

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
January 6, 2016
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Tedd Petro, George Willard, Camilla Lockwood, Allan Pickman, Randy Martin, Bruce Kullgren, and Ted Sartell

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

Approval of minutes: Motion by Petro to approve the minutes of 12/16/15 as written, second by Lockwood, and so voted.

Election/filing dates: Reminder of sign-up dates for those who wish to run for office in 2016. Lockwood brought up the issue of having alternates. Some board members felt the function of the board has not historically been compromised by not having alternates, and others felt the board should have the option in place if needed. The function of alternates was discussed, and the process required to establish alternates was reviewed. Petro made a motion to send a request to the Board of Selectmen to put forth a warrant article to allow the Planning Board to appoint two alternates, per the related RSA. This was seconded by Lockwood. Results of voting were Petro and Lockwood in favor, Willard and Martin abstaining, and Pickman, Kullgren, and Sartell opposed. Motion failed. Petro then made a motion to ask the Board of Selectmen to provide their sense of whether they feel the Planning Board should have alternates. Second provided by Lockwood. Results of voting were Pickman opposed, Willard abstaining, and all others in favor. Motion passed.

Noise Ordinance: Sartell provided information about his recent conversation with Ed Dekker in New Ipswich, and explained how this resulted in suggesting two additional changes be made to Temple's version of the "Commercial and Industrial Noise" Ordinance. Board members reviewed printed copies that included proposed clarifications to Table I and paragraph #8, and discussed the rationale for the revisions. Petro then made a motion that the Planning Board go ahead with this version (dated as of 1/6/16) as a final draft, with a second provided by Sartell. Results of voting showed all members in favor. Motion passed.

Sign Ordinance: The board discussed going forward with changes to language involving 'neon' or internally illuminated signs. It was acknowledged that two businesses, both located in the center of town within the Village/Historic District, currently have these type of "open" signs. Possible limitations and restrictions were discussed, as was the issue of enforcement. The board reviewed a previously proffered amendment to "Section 17: Signs" that would delete the existing language in Paragraph (e) and substitute a new Paragraph (e). Motion by Sartell to use the language as amended on 1/6/16, with a second by Petro, and voted all in favor. It was noted when the amendment is discussed at the public hearing on January 20th that only subtle changes can be made which do not substantially modify the intent.

Pipeline: Lockwood stated the deadline for becoming an intervenor is January 15, 2016. There will be a workshop at the Town Hall Annex on Sunday, January 10th at 1 p.m. on how to fill out an official form and submit it.

Move to adjourn by Petro, second by Lockwood, and so voted at 8:01 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 20th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. ~