

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
May 6, 2015
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

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

Master Plan: Pages 3-25 was the first group targeted for review and revision. Board members noted some changes they would like, but were unsure how to best proceed with editing. Pickman reported he has a Word version of the Master Plan (2003), and the municipal office has some files on CD's produced by Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC). There was discussion about the timing of when the Zoning Ordinance and the Master Plan were first created. Sartell thought it might be helpful to create a history summary of these documents to add into the Master Plan. He also asked about whether to keep the existing tables and how to obtain updated data. Pickman noted that changes to RSA's affect how/what must be done, i.e. having a Vision statement in the Master Plan. It was unclear who should actually perform the edits. Lockwood suggested contacting SWRPC for help in rewriting, and also asking members from boards or committees or departments to contribute their knowledge and expertise. Pickman said any work provided by SWRPC would involve payment and those funds are not currently in the budget. Lockwood volunteered to talk with SWRPC to see what kind of services they can provide and at what cost. Another suggestion was to contact Carol Ogilvie to see if she might be available and determine a cost for her consulting services. Sartell noted that SWRPC could provide the data and the PB could do the analysis. There was brief conversation notation about updating information on topics such as soils, gravel pits, maps, land in conservation, traffic, police department co-op, town property known as the Skladany land, Temple Mountain as a State Reservation, and open space parcels. Pickman urged board members to read additional pages and come up with further suggestions.

Gas Pipeline: George Stolz provided an update of issues regarding on the proposed Kinder-Morgan pipeline:

- Gov. Hassan has not yet taken a stand, but she did pull NH out of the tariff.
- The price of LNG has dropped.
- House Bill 572 will be considered in the state Senate.
- If towns develop too many limitations, it may actually allow FERC to tell Kinder-Morgan they do not have to adhere to the restrictions and may proceed with what they want.
- There should be a noise level of 38 decibels at the property line of the facility, which would be the same as that devised for the town's Large Wind Energy Systems (LWES) ordinance.
- The town already has a Dark Skies ordinance in place, but could set other limitations such as: no blasting and must use a saw/hammer through rock to help protect wells and aquifers; at road crossings must pave intersection to intersection; replant cleared swath with local species.
- The idea is to make the pipeline go away entirely, or be built with protections for the town in place.
- The surveyors along Route 45 are working for K-M, and are allowed to encroach on private land.
- The potential location of the compressor station is currently thought to be on the SKAT land in New Ipswich.
- Stolz is writing a report delineating the 'siting' phase and the 'construction' phase, to be shared with all NH towns along the proposed route.
- The construction phase will involve NH-DOT, and wear and tear on town roads will be considered.
- People need to become informed and it would be helpful for board members to talk to neighbors, and for towns to inform their residents and particularly the voters.
- The argument for a gas pipeline being safer than trucking is incorrect; a tanker accident involves one truck and is done, while a pipeline rupture burns until the gas is shut off. Suggestion to do online research on 'K-M pipeline failures' and look at the damage done.
- The large compressor station is unmanned.

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- In a meeting with the town's Fire Chief, he was told in the case of a gas pipeline explosion/fire their job would be to ferry people away, not to fight the fire. There is not just the blast zone to consider, but where the fire goes afterwards.
- The town of Milford thinks they will get lots of new equipment out of this, and it won't happen.
- The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is currently looking at whether the price of gas has been artificially raised.
- This proposed pipeline will not serve the state because the NH is too rural and it would be too expensive to build the necessary distribution infrastructure.
- The proposed pipeline terminates in Dracut because there is already a transfer station available which would be utilized to send the gas north to Canada to be exported.
- Arguments against the pipeline such as "not in my back yard" or "we want green" are a turnoff for politicians.
- Language should not indicate "we oppose gas" but we oppose *this* gas. There is already a gas corridor; consider using existing Spectra line instead.
- The Republican House Majority Leader and Republican Senate Majority Leader now oppose this pipeline; the Democratic Party now seems to be getting in line.
- The money 'carrot stick' being dangled to towns is a fallacy.
- The scale of support seems to be shifting away from the pipeline as more information gets out to people.
- This is not a dead issue; K-M files with FERC in September.

The board thanked Stolz for his continued involvement and information.

Sign Ordinance: Lockwood offered to talk to SWRPC about this, and feels a 'purpose' introduction is needed. Pickman said he had reviewed state RSA's regarding signage and most are geared toward highway signs. Lockwood said she reviewed Nashua's sign ordinance and it is voluminous and complicated. Mention of restricting any type of large signs on wheels and signs on roofs. Further research and discussion needed.

Other business: Pickman mentioned he had recorded two items at HCRD – a lot line merger for Brian Kullgren, and a Site Plan Review letter for the Forest Monastery.

Move to adjourn by Petro, second by Willard, and so voted at 8:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. ~