

October 20, 2020

To the Temple ZBA, the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen and Board Assistant,

As Regards: Ben's Sugar Shack Site Plan View Application.

As you may already know, I have been a long time supporter of Ben Fisk's maple syrup enterprise. I was first elected to the Temple Planning Board in 1983 and served for 12 years until my brother (and business partner) had to undergo major heart surgery. Having to take over his responsibilities as well as my own, I chose not to run for another term. I served as chairman in 1989 & 1990 when it was then, the practice to serve as chair for 2 years and passing it along after two.

In the late 1980's, there was some concern about potential commercial development in Temple. Familiar names to most of you, Tedd Petro, Bruce Kullgren Sr., Bruce Kullgren Jr., William S. Wildes, Martin Connolly and Allan Pickman , as ex-officio, were on the committee in 1994.

We pretty much agreed that we didn't want to see any large scale "pig farm" near the center of town nor any "smoke stack" industrial plants. It was in the late 1980's, early 1990's when we began drafting a SITE PLAN REVIEW ORDINANCE. As chairman in 1989 & 1990, I, myself would stop at other surrounding town offices to get their site plan review ordinances. With a lot of input from all our members, we were able to craft our current site plan review ordinance. I believe Site Plan Review became part of the Zoning Ordinance around 1995 as I recollect. As a group, we always thought the corridor along rote 101 in Temple was best suited for any commercial development.

Now, in the year 2020, I think Ben Fisk's Sugar Shack proposal is an ideal use for the land off Webster Hwy., Route 101 & Old Revolutionary road. It is the type of industry that we envisioned for the area in the late 1980's & 90's.

I, as a Temple resident for 80 years, heartily endorse Ben's project. It is a clean industry, is out of the town center and will generate new taxes without impacting the school population or the town center. As regards the traffic concerns, the fire department has reported only one accident occurring at the junction of 45 & 101 since 2016. Many more accidents have happened at the "S" curve a mile or so South of 45 on 101. And also, at the jct. Of route 101 & Old Street road in Peterborough. I also think that the turnoffs for the Temple Mt. Reservation and the Pack Monadnock State Park should be re-aligned at the top of Rt, 101 to allow for better sight distancing.

I have not, nor shall I receive any monetary benefits from Ben's Sugar Shack enterprise for my endorsement. I just believe Ben's operation would be a great fit for our town. And I am speaking for myself only as a resident who has always loved this town.

Respectfully yours,

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