

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PLANNING BOARD  
January 15, 2014  
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Camilla Lockwood, John Kieley, Rose Lowry, Randy Martin, Ken Sullivan, and Allan Pickman

Call to order by Lowry at 7:34 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Lockwood to approve the minutes of 12/18/13 as written, second by Martin, and so voted.

Town Forest: Kieley said the Conservation Commission (ConCom) is interested in obtaining a conservation easement on the Temple Town Forest. This property consists of approximately 44 acres located off North Road. There is a trail system and also a maple sugaring operation present. Kieley said the area could become an exhibition forestry site to promote healthy forest. The Selectmen are scheduled to meet with the ConCom on 1/21/14 to hear a presentation by Eric Foley about the forest. The ConCom would like the Selectmen to propose a warrant article for the conservation easement. This would be similar to one previously put in place on the town-owned Weston land. Kieley read a draft document he had written that expressed the Planning Board's support for the easement. Discussion followed about several issues: the perceived need and timing; which entity would hold the easement; the current market value of the land; existing or possible easements on abutting land; what activities would be allowed; and future sale or divestment by the town. ConCom member Bruce Kantner spoke about the area of town involved and the benefits of having a conservation easement placed on the town forest parcel. The board agreed the town should decide how the land should be utilized. Lockwood made a motion to accept the declaration of support written by Kieley, second by Sullivan, and voted unanimously in favor.

Workforce Housing Petition: The board discussed a survey received by the Selectmen and forwarded to the Planning Board. The petition asked the town to declare if it would support efforts to repeal or replace current state laws related to Workforce Housing. There was discussion about the politics associated with the group sponsoring the petition, including less state control over local issues, efforts to eliminate regional planning commissions, and less government overall. Kieley moved that the Planning Board take no action, second by Lockwood, and voted unanimously in favor.

Petition for Zoning Amendment: Resident Pete Von Sneidern had submitted a petition to amend the Temple Zoning Ordinance by making changes to the Aquifer Ordinance. Although the petition contained an appropriate number of signatures, it was submitted to the town well past the cutoff date of 12/11/13 and therefore was not eligible for consideration in 2014. After brief discussion the board agreed 1) they could not take up the issue this year, 2) the resident can submit the petition for consideration in 2015, and 3) they may consider a previously submitted list of HazMat substances for possible incorporation into the ordinance next year.

List of Ideas: The board decided to create a list of ideas/subjects to be addressed or researched during the upcoming year. The list will be established by reviewing the activities and topics of the past couple years. Sullivan suggested the list become a separate category called the New Ideas List, which could become a regular agenda item.

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2014 Budget and Master Plan: Kieley told the board there is a need for a flat budget for the town if possible. In a previous meeting the Planning Board had requested an extra \$4,500 to hire help in re-writing the Master Plan. Discussion followed about working with a smaller amount this year as the Master Plan work could actually run over into the 2015 budget. Kieley said the Selectboard will discuss the budget at their 1/28/14 meeting and indicated it would be helpful to have facts for the basis to support the amount. It was agreed that Martin will contact Carol Ogilvie to obtain a rough quote to do the actual writing. Hopefully Ogilvie can meet with the board to hear their ideas, look at the sample MP from Londonderry, and consider how to convert the old format to a new format.

Running for Office: Pickman and Sullivan's terms are expiring. Pickman indicated he would sign up for another term. Sullivan said he was unlikely to continue. Several names were brought up as possible interested persons who might run in the upcoming election.

Other business: Board members were reminded they can sign up for OEP's Plan-Link to access discussion forums on land use issues. Kieley suggested asking for information from other small towns who have hired help to write their Master Plan.

Motion by Pickman to adjourn the meeting, second by Kieley, and so voted at 8:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

*~ Next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2014 ~*