

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
August 7, 2013
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Call to order by Lowry at 7:38 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Ayvazian to accept the minutes of 6/19/13 as written, second by Lockwood, and so voted. A brief notation was written to document that no meeting was held on 7/17/13 due to lack of a quorum.

LWES: The board briefly discussed recent newspaper articles and opinion pieces regarding green energy, Large Wind Energy Systems (LWES) and specifically the Timbertop Wind proposal. Lowry noted the town is still waiting for the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) to issue a written ruling, and then there is a period of 30 days for Timbertop/PGE to issue a response. Board members were encouraged to refrain from commenting just yet on the LWES issue. This was followed by discussion on related topics, including whether an application form is necessary or if a checklist of items would suffice; how to structure an application fee; whether the town would need an attorney to represent them throughout an LWES process; and mention of encouraging small wind by not having any application fee for SWES projects. Lowry mentioned she had received a request to participate in a research project on permitting of alternative energy projects, and said she would respond but did not plan to contribute at this time.

Robbins gravel pit: Lockwood and Lowry reported they and Martin had visited the pit to review the status of reclamation. The three had agreed the area appears to be in good shape, with slopes and drainage properly addressed. The Planning Board must now send a letter to the Board of Selectmen to report the pit has been viewed and the reclamation is acceptable. The BOS can then approve the release of bond funds to the property owner. Ayvazian made a motion to write the necessary letter to the Selectmen, second by Pickman, and so voted with all in favor. The letter will be drafted and made available for review at the next meeting.

Zoning changes: The board considered possible proposals for zoning changes. They decided to look into a noise ordinance, conduct a review the Wetlands and Aquifer ordinances passed last year, and revisit possible concepts for the Village District. They will also continue working on the update of the Master Plan. It is hoped to create a survey to poll the community and have an outline ready by the time of the Harvest Festival on September 22nd.

PB Alternates: Sullivan asked if there were any Planning Board alternates. Pickman explained that historically the board had never appointed alternates, although the issue had been looked at in the past. No further action taken.

Motion by Lockwood to adjourn the meeting, second by Ayvazian, and so voted at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2013 ~