

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Via Zoom Call

6:30 PM

Select Board members on the call: George Willard, Bill Ezell, and Ken Caisse

Other Attendees: Connie Kieley, Christine Robidoux, Jessica Hipp, Timothy Fiske, Camilla Lockwood & Carole Singelais.

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

Chairman Ken Caisse Remarks:

- *Caisse reminded participants that the meeting was being held electronically pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8, Emergency Order #12, Section 3.*

Public Comment: Connie Kieley asked the select board if they followed up with legal regarding the continued storage of large equipment at the Marsh location. Ezell said he sent a letter to town council and their response was that the case is in progress and we should do nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *Caisse commented a mediator has been selected. Ezell added the attorneys will be handling this and they will keep them informed.*
- **Discussion on outdated Elderly & Veteran's Exemption amounts:** *Caisse said a work meeting needs to be set up within the next month.*
- **Follow up on office Air Purifier:** *Ezell mentioned he has found 2 models that are highly recommended at a cost of \$150 each. The board will continue discussion at the next meeting.*
- **Follow up with Code Red Training & Notice:** *Caisse reported that both he and George Clark had completed the training. John Kieley is scheduled to take the training, Kent Perry and Mike Connolly have not yet taken the training. Therefore, we will wait until next month to send out the notice to residents regarding the sign up process.*
- **Follow up with Boiler & Water Heater at Municipal Building.** *Caisse reported that the water heater is old and needs to be replaced and the Boiler needs repairs. 2 quotes were received with the better one being from DBD Plumbing in Milford. Ezell moved to hire DBD plumbing to repair the boiler and replace the water heater at a cost not to exceed \$2400. Willard seconded, roll call vote Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse abstained.*
- **Vote on Additional \$118 shipping fee for Fire Proof Cabinet** – *Ezell moved to approve the \$118 shipping fee, Willard seconded, roll call vote unanimous in favor.*

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- **COVID19 Update:** – Caisse noted that Temple has had a total of 18 cases to date and also commented we need to continue to be diligent in our efforts to stop the spread.

New Business:

- **Review & Approve 2020 Annual Report project estimate:** – Caisse noted the estimate from Rose Lowry was only up \$50 from last year and he commented she has been doing the work for a few years now, is patient and responsive. Caisse motioned to hire Rose Lowry to do the work on Temple's 2020 annual report at a cost of \$2950.00. Ezell seconded, roll call vote unanimous in favor.
- **Land Use Committee recommendations:** – Tim Fiske discussed the Town Land Use Committee recommendations for the town owned land. One recommendation is to relocate the Highway dept. to either the Holt Land, or the Skladany Land. Ezell asked when would we plan the move? Fiske said it will be a 4-5 year project and it depends on how much money can be spent. He feels that spreading it out over time would mean they could do a lot of the work themselves and save money. Willard mentioned there were 2 warrant article recommendations to see what the town residents want to do. Fiske asked if there was anything else the SB wants the committee to do. It was decided that the committee will remain for now and take care of any details that arise. Additional discussion on recommendations for the other lots, and if we should share the committee's recommendations with the public were discussed. It was decided to post the recommendations on the website now, and mail a condensed version later.
- **TCPC name change request:** – The TCPC committee recommended changing the name of the Temple Community Planning Committee to Community Advisory Committee. Willard mentioned the committee is set to expire after 1 year and will be up for renewal. Christine feels since they are still working on broadband, they cannot dissolve at this time, maybe review that again next year. Christine also mentioned wanting to have a public forum to let people know what volunteer opportunities are available in the town. Caisse motioned for the committee to go ahead with the public forum on January 7 at 7:00 pm via zoom, and to spend up to \$250 on the notice and mailing. Ezell second, roll call vote was unanimous in approval. Caisse also motioned to change the committee name to Community Advisory Committee. Ezell seconded, roll call vote unanimous in approval.
- **Broadband Update** – Jessica Hipp updated that they have been in contact with the town attorney and bond council, who have recommended they involve a firm who has more experience in specialty matters such as broadband. Donahue Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC Attorney John Ratigan was recommended to them. Ezell made a motion to authorize the committee to engage with this law firm. Willard seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in approval.
- **Library Garden Plan** – Camilla Lockwood read the library's plan for the gardens surrounding the Library and requested the select board approve this landscaping plan, with the work being paid

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for by money gifted to the Library, not from taxpayers. Willard motioned to approve parts A & B of the plan to be paid with the money gifted. Caisse seconded, roll call vote unanimous in favor. Connie asked who was going to maintain this garden? Camilla said historically friends of the trustee's and staff have done the maintenance. Connie added it is a lot of work to maintain this type of garden and she wonders who is going to pay for that. Caisse said they will keep an eye on it and step in if necessary. Willard agrees the library trustees can maintain the garden.

- **Review and approve annual report & Y/E memo** – The memos were approved and the SB assistant will send them out first thing on Wednesday.
- **Police Firearms training session at the Town Hall** – *This event was held on the previous Friday however the board wanted to approve it formally in a public meeting. Ezell motioned to allow the Police to conduct their training session at the town hall on Friday December 18th. Willard seconded the motion, roll call vote unanimous in favor.*
- **Review Meeting Minutes December 8, 2020**– *Caisse motioned to approve the December 8th minutes as amended. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*

Committee Updates: *None*

Other Business:

- Caisse motioned to reappoint Greg Robidoux and Mary Beth Ayvazian to the ZBA committee through 2023. Ezell seconded, roll call vote unanimous in favor.
- The select board assistant asked that the board come to the office and sign the EFT payment authorization for the county tax bill.
- Caisse mentioned that the SB has allowed the Fire dept. to use the fire emergency maintenance fund for the purchase and installation of the On-Spot chains, and he noted the work has been completed. Therefore, Caisse made a motion to write a letter to the trustees to move the cost from the emergency maintenance fund and put it back into the general fund. Ezell seconded, roll call vote unanimous in favor.
- Willard mentioned a regional grant called the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program from FEMA. He was told by George Clark this grant could be used to replace most of their radios. A warrant article was discussed, or adding it to the budget. Caisse commented this is very beneficial as our radios are pushing 20 years old and this is a 95/5 grant and our portion would only be \$3,000. The SB recommended putting this in the budget and will discuss with the budget committee at their next meeting.

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Caisse motioned at 7:53 to go into non-public with Kent Perry highway, Willard seconded. Roll call vote unanimous.

The board came back to the public meeting at 8:07 after discussing the Highway personnel issue.

- **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:09 PM. Motion by Ezell, second by Willard, roll call vote Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse yes.

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Remote numbers will be provided in the event we are still handling meetings remotely. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais