

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
July 16, 2019
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Nicole Concordia, Bruce Kullgren, Jr., Tedd Petro, and Allan Pickman

Call to order by Pickman at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Review of minutes of 06/04/19 was postponed. Concordia wished to abstain from voting on these as she had not attended that meeting, which left only three board members to vote and thus no quorum was available. The minutes of 06/18/19 were reviewed. Motion by Pickman to approve as written, second by Kullgren, and so voted.

Committee formation: Progress is being made to establish a volunteer committee to examine issues related to affordable housing, as well as exploring various needs and services desired by town residents (such as child care, broadband internet access, recreational swimming opportunities, etc.). Several people have indicated interest in serving , and additional members may join by sending a note of interest to the Selectboard. Christine Robidoux has agreed to serve as chair, and meetings are tentatively scheduled to start in September.

Affordable housing: General discussion on several related topics.

Talking points included:

- Christine Robidoux attended a SWRPC Community Conversation titled “Planning Vibrant Communities” and shared her notes on the issues raised
- Robidoux also attended a “Coffee and Conversation” panel discussion at UNH School of Law in Concord and shared her notes on statistics and data presented
- developers are not likely to build affordable housing in small towns as it is too costly; would need incentives such as increased density
- PLAN-NH is willing to come speak at a joint meeting of Temple PB and the new committee, perhaps sometime in September
- so many ideas were brought forth at the PB forum that the board should slow down and not rush to put forth a zoning change this year
- agreement that many other basics need to be explored, such as daycare, public transportation, internet service, seniors, teens, swimming, etc.
- suggestion to let the committee form and do its work
- there is a need to consider trades education and related jobs
- uncertainty about having fears/no fears that TES could be closed
- there are more issues than just keeping the school open
- consider impacts of age diversity, cultural diversity, economic diversity in a small town
- could be a good thing to move forward with other/additional issues
- if items such as need for high speed internet are included in town's Master Plan this could open up possibilities to pursue grants
- recap of last year's Master Plan chapters done with professional help
- PB could work on minor Master Plan updates this year without incurring high cost
- hard copy of Master Plan is in municipal office, and format now is more amenable to changes

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- other areas in Master Plan need updating, such as revising status of Police Department after adding Greenville, building of Town Hall Annex, etc.
- mention of PB previously questioning SWRPC data, resulting in PB reviewing and changing some statistics before final approval for Master Plan
- Selectboard has agreed to have SWRPC create a 10-year road plan for the town, and the look at traffic patterns should provide good data the Master Plan
- mention of possible use of Block Grant funds for upgrading West Road, although improvement could worsen speeding issues
- mention of recent issues with horseback rider complaints about behavior of vehicular traffic on public roads in town
- new state land use board offering an appeal process for developers against local land use board issues/decisions is not yet law, but is now part of state budget that the governor has vetoed
- regarding the requirements for passing Warrant Article # 12 at the last town meeting, town counsel Bill Drescher verbally confirmed his opinion the process was done correctly but there is no written opinion; may wish to revisit again in the fall

Other business: The proposed Whitcomb/Quinn lot line adjustment is proceeding slowly, with related documents to be ready in late July or early August.

Motion to adjourn by Petro, second by Kullgren, and so voted at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry