

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

MARCH 7, 2012
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: John Kieley, Allan Pickman, Mary Beth Ayvazian, and Randy Martin

Call to order by Pickman at 7:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Move by Ayvazian to accept the minutes of 02/15/12 as written, second by Martin, and so voted unanimously.

Candidate's Night: Pickman reminded everyone that Candidate's night would be held the following evening. He suggested someone from the Planning Board offer a short commentary on the Large Wind Energy System (LWES) ordinance. Kieley said the town moderator is in charge of the meeting, and recommended contact be made beforehand to arrange for this type of dialogue. Pickman volunteered to present the information and indicate why the board feels voting in favor of the zoning amendment is important to protect the town. Pickman will contact moderator Steve Cullinan to set this up.

Discussion of Language Discrepancy: Pickman mentioned a recent issue with determining legal status of a residential apartment in town, and said it was really a Board of Selectmen matter. The question involved whether the homeowner should be referred to the Planning Board for site plan review. Pickman stated the Planning Board has no authority to require site plan review for an auxiliary apartment. The involved home was built in 1981, and Pickman said zoning at that time allowed up to two extra units in existing dwellings. He stated this was an attempt to allow owners of large older homes or farmhouses to make use of rather sizeable buildings. However, this question revealed an inconsistency between the definition of "multiple dwelling" in the town's zoning ordinance and the term "multi-family" in state RSA 674:43. Pickman suggested rectifying this situation by including the applicable state language into the zoning ordinance definitions. Kieley suggested the board work to determine and clean up these types of discrepancies in the zoning ordinance. It was agreed to tackle this project after March elections when new board members were seated.

Broadband Internet Service: Kieley told the board that the neighboring town of Sharon has two zoning ordinance changes proposed this year, and one includes regulation of repeater towers to control wireless internet. Martin mentioned that Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) has been working on this issue to get broadband internet out into all rural areas, and he suggested the board contact them. Pickman questioned if Temple's cell tower ordinance might already address this, or if perhaps language regarding wireless frequencies could be added. Kieley said he will obtain a copy of Sharon's proposed ordinance. Several areas in Temple that are still without access were named. Pickman mentioned that Fairpoint is bringing broadband into parts of Temple. Ayvazian commented that all of the town should have wireless internet available, as it can be important for jobs or home businesses, especially in the current economy.

Move to adjourn by Ayvazian, second by Kieley, and so voted unanimously at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry