

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

AUGUST 31, 2011
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Call to order by Lowry at 7:37 p.m.

Blood farm lot line re-adjustment: A revised plat was provided by Heather White, and board members confirmed the requested change had been made. There was brief discussion about the timing involved in getting the plat recorded. Matt Cabana indicated the attorney involved in the real estate transaction would like the plat recorded prior to the closing, which was scheduled for the following Wednesday, September 7th. Whitcomb moved to approve the lot line adjustment as shown, second by Ayvazian, and so voted unanimously, with Kieley recusing himself as an abutter. Pickman took one Mylar and two checks to cover fees, and will relay the plan number to all parties when recording is complete.

Review of minutes: Motion by Ayvazian to accept the minutes of 8/17/11 as written, second by Whitcomb, and so voted.

Wind turbines: Kieley mentioned a recent newspaper article regarding the Antrim wind farm project, and said there had been a 6-hour meeting in that town to consider a draft ordinance to regulate wind farms. Kieley suggested obtaining a copy of Antrim's draft ordinance for review. This generated discussion about related topics such as tower height, setback requirements, placement in zoning districts, wind generation, location of transmission access, road widening, blade design, met tower data, abutter compensation, and potential impact on assessment of property values. Board members decided to schedule a trip to view the Lempster wind farm on Saturday, September 3rd. Lowry mentioned an op-ed piece in another local newspaper that made some good observations and valid points about wind power and overall energy production. Audience member Honey Hastings stated she hopes the planning board will work to develop a strong wind farm ordinance for the town. There was speculation about the proposed Pioneer Green Energy wind farm in New Ipswich and Temple, and Adam Cohen will be contacted to determine current status of the project.

Village District survey: It was agreed to move forward with the survey in the month of September, and plans were finalized to have copies go out soon via bulk mail.

Move to adjourn by Kieley, second by Ayvazian, so voted at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry