

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**August 14th, 2018
Town Hall Annex**

Select Board members present: G. Cromwell, B. Ezell, and K. Caisse
Call to order by Cromwell at 6:30pm

Introduction of Congregation Church of Temple's new pastor:

- Reverend Dr. Johan Green (introduced as Johan).
- Biographical sketch presented.
- B. Thorngren agreed to introduce Police Chief McTaque to Rev. Dr. Green

BOS signatures:

- Vouchers
- Signed Local River Management Advisory Committee Nominee Form for Camilla Lockwood. Returned to Cam for submission to the State.
- Occupancy permit approved, Houck
- G.Rae to contact Avitar for details to fill out the PA-16 form from the state.
- Draft letter reviewed for Education Funding Letter by the SAC. BOS approved Cromwell's signature to this letter, once final version is written.

Telephone system for the municipal office:

- Ezell will ask J. Paglia to follow-up on system pricing as she has previously recommended.
- Cromwell concerned if there are budget funds available now for a phone system upgrade. Budget report attached.

High-speed internet access for the whole town:

- Steve Concordia and Ken Sullivan shared their findings while discussing increasing high speed internet service for the areas of Temple that do not currently have the service from Comcast or TDS.
- More research needs to happen before the town can commit to any further actions from a municipal point of view. Things like who is under-served and what do the service maps look like for these vendors.
- Ezell will discuss this issue with John Kieley and Mike Darnel to find out more on the history of how the Town has been involved in any actions towards universal access. Ezell will also ask the planning board for any information they are working on with the vision statement they are discussing.

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Rural cell phone service, federal funding: Ezell has a survey scheduled Sept. 9-10th to travel the roads and document cell service levels and GPS marker the findings.

Tax Collector News: Property tax deeding has everyone compliant.

Property Tax Maps: R. Quinn property tax card question to be resolved after discussion with the Planning Board. Ezell will be addressing the issue at the PB meeting on Wednesday August 15th.

- G.Rae to forward to the BOS the previous e-mail discussion provided by A. Pickman.

Meeting Minutes:

- **July 24th** meeting minutes, motioned for acceptance with corrections, by Caisse, seconded by Ezell, all in favor. **(additional edits are included below for the ConVal SAC meeting report given during this meeting)**
- **August 7th** meeting minutes, motioned for acceptance as written by Caisse, seconded by Ezell, all in favor.
- **August 8th** meeting minutes, motioned for acceptance as written by Caisse, seconded by Ezell, all in favor.

ConVal SAC meeting report: Cromwell provided information additional information for the July 24th meeting notes:

- Cromwell explained information received at the last Selectmen's Advisory Committee meeting (attached pp 6-8). As of June 5, 2018, the school district had an unspent balance of \$2 million. By the time they encumber roughly \$700,000 and add the \$425,000 voted in March for the Trust Funds, the estimated balance remaining is \$860,593. It is possible that most of that will be returned to the taxpayers, not just the \$250,000 they are showing now. Temple's share would be 6.8% of additional returned money, possibly \$35-40,000. For the current year we are paying \$2.5 million to Conval. The new bill is \$2.7 million, an increase of \$221,930. The extra payment would reduce that increase. We are not likely to know until November. In the meantime, Conval is billing us based on the \$221,930. We can adjust what we will pay once we get the final bill so that we do not overpay before the end of the year. The perennial problem is that Conval changes our payment before we have an opportunity to change the tax rate to provide that payment.

Public Comments: None

Public Meeting Adjourned: 7:47pm

Entered Non-Public session: 7:47pm

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Vote to keep the non-public session notes sealed, **motion by Cromwell, seconded by Caisse, all in favor.**

Adjourned Non-public session and reconvened Public Session: 8:07pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08pm, motioned by Ezell, seconded by Caisse, all in favor.

Next Meetings: Regular BOS meeting Tuesday August 28th at 6:30pm in the Annex

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Gretchen Rae, Assistant to the Select Board.