

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD
May 7, 2014
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

Approval of minutes: Motion by Kieley to accept the minutes of 04/02/14 as written, second by Pickman, and so voted.

Permaculture: A list of Permaculture ideas/topics was reviewed. Pickman felt a zoning requirement for permeable driveways zoning was problematic. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of using porous asphalt or concrete materials to help control water run-off. It was noted that winter freezing affects these types of materials and their overall longevity and effectiveness. All board members agreed that stormwater management is important. Kieley suggested the board try to incorporate the concepts of Permaculture into the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Pickman noted there is no flood zone mapping in Temple, and suggested preliminary mapping of flood prone areas and the flood control dams in town be developed for the Master Plan. Other water-related issues were brought up, including recent bridge mapping for an update to the town's Hazard Mitigation plan; predictions of future water threats due to an increase in big storms along with associated recommendations of increasing overall culvert sizes; a need to plan for additional snow storage due to increases in severe winter storms. Lockwood told the board that NH-DES is working on a "Climate Change Resilience Plan" and is accepting comments on the draft document. *Kieley made a motion to incorporate Permaculture into Planning Board thinking as they update the Master Plan, with a second by Lockwood, and so voted.*

Ideas List: The current list was reviewed and followed by brief discussion on related topics: the status of hiring an expert to assist with Master Plan update; new planning/zoning ideas being considered for Peterborough; encouragement for careful consideration of what constitutes "agri-tourism". No updates to the list were made.

Master Plan: Discussion about developing a plan to accomplish the update of the Master Plan. It was noted the earlier work done by the board is valid and establishes a good framework. Kieley suggested the chapter list be divided up among members, with a goal of listing 10 key issues that can serve to become talking points at a town forum. It was decided to put the Introduction, Overview, and Vision Statement on hold for now. At this point Petro addressed the board and stated he would like to focus on a larger problem than the Master Plan. He expressed concern about a lack of jobs in the area, decreasing enrollment in the local schools, and families not moving into town because they cannot afford to live here. He also mentioned a lack of volunteerism and a reduction in community participation within the town. Board members agreed these were valid points, but encompass a larger region than just Temple and could not be easily addressed due to multiple factors. This was followed by a discussion about how to research and gather data on these issues so that future planning can take them into consideration. Master Plan chapters were assigned to specific members. It is hoped the lists of 10 key items per chapter can be forwarded to all board members before the next PB meeting on May 21st. A summer meeting schedule and a date for a public forum will be then be developed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Petro, second by Kieley, and so voted at 8:47 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry

~ Next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2014 ~