

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday July 13, 2021**

**Town Hall**

**6:30 PM**

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

**Other Attendees:** Connie Kieley, Bill McDonnell, Honey Hastings, George Russell, Camilla Lockwood, Christine Robidoux, Steve Andersen, Kathy Boot, Gail Cromwell, Greg Robidoux, Marybeth Ayvazian, Emily Sliviak, Ben Fisk, Tim Fiske, & Michael Robidoux

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

**Public Comment:** *Michael Robidoux asked the select board if they have followed up with his dark sky complaint. Ezell said they sent a letter to the homeowner and he has spoken with them as well. The homeowner told Ezell that he would be sending the select board a letter soon so we will give them a little more time to respond and if they do not comply, we will send another more aggressive letter added Ezell. Christine Robidoux noted that maybe a code officer would help. Ezell reminded her that since we have no fines or penalties in place, a code officer could not enforce anything. Changes need to go through the ZBA first. All we can do is take people to court added Ezell.*

*George Russell asked the board what their position was on allowing events at Stepping Stones event center prior to ZBA approval. Ezell stated that the select board has authorized Boo Martin to hold events already booked prior to ZBA approval as long as she complies with the conditions made. He added that they thought that the decision would be made a lot quicker but now it is looking like it is going to be a much longer case. Caisse added that they have only agreed to provide a fire watch on 5 or so previously booked events. Ezell noted he believes Boo Martin may still be booking new events and that we should probably send her another reminder letter.*

**Old Business:**

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *Ezell stated that he spoke with the new attorney and expected to hear something soon on the direction and next steps.*
- **Update on COVID19 initiatives:** *Bill McDonnell reported that the state is no longer reporting updates so maybe it makes sense to remove this item from the agenda. C. Robidoux added that she read Temple is only at 48% vaccinated. She asked if they would consider having the vaccine van come to Temple. The board members all had no problem with this and Ezell will check it out and try to set something up.*

**New Business:**

- **Lock Away Storage:** *Steve Andersen noted he has sold this business and was only trying to help out the new owner. Andersen questioned a building permit and special exceptions that are in place. Ezell*

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*noted they have discussed this with the town attorney and it is a legal document. The ZBA can put special exception conditions and noted that these were accepted, never appealed, and the select board cannot just change them. Andersen noted that they will need a written letter from the select board stating these conditions were unreasonable and contradicts the special exception. Ezell will have the town attorney draft a letter and noted we will hold the application for now.*

- **CAC – HHHFA Mini-Grant:** *Christine Robidoux told the board about an affordable housing mini-grant which would fund a Charrette from Plan NH. This program brings together diverse professionals to brainstorm recommendations to address challenges a community faces. Robidoux and the board discussed a couple different locations. Robidoux noted that this grant would equate to about 85K worth of consulting expertise and is a great opportunity. Ezell made a motion to authorize the Community Advisory Committee to seek a Mini-Grant from the NHHFA in the amount of \$5,000 for the purposes of a Plan NH Charrette to address the housing challenges currently being faced in Temple and to solicit support from other boards and committees in Temple as required for acceptance of the Plan NH Charrette application. If the grant is not awarded, the Community Advisory Committee will not submit an application to Plan NH for the Charrette. Motion was seconded by Caisse. Motion carries 2-1 with Willard abstaining.*
- **Town Land Use Committee Recommendations:** *Tim Fiske noted the approved 2K down payment invoice to start surveying the Holt property has been submitted. Fiske also offered to assist with Rt 45 property and approaching the State about the Shed and see if they are willing to trade that property for another piece of property. He also noted they will be approaching the owners of the 4 surrounding lots to see if they want to purchase any of the property. Fiske also noted that Sanford Surveying indicated the worst case scenario would be 7K in services.*
- **Town Common Parking Issues:** *Gail Cromwell stated that Kent Perry had asked her to come before the board to address the problem of when people park downtown for various events, they are encroaching on areas of the common where he keeps trying to re-seed. Therefore, Cromwell noted she would like to present the following concept. Cromwell discussed and presented some ideas of new posts with chains and provided some different options, pricing, and maintenance concerns. Not enough parking downtown was also discussed. Connie Kieley suggested this goes back to the Village Green for suggestions. Ezell agreed. Cromwell agreed to bring this topic to the Village Green committee and get some ideas and noted that something needs to be done to clearly show the boundaries.*
- **Discuss Porta Potty Issues:** *Caisse updated the board that we have had issues with the current vendor including, complaints that the unit at the ballfield is disgusting, late arrival of unit on town meeting day, refusal to remove the unit afterwards. Caisse then made a motion to send them a letter terminating our agreement and requesting the final invoice and removal of the units. Ezell seconded, all in favor. The select board assistant will prepare the letter and look for a new vendor.*
- **ZBA Appointments:** *Ezell indicated that there were 2 positions currently up for reappointment, and 2 applications from people wishing to be appointed. Ezell recommended that they reappoint the two*

