

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019

Town Hall Annex

6:30 PM

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

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

- **Chair Remarks**

- Ezell explained that research he had done in wake of last week's meeting about Mansfield Road tax cards led him to call the NH Department of Revenue Administration and talked with the person who monitors Temple, who said that the town cannot change tax cards and that only tax assessors like Avitar Associates can change that and only with a survey done by a licensed surveyor under regulations pursuant to NH RSA 21-J:11-a. He said it is possible that Glenn Nutting was thinking of tax maps when he addressed the Select Board on Dec. 10.

- **Public Comment:**

- Christine Robidoux said the Keene Chamber of Commerce held an affordable housing forum that was attended by New Hampshire developers, real estate people, municipal officials and those looking for housing. She said much that was said has been said before, but the focus fell more on rural communities, and Temple was referenced and not in a good light, because of the recent article in the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript. A Peterborough land use expert, Carol Ogilvy, talked about perceptions and explaining the need for workforce and affordable housing. She said January will be a time to talk more about the topic, and that a NH housing speaker offered to come to Temple to talk with people. Ezell said the speaker should speak to the Planning Board.

- **Old Business:**

- Employee Manual Review
 - **Select Board designated its first meeting in January, Jan. 14, for adoption of the revised Town Employee Manual and revised Town Financial Procedures.**
- Marsh Litigation
 - **The Select Board had nothing new to report.**
- Kullgren Road property auction
 - **The Select Board had nothing new to report.**
- Municipal Building repairs

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- Caisse said he had nothing new.
- Purple Heart Community
 - **Select Board discussed next steps. Clifton-Waite said he can prepare for their January meeting a Purple Heart Community resolution for the Select Board to adopt. Willard said he would purchase street post signs.**
- **New Business:**
 - Discussion of contracting with Peterborough Ambulance
 - **Fire Chief George Clark did not appear as scheduled. Caisse said he knew that Peterborough Ambulance is trying to add community members, but that any change in Temple's ambulance service would require a year's notice to Wilton.**
 - LUCT A-5 forms and Tax Warrants
 - **Select Board reviewed and signed state A-5 LUCT forms and Tax Warrants for the following properties:**
 - **Shane O'Malley, 15 Kullgren Road (M5A L53-14)**
 - **M&R Temple Partnership LLC, 28 McCrea Road (M8A L2-1-5)**
 - **Whitcomb Family Revocable Trust, Colburn Road (M8A L12-1)**
 - Committee Reports
 - **Willard reported that the Capital Improvements Program Committee (CIP) wanted to change the road paving schedule. That revision included smoothing out the West Road repaving to multiple years (a \$240,000 project) and just do Fish Road to Route 45. The budgetary hit will be about \$200,000 per year.**
 - **Willard also reported that the ConVal School District's Selectman Advisory Committee had discussed a new budget and that ConVal School District enrollment is down about 30 students for next year and the draft 2020-21 school budget is in three versions: version 3 is \$50,000,000 for a \$431,222.85 increase of 1.97%, with version 4 is \$50,564,222.85 with an increase of 2.24% and version 5 is in the works. Meanwhile, the ConVal School Superintendent told Frankestown residents that he has no intention of closing any schools, in response to people turning out at a School Board meeting after a newspaper article discussed the idea of possibly closing the Frankestown Elementary School.**
 - **Ezell said the Planning Board held a forum recently on affordable housing, as covered by the Monadnock Ledger Transcript, and he had a couple of takeaways – that Temple residents have differing opinions and the Planning Board needs to get more organized and present more information.**

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- Caisse said he had nothing to report.
- Vouchers
 - Select Board circulated vouchers for signature.
- Minutes
 - Select Board reviewed the Dec. 10th meeting minutes. Caisse motioned to accept the minutes from the Dec. 10th meeting as amended, Willard second, all in favor.
- Non-Public Session
 - Ezell motioned to enter non-public session at 7:01 p.m., under the provisions of NH RSA 91-A:3II(b), Willard second, all in favor.
- Return to Public Session
 - Select Board reconvened the public session at 7:30 p.m., minutes recorded by Ezell.
 - Non-public session minutes are on file and not sealed. Ezell motioned that the Select Board hire Carol Singelais as the new Assistant to the Select Board at a rate of \$24 an hour for 25 hours, Willard second, all in favor. Ezell motioned that the Select Board hire Carol Mamczak as the new town webmaster at a rate of \$25 an hour, Caisse second, all in favor.

7:33 p.m., Caisse motion to adjourn and Willard second, all in favor.

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020, at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Annex.
Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Clifton-Waite, Assistant to the Select Board.