

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
May 20, 2015
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Call to order by Pickman at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Petro to approve the minutes of 5/6/15 as written, second by Sartell, and so voted.

Master Plan: Lockwood told the board about her recent visit to Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC), where she spoke with Lisa Murphy and Henry Underwood. Discussion about the pending update of the Master Plan included how SWRPC can be helpful during the process, including updating data, technical files, and maps. It was suggested that SWRPC could work on topics such as housing/population, census figures, traffic/transportation, economic environment, land use analysis, etc. Funding of more extensive work may be an issue as the current PB budget would not support that this year. SWRPC has released a new regional plan that may be useful and a copy is available in the town offices. Lockwood suggested that board members review RSA 674:2 "Master Plan; Purpose and Description" and aim to design a document that contains a mixture of text, charts and diagrams but is "user friendly". A Vision section needs to be developed, and Lockwood offered to research this. The Table of Contents was reviewed, and the board decided to identify and work on the most important chapters first. Sartell suggested if board members were in general agreement on the outline and sections then the draft chapters could start being created, and said obtaining data/trends from SWRPC would be important. Petro noted town demographics are now quite different, with fewer younger residents and more elderly, and no population growth to speak of. A two-pronged approach was decided upon: to review the regional report and send any questions along to Lockwood, and to update those chapters that can be done right away by board members with input from community members, department heads, etc. Sartell offered to draft edits to agriculture related paragraphs. A previously developed list of topics and residents who might be interested in contributing will be reviewed. Any questions should be sent to the PB clerk, who will forward them to Lockwood.

Gas Pipeline: Reminder about a town forum to be held at the elementary school on June 11th. There was brief discussion of actions taken by surrounding towns, as well as the price of power in NH relating to actual need, plus keeping awareness of various influences being promoted by Kinder Morgan.

Other business:

- 1) Summer meeting schedule: Meeting dates for July and August to be decided at the next meeting. There are two regular meetings on June 3rd and 17th.
- 2) PB rep to SWRPC: Lockwood indicated she would like to become the board's representative to Southwest Region Planning Commission, replacing Martin. Motion by Petro to allow Lockwood to replace Martin, second by Pickman, and so voted unanimously.

Move to adjourn by Lockwood, second by Pickman, and so voted at 8:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. ~