

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
March 5, 2014
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Camilla Lockwood, John Kieley, Ken Sullivan, Rose Lowry, Mary Beth Ayvazian, and Allan Pickman

Call to order by Lowry at 7:32 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Kieley to approve the minutes of 01/15/14 as written, second by Ayvazian, and so voted.

Letters: Brief conversation about whether board members should write letters to the editor or opinion articles as to submit to local newspapers. Lowry urged caution, even if the writer were to present a disclaimer as a private person.

Candidates for Office: Town elections will be held next week on Tuesday, March 11th. The candidates running for the two open positions on the Planning Board are Allan Pickman and Tedd Petro. Board members were urged to get out and “*Vote for Tedd and Allan*”.

Permaculture: Lowry said that TEEC board member Cathy Joly is taking a Permaculture Design course, and has offered to share her knowledge and research with the Planning Board (PB). This led to a discussion of changing demographics in the town and how to keep Temple attractive to working families. A state program called “Stay Work Play” was mentioned that is designed to help attract and keep young people here in New Hampshire (www.StayWorkPlay.org). Also noted was a state Senate bill that proposes establishment of a commission on rural affairs (SB392).

Tax Map Updates: The board was informed the new map company, CAI Technologies, has picked up all information on property changes and will be producing revised town property tax maps. A question was raised about whether the finished product includes a digitized version, and this will be researched.

Master Plan Expense: Lowry stated she was prepared to go to town meeting and request an additional \$2,000 for the Planning Board’s work in updating the Master Plan. There was brief discussion about a quote obtained that would provide a level of professional help. Kieley said he was “putting on his Selectman’s hat” and urged the board not to ask for more money at this time. He encouraged further development of a Master Plan strategy to determine exact needs, and then asking for help with specifics if needed. Kieley said the PB has a budget line for professional services and suggested additional money could be added at a later time. There was a general consensus to wait a bit until further into the process.

Ideas List: PB minutes from the last three years have been gleaned to develop a list of topics that may stimulate further discussion or action. Several new items were added, and the list will be updated and forwarded to board members. Also, it was determined that Lockwood will represent the PB and speak at town meeting to the warrant article regarding the conservation easement for the Town Forest.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kieley, second by Ayvazian, and so voted at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ Next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2014 ~