

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

DECEMBER 21, 2011
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: John Kieley, Allan Pickman, Richard Whitcomb, and Rose Lowry

Call to order by Pickman at 7:49 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Move by Kieley to accept the minutes of 12/14/11 as written, second by Whitcomb, and voted three in favor with Lowry abstaining.

Large Wind Energy System (LWES) ordinance: The board continued their work on a draft ordinance. There was discussion about hearing ranges, background noise, and a new study on infrasound and low frequency noise produced by wind turbines with indications of related adverse health effects. It was decided to require the developer obtain noise studies, at their expense, showing comfort levels are being met. The board finished their review of the entire document, with suggested changes being discussed and revisions made as determined to be needed. The final draft will be refined at the next meeting, and a printed copy will be made available in the town offices before the first public hearing schedule for 01/18/12.

Kieley brought up the status of hiring a consultant. He noted three current scenarios: 1) utilizing the firm in Peterborough that has already been contacted and provided a quote for services, 2) hire the group who wrote the New Ipswich consultation report, 3) use another consultant for whom New Ipswich has provided contact information. Kieley offered to contact the consultants in option #3 to ask questions and hopefully help determine who to hire. Pickman also suggested the ordinance be reviewed by town counsel.

Lowry mentioned the issue of taxes vs. PILOT (payment-in-lieu-of-taxes). It was decided this would not be a Planning Board issue, but should be handled by the town assessor through the Board of Selectmen.

Move to adjourn by Kieley, second by Pickman, and so voted unanimously at 9:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry