

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

March 16, 2011
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Call to order by Pickman at 7:45 p.m.

Review of minutes: Motion by Ayvazian to accept the minutes of March 2, 2011 as written, second by Whitcomb, and so voted.

Election of officers: Motion by Lowry to keep the slate of officers the same as the previous year, with Pickman as Chairman, Martin as Vice Chairman, and Lowry as Secretary. Both Pickman and Lowry said they would accept these nominations; Martin was not available to comment. The motion was seconded by Whitcomb, and so voted unanimously. This was followed by discussion concerning the lack of attendance by one board member due to a lengthy illness; the term involved will end in 2012. Lowry stated a town resident has expressed interest in joining the board. Pickman said if a resignation was to be offered, the Board of Selectmen could appoint an interim member until the next town elections. Use of an alternate was brought up, and Pickman said historically the PB has never used alternates. It was noted that occasionally a PB member must recuse themselves from a vote, and at some point a tie-breaker vote might be needed. The board decided to take no action on the issue for now.

Goals and objectives for year: Discussion of what topics to address during the upcoming year. Lowry read the work list created in March of 2010: changes to Village District zoning, review of Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Review Regulations, begin update of the Master Plan, review of Commercial zoning, and review/update of Workforce Housing ordinance. Lowry recommended board members establish a list of subjects and work to follow through. She also wondered what had happened to the proposed zoning amendments that were to be offered earlier this year. Pickman replied that the required public hearing had been scheduled in January, but only two board members were present and without a quorum the amendments could not be brought forward. Ayvazian expressed interest in attracting more small businesses in town. Pickman noted that the lack of small local businesses is probably not because zoning restricts them, but possibly could be due to a lack of a sufficient customer base to support them. He went on to suggest the board revisit expansion of uses within the Village District. Lowry said in addition to retail that professional services and elderly housing would also seem feasible. Whitcomb told the board about a resident who is actively exploring the possibility of getting elderly housing built near the center of town. Pickman said that would first require a zoning change to accomplish. Possible uses of the old brick school were also talked about.

Bartolomeo subdivision: General update to include the surveyor being informed of the board's questions and comments from the previous meeting, and anticipating everything is on track to hold the public hearing in April.

Move to adjourn by Ayvazian, second by Whitcomb, and so voted at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry