

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
April 15, 2015
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

Approval of minutes: Motion by Petro to approve the minutes of 4/1/15 as written, second by Kullgren, and so voted.

Lot line merger - Brian Kullgren: Paperwork previously submitted to the PB clerk was reviewed and discussed. Brian Kullgren was requesting a voluntary merger of lots 2A-27-2 and 2A-28. Both lots are under current use, with one parcel open and the other having an existing residence. Sartell asked for clarification about aspects of the lot line merger process. Board members felt the documentation was complete and the merger presented no problems. Motion by Martin to approve the lot line merger, second by Lockwood, and voted all in favor with Kullgren, Jr. abstaining. Pickman signed a PB letter of approval to be recorded at Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds.

Master Plan: Board members discussed the best way to approach the update. Pickman suggested the PB take a section at a time to read/revise, and then proceed to the next section. He said one person could lead each section. Sartell noted the tables in the current Master Plan are in 10-year increments, while the text seems to be looking at future trends. Petro asked about obtaining current census data since the town no longer works with annual inventory forms. Suggestions included using federal census data or state planning commission numbers. Other thoughts about the update included the need to add items such as the police co-op, town hall addition, and a new ball field, etc.; reducing the number of data tables to make the document more reader friendly; updating the existing maps and including newer ones such as the town's Aquifer map; utilizing information from the selectmen's office such as reviewing building permits to calculate the number of houses built. Pickman stated that Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) had helped with the previous update, and their files and GIS data could be useful. Martin and Petro talked about having participated on the previous update and how people worked in groups with chapters they had an affinity for. It was decided to begin the process that board members should have a "homework" assignment of reading pages 3-25 and making note of any suggested changes/additions, which will be brought forward at the next meeting.

Sign Ordinance: The selectmen previously wrote a letter to the PB requesting the town's sign ordinance be reviewed and possibly revised. Sartell had written down his thoughts on specific points and forwarded this to PB members. Questions were asked of ex-officio Willard about how/why the selectmen created their letter, and he provided a brief history of recent sign transgressions in town. This was followed by discussion on what type of changes might be considered related to:

- having multiple signs
- internally lit signs
- larger size signs
- signs on wheels
- signs in state ROW or on phone poles
- billboards
- political signs
- flags as signs
- temporary signs
- permitting of signs
- instances of grandfathered signs

Board members also spoke about regulation and enforcement issues. Sartell stated he would prefer to see the goal of the PB as simplifying instead of creating more regulations, and make it clearer to the public what the rules are.

Lockwood offered that regulations should be in place in case there are complaints that need to be addressed, adding

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that enforcement can seem difficult but is a matter of intent. She also indicated some research should be done before further dialogue about making changes to the ordinance. Willard suggested Lockwood do the research and write the draft, and he will let the BOS know their letter is being considered.

Gas pipeline: Lockwood told the board the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has a website dedicated to the pipeline project, complete with many comments. She continued that per advice of George Stolz, the board should develop protective ordinances right away and put them in now. He also indicated the conservation aspect may be the town's strongest point of defense. The timeline for needing a special town meeting was talked about, as well as considering George Stolz a "friend of the planning board" since alternates cannot be appointed at this time. Stolz is willing to participate and offer advice. Petro noted the PB can effectively proceed with a writing a draft ordinance and vote on acceptance, followed by being voted on by residents at town meeting.

Move to adjourn by Lockwood, second by Martin, and so voted at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. ~