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*existing members and appoint the two applicants as alternates. Ezell added that the ZBA is currently involved in several big cases. Christine Robidoux added that due to these cases and the litigation coming, it would be best to keep the board as it is then maybe next year, present a warrant article to switch it to an elected positions. There would be too much disruption to make a change now. Willard said he heard there will be a mass resignation if the appointments don't go the way the ZBA wants. Ezell reminded that there is a ton of work on these cases and who is going to take that on if not the members with experience. Ayvazian agreed it is a lot of work and it takes a while for alternates to learn and move up. Willard reminded the audience that ZBA vacancies are appointed by the Select Board. After further discussion Ezell made a motion to reappoint John Kieley to the ZBA. Willard seconded. Motion carries 2-1 with Caisse voting nay. Willard moved to appoint Emily Sliviak in place of Deb Deleso as a full time member. Connie Kieley commented that the ZBA board had voted to keep the same members due to the current cases. Cromwell added that the ZBA serves as an important interpreter of a town's zoning ordinance and went on to state that Integrity is important. Cromwell feels that Sliviak lacks integrity and gave some examples of why she feels that way. Cromwell added that she recommends keeping the current membership intact or she will no longer serve. Ezell motioned to reappoint Deb Deleso to the ZBA. There was no second. Willard motioned again to appoint Emily Sliviak as a full time member of the ZBA. Caisse seconded the motion. Motion carries 2-1 with Ezell voting nay. Ezell asked that if any ZBA members planned on resigning, to please send him the letters ASAP. Lockwood suggested that Deleso be appointed as an alternate. Ezell motioned to appoint Deb Deleso as an alternate member of the ZBA and to appoint Allan Pickman as an alternate member as well. Willard seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.*

- **Hired Contractor policy:** *Ezell went over the current policy and noted that Primex said we should have insurance on contractors or we will not be covered. Therefore Primex drafted and legal approved a form we should use. Caisse believes we request a W9 and a certificate of insurance now. Lockwood indicated that this will not work for kids just mowing the lawn. Caisse added we should amend the financial policy that contractors need to have insurance.*
- **Timber Tax Abatement:** *Ezell noted that our forester Allan Oxman has reviewed the abatement request and recommends we refund the Society for the protection of NH forests \$1354.70. Willard moved to approve the abatement. Ezell seconded, all in favor.*
- **Missed Veteran's credit application - Nutting:** *The select board were informed that the original application in 2019 was reviewed by the assessors and was approved as long as one missing form was provided. Apparently several months later, that form was submitted by the applicant but the application was never brought back to the select board to approve. Therefore, the applicant is entitled the credit. Ezell made the motion to approve the application, Willard seconded, all in favor.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes June 22, 2021:** *Caisse motioned to accept the June 22nd minutes as amended. Willard seconded, all in favor.*

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**Other Business:**

- *How to handle the accounting on the fire watch payment made by Boo Martin to two fire department members was discussed. Willard suggested just having Boo Martin pay the fire department members directly. Caisse noted that as members of Temple's fire department, they need to be paid through the town. The budget committee is working on recommending the appropriate accounting transactions.*
- *Willard read a comment from attorney Chris Drescher about frequent contact to him from all committees. The board asked the select board assistant to send Chris a list of all board chairs and limit the contact to those members only.*

**Committee updates:**

- *Willard updated that the SAC (Selectmen's Advisory Committee) met on June 24<sup>th</sup> and that 15-16 people attended. Willard noted that Kimberly Saunders reported the financial situation and that the unused income is 1 million dollars due to unexpended appropriations like no summer classes, no athletic coaches, supplies, and transportation. Willard noted that the money will be refunded to the towns by reducing the monthly school payments.*
- *Caisse reported that the Wilton Recycling center is meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am if anyone was interested in attending at the site and also noted he will try and make it.*
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:32 PM. Motion by Caisse, second by Willard, *all were in favor, motion passed.*

**Next Select Board Meeting:** Tuesday July 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM. ***PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING WILL BE AT THE TOWN HALL IN THE ANNEX ROOM.*** Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais

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