

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

JUNE 27, 2012
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Call to order by Lowry at 7:36 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Move by Kieley to approve the minutes of 6/6/12 as written, second by Ayvazian, and so voted unanimously.

Community Planning Grant status: Kieley reported the grant application plus supporting documentation had been submitted on time, and it should be known within a few weeks if Temple will be awarded funding to assist with review of land use regulation documents.

LWES and SWES Application status: No action to report. There was brief mention of the proposed wind farm project in the town of Antrim, including a recent decision by the Board of Selectmen to allow a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) instead of property taxes.

Summer Meeting Schedule: Martin stated in the past the board had not scheduled any meetings during July and August, but would agree to call a meeting if something came up. Lockwood advised that by law planning boards must meet at least once per month. The board came up with meeting dates of Wednesday, July 18th and Wednesday, August 8th.

Master Plan Revision: Board members discussed how best to inform and involve town residents in the revision process. Suggestions included making information available at community events such as the Harvest Festival, mailing out a survey, and holding a public meeting. Kieley advised that if funds are received from the Community Planning Grant they cannot be used to help in rewriting the Master Plan. He also noted that a Vision Statement needs to be created. There was a suggestion to modify the format into a smaller, more readable document, with a summary section followed by more detailed chapters. Lockwood commented the document as it exists does reflect the town of Temple, and urged the board not to stray too far from the format, and also to consider including a historical reference portion. Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) can provide access to their GIS capability, and has copies of Master Plans from other towns on file for review. A public meeting will be scheduled in November to present the current Master Plan and seek public input for revising the document. The goal is to finish the Master Plan revision by fall of 2013, and complete a review of land use ordinances and regulations by January of 2013. The board then went over a list of possible chapters and suggestions for names of residents who might be amenable to leading a group in a roundtable discussion. It is planned to have a visual display at the Harvest Festival in September to promote awareness, and Lowry will work to create an informative mailer to be sent out prior. Pickman mentioned that any sub-committees formed to work on the Master Plan must post their meetings, meet in a public place, and keep minutes.

Move to adjourn by Ayvazian, second by Martin, and so voted unanimously at 8:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry