

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday April 11, 2023

Town Hall Annex

6:30 PM

Select Board members present: George Willard, Bill Ezell, and Ken Caisse

Other Attendees: Peter Allen, Nicole Concordia, Steve Harling, Vivian Wills & Gail Cromwell

Meeting called to order by Ezell at 6:30 PM.

Chairman Comments: *Ezell reported that the two attorneys in the Marsh case have filed their memorandums with the court, each indicating what they wanted. The next thing is each side can write a rebuttal, then we wait for the judge to decide.*

Public Comment:

Concordia asked if there has been a meeting with legal on the flag policy. Ezell noted it has been postponed and will be rescheduled soon.

Harling requested replacing the flags at the cemetery. They are fading and becoming ragged. Harling provided information on a vendor and pricing. Cromwell noted this is in the budget. Harling said it will be about \$350 plus shipping. Ezell moved to approve purchasing flags for the cemetery. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Allen provided an update on the planning board grant adding that he finally has the citizens bank account set up, and the NH housing authority grant is about 58K. Allen explained how it will all work adding that he is working with Robidoux on this effort.

Allen also wanted to discuss the treasurer compensation. He noted at the January 9th budget meeting, COLA was discussed and he feels that the COLA increase should go to everyone across the board. Allen believes he did ask for this as required by the select board but it seems to have been dropped from the town meeting budget discussion. Allen noted this is a small amount of money and he asked if this can be amended. Ezell noted he reviewed the town policy and it states our COLA increases only go to employees but added that it makes sense that the increase should be across the board and we need to review our policy. Ezell added these are stipends and since it is not budgeted for 2023, we need to sort it out.

Concordia commented she believes the board should take the flag policy seriously to avoid content discrimination. Ezell added that very few towns implement a flag policy because they get shot down in court. We do nothing or we adopt a no flag policy. Concordia said we can have a policy that says nobody can do it or, we can have a policy that states time, manner and place restrictions. Ezell noted it will most likely be recommended by legal to have a no flag policy. They will meet with them to discuss further.

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Old Business:

1. **Code Enforcement Officer Update** – *No Update*
2. **Parking/Zoning/Fee structure follow up** – *No update*
3. **Background checks & policy update** – *Caisse noted he will be meeting with the Library to get their policy to look at.*
4. **ARPA funds – Town Common Well, Ballfield, fencing, playground estimates etc.** – *No Update*
5. **Update on Alarm System vendors** – *No Update*

New Business:

- **Discuss Temple Land Use Committee term length & appointments:** *Cromwell noted the committee wished to stagger the terms and she provided a list of the members and terms. All have provided letters to the board wishing to be reappointed. Cromwell noted they were still looking for one more member.*
- **TLUC Reappointments:** *Ezell moved to reappoint Tim Fiske to the TLUC committee term ending 2026, Allan Pickman to a term ending in 2026, Gail Cromwell term ending 2026, George Willard to a term ending 2025, Scott Hecker term ending 2025, Kathy Boot term ending 2025, Lilliane Lebel term ending 2024, and Paul Quinn term ending 2024. Caisse seconded the motion, Willard abstained, motion passed.*
- **Village Green Reappointments.:** *Ezell moved to reappoint Gail Cromwell and Felicia Sartell to the Village Green committee term ending 2026, Mackenzie Arndt term ending 2025, and Anne Lunt term ending 2024. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **All Veterans tax credit application – James Koster:** *Caisse noted that Koster is our new number 3 highway department worker and added that he will be on a 90 day review period at which time he will be eligible for a rate increase. Ezell reported that Avitar has reviewed and recommended the All Veterans credit and he therefore, moved to approve the application and grant James Koster the All Veterans tax credit of \$500. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Veterans tax credit application – Robert Strauss:** *Caisse noted that the application was missing the start and end date of service and is therefore incomplete. Ezell noted Avitar has approved the application and he moved to approve contingent upon the entry of the missing dates. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Charitable Exemption renewal – Lukas Foundation.** – *Caisse moved to approve the Lukas foundations charitable exemption at the current 75% as recommended by Avitar. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*

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- **Charitable Exemption renewal – Four Winds Community.** *Caisse moved to approve the application for a charitable exemption for Four Winds community at 50%. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Trustees transfer letter for 2 warrant articles.** *Caisse read the two 2023 warrant articles for paving and fire department vehicle maintenance. The board signed the transfer.*
- **Notice of Intent to cut (extension) - Quinn** *Willard moved to approve the intent to cut extension for Susan Quinn. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Review & Approve building permit application – Sullivan – Moran Rd.** *Caisse noted this was the 3rd of 4 lots and it was approved by the building and health inspectors and the road agent, therefore he moved to approve the application for Tim Sullivan to build on Moran Rd. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Letters of Agreement Rec. Dept –** *Wills requested that the Rec department use the new letter of agreement forms. Ezell noted he has looked them over and ran them by legal and the NHMA and they are fine with them. Wills also mentioned that Steve Anderson contacted the Rec department about the town scale. Caisse noted that the task is to make it usable again. Caisse said they would like to look into fixing it, maybe get some donations. Wills noted they have a meeting coming up and there are a number of people ready to help with this effort. Do they need a letter of interest? Ezell noted yes, send the requests to the board assistant. This will be a subcommittee for the term of the project.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes March 22, 2023:** *Caisse moved to approve the minutes from March 22 as written. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Approve Select Board Hearing Minutes March 28, 2023:** *Ezell moved to approve the hearing minutes from March 28th as written. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*

Other Business:

Willard moved to reappoint Bill Ezell as select board chair for another year. Caisse noted he did not care either way, it was just his year to rotate. Ezell noted he spends hours every day on his computer doing work for the town. Caisse agreed he does not have that kind of time right now. Ezell noted he is willing to do it again. The board also discussed changing any committee assignments. All were left as is.

Committee Updates:

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion to adjourn by Willard second by Caisse. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Next Select Board Meeting: *The next select board meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 25th** at the town Hall main room at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais*

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