

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

NOVEMBER 28, 2007
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Richard Whitcomb, John Kieley, Allan Pickman, Will Wildes, Rose Lowry

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

Review of minutes for meeting of November 7, 2007. Move by Kieley to approve as written, second by Whitcomb, and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Review of minutes for meeting of November 14, 2007. Move by Kieley to approve as written, second by Whitcomb, and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

1. Aquifer study: Lincoln Geiger, member of the Temple Conservation Commission, presented information to the PB about a proposed aquifer study of the town. He said he hoped the PB would support the project and agree to help with funding. Geiger explained a local geologist would do the study and it would be completed in two phases. The first phase would create a baseline study of the geography and topography of the town, at a cost of \$2,500 to \$3,000. The second phase would produce a town-wide on site study using high tech scanning and computer analysis to map actual aquifers and bedrock fractures, at a cost of \$7,000 to \$12,000. Geiger stated the information would be valuable in considering water resources for development, and the report data could be added into the Natural Resource Inventory. Board members discussed possible methods of funding the study, and Pickman noted the current fiscal year PB budget had no extra monies available. Wildes disagreed with public funding and suggested that developers should have to pay for a detailed study when and if new development was proposed. Lowry said this type of study would be relevant to the general caretaking of the town and might also be of interest to the state and surrounding towns. Kieley agreed that the information was important and that the state encourages these studies, and also said he had been told there are state funds available. Wildes stated seeking out funding should be the first step. Kieley asked if the board agreed there would be value in this study, and then moved to have the PB support in principle the two-phase water analysis project as proposed by the geologist. Lowry seconded the motion, and the vote was Kieley and Lowry in favor, Wildes opposed, and Pickman and Whitcomb abstaining. Motion failed.
2. Driveway regulations: Road Agent Tim Fiske was in to review the latest draft of proposed driveway regulations. The board spent considerable time discussing and refining language concerning paved aprons, driveway grade percentages, and repair and maintenance of driveways. They also reviewed a letter from an attorney at Local Government Center regarding authority to regulate driveways. Lowry updated the document as changes were agreed upon, and will provide copies of the revised draft for the next meeting.
3. Mountain zone PRD ordinance: Kieley passed out copies of the latest version and explained the changes. The document is now titled "Mountain Zone Conservation Development" (MZCD). The board discussed various sections and suggested additional modifications. Kieley will have copies of the revised draft available for detailed review at the next meeting. Kieley also mentioned that the Historic District Commission would be updating their ordinance, which had not been done since the early 1980's. There was brief discussion about the timing for scheduling public hearings on proposed zoning ordinance changes.

Move by Pickman to adjourn, second by Whitcomb, and so voted. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry