

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
April 5, 2017
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Camilla Lockwood, Bill Ezell, Allan Pickman, Bruce Kullgren, Jr., Brian Kullgren, Tedd Petro, and Ted Sartell

Call to order by Pickman at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Minutes of 3/15/17 were reviewed. Motion by Bruce Kullgren to accept the minutes as amended, second by Brian Kullgren, and so approved.

Election of officers: Petro made a motion to retain the previous slate of officers: Pickman as Chairman, Bruce Kullgren as Vice-Chairman, and Petro as Secretary. Several board members offered a second. There was no discussion, and no further nominations were made. Pickman called for a vote, and all were in favor.

The board considered whether to modify the current meeting dates of the first and third Wednesdays of each month and/or the meeting start time of 7:00 PM. After brief discussion it was decided not to make any changes. The board did agree to schedule just one meeting per month during the summer. As in previous years, if business should arise during that time an extra meeting would be called.

Priorities for coming year: The foremost priority is revising the Master Plan. Funds are available in the budget to obtain assistance from Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC). A previous proposal to send out a survey and tabulate responses was reconsidered in favor of a more interactive process that would encourage people to speak to each other and convey ideas in person. It was suggested a notice be placed in the town newsletter to invite residents to a collaborative workshop, where groups are formed, ideas are proposed and written down, assisted by group facilitators. Another idea was to send out a town-wide mailing postcard to help inform residents about the ongoing Master Plan update. These cards would hopefully encourage interest and participation in the Master Plan revision process. Examples of mailed surveys done in 2011 and 2012 were reviewed, and it was suggested the data from 2012 is recent enough to be utilized. Lockwood volunteered to contact the UNH Extension service for any available assistance. The need for the board to develop a procedure for creation of a Vision statement/chapter was discussed. Former PB member Rose Lowry will be contacted to enlist her aid in this endeavor, and Lockwood will approach Greenfield for their input. Motion by Sartell to engage SWRPC for the defined chapter work as budgeted, second by Bruce Kullgren, and voted all in favor.

Another important project for the year involves updating the property tax maps. The funds for this process have been budgeted and the organization of information has already begun. It was agreed to move forward with the update now rather than wait until the end of the year.

The board also agreed to take a look at revising fees, and will review examples from surrounding towns for comparison. A comment that the Building Permit process needs updating was briefly discussed, even though this would be under the purview of the Board of Selectmen. Related issues included: state building codes; involvement of Building Inspector; measurement of setbacks, road widths, stonewalls and right-of-ways; issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

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Move to adjourn by Petro, second by Brian Kullgren, and so voted at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. ~