TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday July 27, 2021 Town Hall 6:30 PM

Select Board members present: George Willard, Bill Ezell, and Ken Caisse **Other Attendees:** Connie Kieley, Honey Hastings, Camilla Lockwood, Gail Cromwell, Greg Robidoux, Emily Sliviak, Ben Fisk, Vivian Wills & Deb Harling.

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

Public Comment: Connie Kieley asked if anything was being done to remove the red stickers from the Town Hall floor. Ezell commented they are working on it, need to make sure it is done safely. Kieley asked if this item can be added to the agenda until resolved. Ezell agreed.

Old Business:

- Marsh Litigation Update: Ezell stated the wheels are turning and he expects to hear from our new attorney soon.
- Dark Sky Complaint Update: Ezell reported the town has received a response letter from the homeowner Mr. Moore. Robidoux added that he spoke to Mr. Moore and asked if the blue tarp barrier was a temporary solution. Ezell added that Mr. Moore's letter indicated that he has measured the lumens on his property and that the results show that the allowable ranges were not exceeded. It is not clear what the accuracy of the equipment used is or how Mr. Moore came up with all his numbers in the letter. The select board agreed Mr. Moore is not in compliance and decided that they need to send another letter and will consult with legal counsel. Ezell also noted he is looking into what is involved with adopting the RSA that allows us to enforce fines and then possibly we could look into hiring a code enforcer.
- Town Common parking issue proposal Cromwell stated that as agreed to at the last SB meeting, the Village green committee was tasked with researching and proposing a solution to cars parking on the town common grass. Cromwell stated that the committee is proposing enclosing the area with square posts painted white with a suitable chain linked through black iron rings. She also priced out Cedar posts and the rings and came up with \$995. Cromwell added that budget item Other Property Repairs and Maintenance has a \$5000 budget. Caisse added that he believes that Cedar posts placed in the ground will rot and he prefers curbstone. After further discussion, Willard moved to recommend they budget and pay an amount not to exceed \$1000 for the posts and chains. Ezell seconded, motion carries 2-1 with Caisse voting nay.

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New Business:

- