

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
June 3, 2015
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Call to order by Pickman at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Petro to approve the minutes of 5/20/2015 as amended, second by Lockwood, and so voted.

Master Plan: The board is working to rewrite and update some of the town chapters. They reviewed edits done by Sartell to the agriculture language in the Historical Resources section of the Master Plan, and praised his work as a great start. Sartell said he would like to obtain data and thought the county may be a source. Martin noted figures were once available in old town reports, and suggested the UNH County Extension might also be a source of information. Kullgren asked about the process of updating the Master Plan, and was told each town department/committee head would be asked to help. Kullgren said he has been writing notes as he reads the chapters and finds where changes are needed. Lockwood said she has been researching Vision statements from other towns in preparation for creating one for Temple. She commented that "a good Master Plan defends Zoning". Lockwood also said she will meet with Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) when questions come to light. Sartell asked her to inquire about agriculture information, although Pickman thought the SWRPC numbers may in fact come from the county. Martin said SWRPC has a library of Master Plans that can be reviewed. Petro said he will meet with Police Chief Jim McTague and Ambulance Director Gary Zirpolo to help get those chapters done; he noted the ambulance situation is completely changed now, and the police co-op was formed since the last update. Someone will need to approach the Fire Chief to get information to update the fire department section. Department and committee/group heads will be contacted to try to get information coordinated by July 10th so it will be available for the planning board meeting on July 15th.

Summer schedule: The board decided to hold two regular summer meetings, one on July 15th and one on August 19th. Pickman advised there appear to be two lot line adjustments pending that may come before the board soon, as well as one or two minor subdivisions in the works. Additional meeting dates can be scheduled if needed.

Gas Pipeline: Reminder about an informational forum to be held at the Temple elementary school on June 11th at 7:00 PM. Willard stated the selectmen had recently voted to contribute \$2,000 from the town's legal budget toward hiring an attorney, who will represent the interests of a coalition of towns affected by the project. It was confirmed Kinder Morgan does have a Purchase and Sale agreement on the parcel known as the SKAT land in New Ipswich, which is near the Temple town line and is the site where the compressor station would be built. Petro then brought up the following scenario: If he were to resign from the board, would they guarantee to appoint George Stolz to replace him? Lockwood and Pickman indicated they believe Stolz feels strongly that he should devote his time and energy to pipeline issues. Pickman commented that "Right now George has a voice as himself; on the board he is only 1/7th." This was followed by conversation about how the board can contribute by developing a tight ordinance to help protect the town. A draft will need to be developed and it is thought Stolz would be willing to help; Martin offered to contact Stolz. Petro mentioned the ongoing work of the ad-hoc advisory group, and it was noted the planning board is not in direct contact with them. Lockwood suggested Petro become a visiting member from the PB, but Petro declined. It is hoped Stolz may be able to attend the next PB meeting on July 15th, and he is also expected to speak at the forum.

Other business:

Sign ordinance: Sartell asked if the board will be addressing sign ordinance issues. Lockwood said the topic has not been forgotten and can be considered a work in progress. Willard said the topic is not quite as hot an issue right now. Kullgren suggested the board hold a public forum in the fall to ask residents what they think.

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Move to adjourn by Petro, second by Sartell, and so voted at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. ~