

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

May 18, 2011
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Call to order by Pickman at 7:44 p.m.

New Ipswich subdivision: Tim Fiske, road agent for Temple, briefly reviewed the plat for the proposed 48-lot subdivision on Stowell Road in New Ipswich. He commented about the project design and questioned the advisability of using Moran Road in Temple. He said most residents he had spoken with who live along that portion of Moran Road were not in favor of undergoing an upgrade. The major concern was seen as an increase in traffic, with no benefit to the town of Temple. He indicated any upgrade could be quite costly, as it would involve significant wetlands and drainage issues. Fiske also related history of a nearby Temple parcel that was previously considered for development. He said there could be a possible future concern if the Temple landowner were to team up with the New Ipswich developer, and then utilize an improved Moran Road to promote development of the Temple land. Fiske also questioned how state law might address a situation where a road passes through two towns and one town wants to discontinue their portion.

Pickman stated that recently three members of the Temple Planning Board had visited both Moran Road and Stowell Road to better envision the current location and condition of the roads. He also had spoken with town counsel to get a general sense of what town board would have jurisdiction in this type of situation. The attorney indicated he knew of no reason the Board of Selectmen would be required to allow an upgrade of Moran Road. Ayvazian suggested several Planning Board members should attend the New Ipswich meeting on June 1st. Fiske asked the board to inform New Ipswich that Temple has no interest in an upgrade of that portion of Moran Road, and would resist any attempt at forcing the issue by going to court.

Review of minutes: Motion by Lowry to accept the minutes of May 4, 2011 as written, second by Whitcomb, and so voted.

Bartolomeo subdivision status: No further updates; still waiting for the surveyor to provide a revised plat for review and a vote on final approval.

Lempster wind farm: Pickman said he had called the chairman of the Lempster Planning Board and left a message, but had yet not received a response. More research on wind farm effects will be done, including raptor migration issues, to help in developing a town ordinance to regulate wind farms.

Village District survey: Lowry and Ayvazian presented the latest draft of the survey form. Board members were enthusiastic about the content and format, and discussed a timeframe and cost for mailing and returns of the surveys. Lowry will also create an on-line version for the town website. It is hoped the surveys will go out within 7-10 days, and be returned within 14 days.

Move to adjourn by Ayvazian, second by Pickman, so voted at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry