

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday January 29, 2019**

**Town Hall Annex**

**6:30 PM**

Select Board members present: G. Cromwell, B. Ezell, and K. Caisse

Meeting called to order by Cromwell at 6:30 PM

- **Old Business**

- Town Common Wiring Project

- **SB discussed warrant article proposal and noted that Village Green Committee had passed a motion to support code compliant permanent wiring plan not to exceed \$2,500. Discussion over the number of outlets and installation procedures. Proposal must be finalized ahead of budget hearing on Feb. 7.**

- Early Payment of Truck Loan

- **Cromwell reported on loan payoff, with a savings of \$300 in interest and waiver of \$1,900 in late payment. Only outstanding loan is 2014 Highway truck.**

- **New Business**

- Reed Home Business

- **Ms. Reed explained a proposal for using the barn at 93 Route 101 (former Kindred Spirits property) as a farm store with sale of their own and other farm and non-farm products that will comply with town zoning regulations and the 35% self-produced agricultural product requirement. Kitchen on property will be used as a processing kitchen. Property was purchased in spring 2018. Caisse reminded Reed to comply with state septic and kitchen regulations and to inform the Town of any change in septic, which needs local and state inspection. Reed was instructed to inform the Town when ready for septic inspection.**

- Fairpoint Settlement

- **Cromwell reviewed with SB a proposed settlement with Temple and other New Hampshire municipalities over the assessed values of their poles. NH Legislature has adopted new rules for pole assessment and Avitar has calculated new values for poles in years 2011-16. The change has resulted in a drop of \$10,000 per year tax revenue over the 6 years – with Fairpoint's demand to Temple of \$65,000 total. Avatar has negotiated a settlement with Temple's proportional cost to be \$55,492 – to be paid over three years without any interest. Payments to be \$22,000 this and next year, and a final payment of approximately \$11,000 in third year. Appropriation to be done**

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from refunds and abatements account from unreserved fund balances. Check for first installment on settlement to be sent out within 10 days.

- **Budget and Wages**
  - SB reviewed the \$1,432,927 2019 budget, which compares with \$1.35 million for 2018. Cromwell explained that several factors are contributing to increase, including revaluation and highway budget requirement for road asphalt. Warrant articles include the \$1,400 holiday lighting, \$2,500 common wiring, \$20,000 tractor trust fund, \$8,250 fire department turnout gear, and \$38,417 backhoe lease. Caisse will talk with George Clark about their maintenance expendable trust. Cromwell noted that budget amount does not reflect any salary increases. Discussion of wage increases. Cromwell motioned to adopt 1.5 percent wage increase, Caisse seconded the motion, all in favor.
- **Appointment of New Deputy Welfare Director**
  - Proposal to appoint new Board Assistant Paul Clifton-Waite as the new Deputy Welfare Officer. Cromwell motioned to appoint Clifton-Waite, Ezell seconded the motion, all in favor.
- **Renaming of Roads**
  - Ken Sullivan explained proposal from Stonegate Farm Homeowners Association, LLC to rename Bela Bottom Road to Stonegate Farm Road, the latter of which already exists. Proposal will have the effect of extending Stonegate Farm Road. Request is to promote and improve 911 response. Cromwell motioned to adopt the proposed road renaming proposal as presented and to adjust E-911 numbering, Ezell seconded the motion, all in favor.
- **Draft Warrant**
  - Cromwell explained that the draft is not yet completed.
- **Other business**
  - **Town Hall Rental Fee Waiver**
    - Honey Hastings explained a request for waiver or reduction of \$50 rental fee and deposit for an upcoming Temple Democrats event on Sunday, Feb. 10 (snow date Feb. 24). The invite has been extended to 150 town residents who are registered Democrats and Hastings expects 10-15 residents as turnout. Caisse motioned to waive the requirement of a fee and deposit for the event, Ezell seconded the motion, all in favor.

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- **DRG Painting and Autobody Questionnaire**
  - Clifton-Waite report that the NH DMV Dealer and Inspection office had called Town Offices to state the Town had not yet returned an approved/rejected application for an Inspection Station by DRG Painting and Autobody. SB members recalled this had been done, but agreed to complete the application again and have it resubmitted. SB members completed and Ezell signed the application as an approval, so that Clifton-Waite could return to the state agency.
- **Minutes**
  - Caisse motioned to accept SB minutes from 1/15/19 as amended. Ezell seconded the motion, all in favor.
- **Certificates**
  - SB signed Certificate of Occupancy for Svetlana and Armando Del Rio of 83 Mountain View Road.
  - SB signed Demo Permit for Murray and Denise Collette of 18 West Road and a Building Permit for Thomas Krapf of 597 West Road.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:30 PM. Motioned by Ezell seconded by Caisse, all in favor.

**Next Select Board Meeting:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Annex.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Clifton-Waite, Assistant to the Select Board.