

# TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

NOVEMBER 2, 2011  
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Call to order by Pickman at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Move by Kieley to accept the minutes of 10/1911 as written, second by Pickman, and so voted.

Zoning ordinance for large wind energy systems: Kieley provided a draft document for review, based on language in a proposed ordinance for the town of Antrim. He noted Antrim would be voting on their ordinance soon and said the local press has featured many articles and pro/con letters on the issue. He mentioned a firm in Peterborough that served as a consultant to Antrim's development of an ordinance. It was decided Martin and Kieley will contact the consulting firm to obtain further information. Board members discussed several topics to be addressed within an ordinance, such as setbacks, tower height, shadowing and flicker, noise generation and limits, determination of decibels, and baseline noise standards. In a comparison of Londonderry noise vs. Temple noise, Pickman said the baseline in Temple might be considered "crows and chickadees", which would vary greatly from one in Londonderry that might be defined as "highway and airport". Kieley and Martin agreed to work on further refining the draft ordinance with changes that are specific to Temple.

Lempster field trip: Ayvazian informed the board that a visit to the site of the Lempster wind farm has been arranged for the upcoming Sunday at 11 a.m., and the landowner will provide a tour. Several members expressed interest in attending and plan to take notes and photos.

Public forum on Village District: At 8 p.m. Pickman opened the public forum on the Village District. Lowry gave an overall review of data obtained from the results of the Village District survey. She said there had been an overall response rate of over 10 percent. She explained the board's reasoning for seeking the opinions and how suggestions of current residents may be helpful in determining how to be adaptive to future needs. She described the survey as obtaining the "untainted feelings of townspeople". Lowry indicated the overwhelming response from survey results was that no changes to the village area were wanted or needed. She displayed bar graphs that detailed responses to individual survey questions. She said one overall positive response was support for a coffee shop/bakery, as well as some support for walking or hiking trails. Lowry said the results show that the majority strongly wishes to keep the quietness and rural character of Temple village intact, and they "do not want "busy". Other topics included the future of the old brick school, learning from the Smart Growth process, the availability of the variance process for small businesses, whether senior housing should be considered, and potential uses of Skladany property. Lowry stated once again that survey data could be summarized as "no to everything". Kieley made a motion that the Planning Board would not put forth any Village District zoning changes this year, seconded by Ayvazian, and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Pickman asked Lowry to finalize the charts and data and post on the town web site, as well as place in the town newsletter.

Wind turbine forum: Board members discussed how to present information to residents. Kieley suggested using the big area of the Town Hall and utilizing a computer presentation, which

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Ayvazian and Lowry agreed to create. Pickman read a letter from the town of New Ipswich with information about a Planning board meeting to be held Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Of interest is presentation of a design review application for a large scale wind energy project being proposed by Pioneer Green Energy. After brief discussion it was decided to change the date of the next Temple Planning Board meeting to Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. This would allow Temple board members to attend the New Ipswich meeting, and then allow Adam Cohen of Pioneer Green to attend the Temple wind forum.

Move to adjourn by Martin, second by Ayvazian, and so voted at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry