

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

**Town Hall**

**6:30 PM**

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

**Other Attendees:** Jim Kingston, Gail Cromwell

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

**Chairman Comments:** *Ezell noted that the Marsh case is now with the Supreme court.*

**Public Comment:** *None*

**Old Business:**

1. **Code Enforcement Officer, Parking/Zoning Fee structure update** – *No update*
2. **Investment Policy update** – *No update*
3. **Radar Signs** - *No update*

**New Business:**

- **Complete Streets Policy & Task Force:** *Ezell provided an update on the grant from the SWRPC on the survey of the town center. Ezell noted a committee is being formed and he has volunteered noting that if there is anyone interested in joining, notify Lilliane Lebel or the select board assistant. They are looking for an assortment of members, up to 5 people.*
- **Warrant Article order and Highway garage study group petition recommendation:** *Ezell noted he had a change on article #8 to hear reports of Agents and Auditors and committees, to remove the line “ including any warrant articles relating thereto”. Ezell noted this is because warrant articles are already discussed when they first come up and we don’t want people to have the opportunity to bring them up anytime they want. Ezell moved to remove this line. Caisse seconded, all were in favor. Caisse noted there is a small change in the police cruiser amount (article #14) which will need to be changed at town meeting. Ezell noted we need to make a select board recommendation on the Highway garage study group petition warrant article asking for \$3500. Ezell added they do not generally make recommendations on petition articles but since there is money involved, they are required to. Caisse moved to recommend this article so they can collect more information which we can all use to make an informed decision. Ezell noted he is opposed to this article because they stated back when they started that they would not ask for any money from the town, and that it would only be raised by private contributions. Willard seconded the motion to recommend stating it will give the whole town a chance to vote on the warrant article at town meeting. Motion to recommend passed 2 to 1. Ezell added that on article #18 closing Powers bridge, they are required to send certified letters to all of the abutters about the warrant article.*

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- **Alarm system work not completed in 2023 discussion:** *Ezell noted the work was not finished in 2023 and we said we were going to encumber this so we could pay the balance in 2024, but we never voted on it therefore the money went back into the general fund. Ezell noted we need to amend the budget at town meeting and determine which account number to use so we can pay for the work which is a net zero cost. The board discussed the amount needed and if we should use the previously voted amount of \$4386 from the ARPA funds towards the balance due. The board decided once we get the numbers together we can decide how it should be done. Cromwell noted she spoke with Peter Caswell and they need to finish the well and therefore, he needs some money. Cromwell asked if they could save some money from the ARPA funds for this. The board noted all of the ARPA funds have been allocated but they will research options.*
- **ARPA Fund allocation update (FD & Alarm system):** *- Discussed with above topic. Once the numbers are determined, they can see what needs to be done to make sure there is enough money to cover the Fire Dept. dry hydrant work.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes January 30, 2024:** *Caisse moved to approve the select board minutes from January 30, 2024 as amended. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*

**Other Business:** *Ezell noted that the Select Board meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> is election day and we need to determine what date to have the SB meeting.*

*Ezell also noted that everyone wants to change the polling hours from 7am to 7pm to 8am to 7pm for non-federal elections. Ezell noted we have to do a warrant article to ask if we should put a question on the state election ballot to change the polling hours first, so this will be a 2-step process and will not happen this year.*

*Cromwell added that the Town clerk is requesting more money in the budget due to the increase in ballots as a result of the multiple zoning ordinance articles. This will need to also be handled at town meeting.*

**Committee Updates:** *None*

**Non-Public Session :**

**Meeting Adjourned:** *Motion to adjourn by Caisse, second by Ezell, Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM*

**Next Select Board Meeting:** *The next select board meeting will be held on **Tuesday February 27, 2024** at the Town Hall main room at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais*