

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
February 18, 2015
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Tedd Petro, Randy Martin, Allan Pickman, and Camilla Lockwood

Call to order by Pickman at 6:38 p.m.

Forest Monastery: Attorney Tom Hanna appeared on behalf of Jeta Grove Foundation and presented a site plan review application plus related documents. The board reviewed the checklist and agreed to waive the following items: name/address of engineer; name/address of surveyor; two Mylars; topographic contours; soils data; and all elements under Proposed Development. This was followed by brief discussion of the town's building permit process, health officer involvement, and soil disturbance aspects that could occur during the project. It was also agreed that any change of use aspect had already been addressed by a previous Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) decision. Pickman made a motion to accept the waivers, second by Petro, and so voted. Petro suggested if possible the hearing be scheduled before town elections in March so that current board members could officiate at the hearing. A date of Wednesday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m. was decided upon. Petro inquired about the status of property taxes, and Hanna replied that the foundation will be tax exempt but is talking with the Board of Selectmen to develop a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes). Motion by Petro to adjourn business portion of meeting, second by Lockwood, and so voted at 6:59 p.m. The board then moved into the large hall.

Gas Pipeline: At 7 p.m. Bob Dillberger of the Mason Conservation Commission was introduced as a guest speaker invited to talk about the proposed Kinder Morgan natural gas pipeline. While the current pipeline plan does not include a route through Temple, it would run through several nearby towns, including New Ipswich, Greenville, and Mason. Dillberger provided information via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the audience. The most troubling prospect for local residents seemed to be the siting of a large compressor station with its potential for noise, light and emission pollution. Also of concern is the possibility that the gas company could take easements on private property via the eminent domain process. Local residents were urged to do research, attend public sessions put on by the developers, and become aware and proactive in their towns. The program concluded at 9 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ Next meeting to be held on March 4th, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. ~