

# TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

OCTOBER 5, 2011  
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Richard Whitcomb, John Kieley, Rose Lowry, Mary Beth Ayvazian, Allan Pickman

With a quorum present, call to order by Lowry at 7:42 p.m. Pickman arrived several minutes into the meeting and took over as chair.

Approval of minutes: Move by Kieley to accept the minutes of 9/21/11 as written, second by Ayvazian, and so voted.

Kidder Mountain: Pickman said he and Martin had completed a hike up Kidder Mountain from the New Ipswich side. He said there was not much of a road present, and they went up a hiking trail to power lines and eventually onto a "Jeep road". Lowry asked about the perceived degree of difficulty in cutting a road up the mountain to allow wind tower access. Pickman stated the terrain was not really steep, but dealing with private landowners along the route might be an issue. He said he and Martin had encountered a resident mowing a private ski area. Ayvazian asked how specific a large wind energy zoning ordinance could be. This brought up discussion of how town boards would participate in a wind farm application process. The Planning Board would be the primary contact, the Board of Selectmen would deal with permits and assessing matters, and the ZBA could be involved if a special exception process was deemed necessary or there was an appeal by abutters. Pickman noted a determination of regional impact could involve surrounding towns. He also said impact fees could come into play. Ayvazian referenced revenue figures from the town of Lempster, which indicated "windfalls" for the town from taxes were not exactly realistic. Kieley stated that accurate financial impact needs to be determined up front. Lowry said comments from people at the Harvest Festival ranged from "need green energy" to "don't like the looks". Lowry and Kieley brought up the recently completed hawk watch on Pack Monadnock and hope to obtain data and information regarding local raptor migration. Board members decided to obtain and review copies of wind energy ordinances from both New Ipswich and Antrim to serve as a starting point for a Temple draft.

Lempster field trip: Ayvazian said she has spoken to the resident in Lempster who owns the land where a large wind farm is sited. He feels strongly it is a positive thing for the town, and indicated that concern about bird kill is "poppycock". He is agreeable to having board members come for a visit, and Ayvazian will call to see if a date near the end of October is workable.

Village District Survey: Lowry had conversations with several people about the survey form while manning a table at the Harvest Festival. She said some were suspicious and questioned the "real" purpose of the survey. Lowry tried to explain the board's reasoning and point out how existing buildings in the district could benefit from mixed use development. All returned survey forms were given to Lowry to review and summarize responses. She said it may turn out that residents are not in favor of any changes. Kieley referred to the public forum scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> and hoped the public would attend and speak on the issue.

Move to adjourn by Ayvazian, second by Kieley, and so voted at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry