

# TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

DECEMBER 14, 2011  
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Call to order by Pickman at 7:32 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Move by Kieley to accept the minutes of 11/30/11 as written, second by Whitcomb, and so voted unanimously.

Move by Ayvazian to accept the minutes of 12/7/11 as amended, second by Kieley, and so voted unanimously.

Reconsideration of 11/30/11 minutes at the request of Lowry, move by Kieley to accept as amended, second by Pickman, and so voted unanimously.

Large Wind Energy System (LWES) ordinance: The board began working to create a draft ordinance for the town of Temple. Ayvazian asked about ice throw off turbine blades, and Pickman said ice throw is addressed in the revised version of the New Ipswich ordinance. Ayvazian mentioned an upcoming NHPR radio program being promoted as a discussion on wind energy in New Hampshire. Ayvazian then read a letter she had received suggesting the town should demand shares of stock from a wind farm developer so the project would be profitable to the town. This led to a brief discussion of the situation in Antrim where a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) has been proposed by a wind farm developer, and how this may actually work against the town's best interests. Lowry mentioned a movie entitled "Windfall" that documents a wind farm project in upstate New York, and said the trailer indicates the project created problems, including division within the community. Whitcomb brought up blade flicker and how the impact might change due to distances and time of year. He commented that the landowner of the Lempster project has his residence located only 500 feet away from one of the turbines.

Kieley explained how he created an initial draft by using portions of both the New Ipswich and Antrim ordinances. The board then reviewed the text one paragraph at a time, making revisions to the language as they went along. Portions covered were: Purpose, Definitions, and Requirements (through paragraph #5), with agreed upon changes to be incorporated.

Kieley talked about attending a Planning Board meeting in New Ipswich the previous evening. He summarized that board's reaction to Epsilon reports submitted by Pioneer Green Energy, and said New Ipswich is waiting for their expert to review and respond to the documentation. Kieley continued that the Temple Board of Selectmen has talked about hiring consultants to help the Planning Board with the LWES ordinance process. He stated at least \$2,000 was available to use now for this purpose, and more money could be forthcoming in 2012. He also said he has been advised to consider utilizing the consultants who have been working with New Ipswich. There was brief discussion about how to find the right consultants to help the town.

Move to adjourn by Ayvazian, second by Lowry, and so voted unanimously at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry