

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
December 20, 2017
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

Approval of minutes: The minutes of 12/06/17 were reviewed. A motion was made by Petro to approve as written, seconded by Sartell, and so voted.

Master Plan update: The survey is behind schedule and not yet in the mail. Pickman suggested changing the date to early January 2018, with replies to be submitted by the end of January.

Agriculture zoning amendments: Pickman related his conversation with town counsel Bill Drescher. Regarding the definition of agriculture, Drescher said it would be assumed that current state law would be referenced rather than any municipal definition, although there is case law on both sides of this issue. They also discussed agritourism and how it is permitted by RSA 674:32-d, but is still subject to local zoning requirements including special exceptions, building permits, parking design, etc. Drescher also mentioned the board might want to be aware that logging and sawmills may need to be monitored for compliance.

Sartell provided new paperwork that presented his suggestions for two motions regarding agricultural issues.

The first motion requested Temple's definition of agriculture be updated to match the State of New Hampshire definition as provided in RSA 21:34-a. Extensive discussion ensued, including agritourism issues and ZBA special exception requirements. Sartell made a motion per language offered in Motion #1: *"Move that the definition of agriculture used in the Temple Zoning Ordinance be amended to be the same as the definition in the most recent State of NH RSA 21:34-a, which became effective June 16, 2016."* This was seconded by Bruce Kullgren, and so voted unanimously.

The second motion requested the Planning Board hold a public forum regarding other potential changes to Site Plan Review (SPR). Extensive discussion ensued, including size of buildings, determining impacts, involving the Building Permit process, and levels of exemption. It was suggested that two public hearings should be held to properly gather and process input from residents. As there is now a very short timeline, it was agreed this precluded being able to present a ballot article to voters this year. Sartell made a motion per language offered in Motion #2: *Move that the Planning Board hold a forum to get public input regarding the Town's desires for site plan review of agriculture. This forum should address the following questions: (a) should agriculture continue to be exempt from site plan review, (b) should current site plan review requirements be applied to agriculture, (c) should current site plan review requirements be changed for agriculture and/or other uses? This forum will follow the public hearing for the previous proposed zoning change to the definition of agriculture."* This was seconded by Bruce Kullgren, and so voted unanimously.

Pickman suggested scheduling a hearing for January 17, 2018. He will write up a notice to get into the local newspaper. Lisa Murphy from SWRPC is scheduled to attend the meeting on January 3rd.

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Historic District: Pickman advised that the Board of Selectmen have agreed to work on bringing the committee back and reviewing the related ordinance.

Move to adjourn by Petro, seconded by Brian Kullgren, and so voted at 8:16p.m.
Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ The next regular meeting will be held January 3rd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.