

Minutes, Select board Meeting, August 8, 2017

Bill Ezell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A petition was received from 6 Temple residents regarding the release of voter lists by the NH Secretary of State. There was no discussion since the matter has been settled at the state level.

Landscaping Project. After considering the three written proposals, the motion was made by Cromwell, second by Ezell, to remove the asphalt paving in front of the library and to maintain the entire area as grass. Unanimously voted in the affirmative. Only one different proposal was received, to plant an elm tree in the space. Cromwell noted that the suggestion might apply more usefully to the common when the existing maples need replacement. The town received two elm trees approximately 10 years ago, one is planted on the eastern slope outside the common and one is planted at the restored #6 schoolhouse. They are thriving and very attractive.

Shooting Noise. Victor Mata came in to speak about the sense of harassment he felt from his neighbors with regard to his shooting and dogs running free. Ken Caisse met with Mr. Mata before the meeting and he agreed to limit his shooting to 3 hours at a time, not before 11 a.m. and not at night. He described the backstop into which he shoots and feels it is safe.

Announcement of New Hires. Bill announced that the town has hired two new staff members. Gretchen Rae will begin next week as our municipal clerk. She will have approximately 20 hours per week but the exact timing is not yet established. We have also hired Judy Paglia to become our permanent bookkeeper starting September 1. She will be working with our current temporary bookkeeper, Brenda Wiley, to learn the accounting system in use. Brenda will continue with us into October. We are very excited about these new personnel. The board approved a job description for Gretchen and the one for Judy is being prepared. Since there appears to be some confusion between the titles Municipal Clerk and Town Clerk the board approved changing the former title to Assistant to the Select Board.

Paperwork: Eversource has requested changes to certain telephone poles; the board signed their request.

Building permits: Approved Geddes for a garage, US Cellular for AT&T cell tower improvements, and Nowell for a new residence on Cutter Road.

A Demolition Permit requested by Herta Mazza was put on hold pending tests for asbestos and lead paint.

Intent to Cut: Approved for Nixon: Map 6-20, Jenks :Map 4-8, Willard:Map 2-34 and 34-1, LeMessurier: Map 4-1, and Nielsen: Map8-44.

There was discussion of a letter from Gary Roberge of Avitar regarding work Avitar is doing to determine assessed values for utility poles and conduit. Temple apparently does not have a pole license agreement in place and it was recommended that we discuss this with our town attorney. The board approved Gail to have a conversation with Drescher regarding a possible agreement. Ken was present but not consulted.

It was also agreed to have Avitar prepare the MS-1 form due in September, likely at no additional cost. An extension request for the due date on that form was signed as a precaution.

Keys & Locks at Town Office. In order to improve security at the town office it was decided to change the locks on the doors. Ken Caisse will change the cores for the locks and have keys made by a professional locksmith. The keys will be numbered and say "Do not duplicate." Ken and Bill will be listed with the locksmith as the ones able to authorize cutting keys. We will order 15 keys now, which will allow for extras. The locks will all work on one key except for the furnace/server room. The Town Clerk has stored confidential records there that must be protected.

Monadnock Security will be presenting a training session for all of us on the use of the fobs. We need to know who has these fobs at present. Since our police chief had been denied a fob in the past by the previous administrative assistant we need a policy on how these are authorized.

Agenda items needed in future. These include changes to the employee manual regarding return of keys and the ownership of email accounts, and the cleaning expense for the town hall.

Minutes for July 25 and August 1 were approved without change.

Public Comment. Cam Lockwood expressed unhappiness that the landscaping project had been approved without comment from the Library Trustees. It was noted that the invitation for proposals had been in place since April 26. She was concerned about the need for a turnaround space.

Gail related a conversation with Tim Jarest regarding a disagreement with his neighbor Wayne Edwards. Ken will look into whether the pond in question could be declared a fire pond that would protect it from any future pumping.

Vouchers were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.