Kieley, Ken Sullivan, and Allan Pickman  
Public guests: Tedd Petro, Connie Kieley, and Mary Ann Sullivan

On-site visit of Old Brick School: At 5 p.m. attending board members and guests met with Trevor Hunt of Masiello Realty for a tour of the building and premises. Hunt explained he has shown the property approximately 20-30 times, with prospective buyers split roughly 60%-40% in considering residential vs. commercial use of the property. This includes some interest in conversion to multi-family housing. Hunt said the existing septic system was inspected in 2012 and found to be in sound condition, and it appears the existing oil furnace would be functional after servicing.

The group walked around the property and observed the current state of the building's exterior. They then were guided through the modular addition, two floors of the 1950's back portion, and two floors of the original 1918 building. Visible problems included roof leaks, moisture damage to wood floors, and one downstairs area displaying mold and peeling floor tiles. There is some question about the existence of lead paint and/or asbestos being present in such an old structure.

After the tour there was discussion about potential future uses of the school building, including as a residence, business or commercial use, or a public building. It was agreed that renovating the existing building would be costly. Another possibility would be demolition, with the 1.96 acre lot then being utilized for a new residence. Hunt noted the condition factors have proven difficult to overcome in trying to sell the property. It was agreed the current property assessment is high for the condition of the building, but should receive benefit from the town's reevaluation in 2014. Hunt said he refers prospective buyers to the town's zoning regulations and suggests contact with the town offices to gather information or get questions answered. He indicated the property will probably be going to auction within the next couple of months if it has not been sold by then.

Board members thanked Hunt for his time and dispersed at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry