

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

MARCH 20, 2013
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Camilla Lockwood, Rose Lowry, Mary Beth Ayvazian, Allan Pickman, and Ken Sullivan

Call to order by Lowry at 7:32 p.m.

Election of Officers: (Per agreement of attending board members, election was deemed conditional, as two members were not present to participate). Chairman: Ayvazian nominated Rose Lowry as chair, with a second by Pickman, and so voted unanimously. Vice Chairman: Ayvazian nominated Pickman as vice chair, with a second by Lockwood. There was a brief discussion of duties involved in this position. This was followed by a unanimous vote to elect Pickman to the post. Secretary: Ayvazian nominated Ken Sullivan as secretary. After discussion, it was decided to table nominations for secretary until a full board was present.

Visit from Rep. Jim Coffey: State Representative Coffey introduced himself and offered to help the town in any way. The main topic of conversation concerned wind farm (LWES) issues, including current related legislative bills. One bill would help towns maintain local jurisdiction, and another declares a moratorium on wind farm development until state energy policy is reviewed. Board members felt these would be supportive of the town's position. Other bills of interest were noted, including workforce housing, water resource planning, "stand your ground", changes to the permitting process for developers, casino gambling, and broadband accessibility.

Approval of Minutes: Move by Pickman to approve the non-public session minutes of 3/6/13 as written, second by Sullivan, and so voted. Move by Ayvazian to approve the regular session minutes of 3/6/13 as written, second by Lockwood, and so voted.

Sullivan lot line merger: The revised document was reviewed, and two additional changes to the language were suggested and agreed upon. A new version will be prepared and ready for signature at the next meeting.

Tobin lot line merger: The original subdivision plat was reviewed, as was a draft of the letter indicating approval of the lot consolidation. There was discussion of how many PB signatures were needed, and it was decided just the chairman's signature should be sufficient. Also, a statement designating the official map and lot number needs to be added. Ayvazian moved to accept the lot line merger, second by Lockwood, and so voted. A new document will be prepared and signed within the following week to meet timelines for recording at the registry before the end of the month.

CPG Report Forms: Lowry will forward forms and instructions to board members so they can record individual hours spent working on grant-related activities (i.e. PB meetings, forums, public hearings, Harvest Festival booth, etc). These will be formulated and submitted as part of the in-kind hours eligible for reimbursement from grant monies.

LWES update: Lowry provided the status of the ongoing litigation regarding the Timbertop wind project and involvement of the SEC. She stated the attorney is compiling documents to create a "hearing on paper". A list of stipulations will be created that the towns and Timbertop must agree to, thereby narrowing the list of items to actually be argued in court. The SEC chairman has not yet ruled on the town's Motion for Reconsideration.

Other business:

- The zoning amendments will be integrated into the Zoning Ordinance document, and then this will be emailed to board members for review.
- Sullivan told the board about Plan-Link, an online list-serve from OEP that serves as a forum about NH land use issues. He offered to forward a link to board members.

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- Sullivan suggested that all PB minutes be concatenated or merged by year to create one large searchable document. This will be looked into for a March-to-March annual timeframe.

Move to adjourn by Ayvazian, second by Pickman, and so voted at 9:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ Next regularly scheduled meeting – Wednesday, April 3, 2013 ~