

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
November 6, 2013
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Camilla Lockwood, John Kieley, Randy Martin, Rose Lowry, and Ken Sullivan

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

Approval of minutes: Motion by Kieley to approve the minutes of 10/16/13 as written, second by Martin, and so voted.

Barnsley proposal for lot line merger: Lowry told the board she had recently learned from Attorney Craig Donais that the three lots involved in William C. Barnsley's proposed lot line merger have changed ownership. The parcels have been placed under a single entity name of a New Hampshire organization. Lowry had asked Donais that copies of paperwork related to this transfer be provided to the Temple town offices before the next Planning Board meeting (11/20/13). This information brought forth comments and discussion on several topics, including determination of legal entity and clear title, status of mining and water rights, potential notification of abutters, and existence of any deeded easements or restrictions. A list of questions was developed and Lowry will seek clarification from town counsel.

Fisk sugar house: Kieley said Ben Fisk had been in to speak with the Selectmen and should have a good understanding of the necessary town processes. Planning board members again discussed considering changes to the Zoning Ordinance that would tighten up regulation of agriculture and create more consistency throughout the town's land use documents. Various suggestions included: just closing the loophole that is not compatible with Site Plan Review; doing a complete overhaul of everything related to agriculture; holding a public forum; doing a public mailing; addressing agriculture in a different way in the town's Master Plan. It was agreed the board is generally supportive of agricultural pursuits but also wishes to protect abutters. It was decided there would not be enough time this year to fully research and present this to the voters. As a related subject, Kieley also mentioned the topic of "Permaculture" or learning to live more sustainably, and will forward notes from a seminar he attended to board members.

Forest Monastery: Brief discussion about feedback from townspeople regarding the prospect of having monks living on the Kantner property. The board agreed the top two issues would likely be land use and taxation.

Sign on Webster Highway: Sullivan inquired about a new sign that has been erected on Webster Highway near the intersection of Route 101. The sign is for a newly permitted home business.

Motion by Kieley to adjourn the meeting, second by Martin, and so voted at 9:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ Next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2013 ~