

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

May 15, 2013
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Camilla Lockwood, Rose Lowry, John Kieley, and Allan Pickman

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Pickman to approve the minutes of 5/1/13 as amended, second by Lockwood, and so voted.

Regional Planning Commission: The board held a conversation about the involvement of Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) in conjunction with the Community Planning Grant (CPT). There was some dissatisfaction noted regarding the amount of invoices billed and the actual services provided. Lowry indicated she has looked into the possibility of switching to a different planning commission. She called the town of Mason, which had actually been able to change and is now covered by the Nashua Planning Commission (NPC). The differences between SWRPC and NPC were outlined, including size of staff and number of municipalities served, and how services are provided. Lowry concluded it would be costly to switch for a variety of reasons. Lowry also contacted staff at the state Office of Energy and Planning (OEP), who indicated there would need to be a compelling reason (such as demographics) to alter planning commission coverage. OEP suggested the town approach SWRPC to try to work things out. Lowry said another option might be to hire an independent planner to help with specific projects, such as revision of the town's Master Plan.

Projects for 2013: The board decided to wait until the next meeting to discuss this topic.

Status of wind project: Board members discussed the upcoming schedule for the SEC hearing on the Timbertop LWES project.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kieley, second by Lockwood, and so voted at 7:58 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 5, 2013 ~