

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
November 1, 2017
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Allan Pickman, Camilla Lockwood, Ted Sartell, Bill Ezell, Tedd Petro, Brian Kullgren, and Bruce Kullgren, Jr.

Call to order by Pickman at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of 10/18/17 were reviewed. Motion by Sartell to approve as amended, seconded by Brian Kullgren, and so voted.

Master Plan update: Lisa Murphy from Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) was in attendance to discuss the chapter updates being undertaken this year. She explained the process and the status of the work being done on the three chapters (Population and Housing, Traffic and Transportation, and Economic Development). Copies of the draft "Population and Housing" chapter were distributed and discussed, and some refinements were made. A chart illustrating several years of traffic counts done in Temple by the State of New Hampshire was reviewed, and types of data and patterns were briefly discussed.

Murphy asked several questions, including: any changes in the past 10 years affecting residential development; changes in ordinances or zoning maps; changes in building codes that would make building more difficult or expensive; any businesses developed in the past 5-10 years; amendments made to zoning and/or proposed changes; non-profits in town; new roads or highways added in the past 10 years; status of conservation land and any easements on large parcels added over the past 10 years; and how the board utilizes the town's Master Plan. The responses provided will be incorporated into the update, and Murphy will plan to return in January with revised paperwork. She will also try to get Henry Underwood, who is the SWRPC planner assigned to Temple, to attend. Pickman offered to contact Rose Lowry to determine the status of the survey mailer intended to gather information for creating a Vision Statement.

Agriculture zoning amendments: Sartell presented and discussed an updated version (Draft #4) of his proposed changes to the zoning ordinance regarding agriculture. He explained the reasoning behind the latest refinements and what he hoped would be accomplished. Bruce Kullgren asked for clarification about Site Plan Review (SPR) for agriculture. Sartell said these changes would mean agriculture is subject to Site Plan Review like non-residential projects currently are; however, these changes also make important changes to SPR. SPR would not be required in some cases (by defining exemptions) and SPR would be less imposing in some other cases (by distinguishing minor impacts versus major impacts). The existing SPR process would still apply when needed (for commercial projects with major impacts). Board members will review this version and discuss at the next meeting. Sartell said he would like to make a motion at that time if the PB approves moving forward. A public forum seeking input from residents would be part of the process.

Other business: Brief discussion about the status of the town's Historic District Committee and properties that might be affected in the Village area. Pickman said prospective buyers were looking at the white cape that is for sale across from the store, and they had asked questions about any limitations that might be applicable. It is uncertain at this time what properties were included and if there is even an existing committee. Pickman questioned whether the committee could be abolished and the ordinance dissolved. Brian Kullgren moved to dissolve but board members were in disagreement, and Petro volunteered to gather more information.

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Move to adjourn by Sartell, seconded by Bruce Kullgren, and so voted at 9:00 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ The next regular meeting will be held November 15th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. ~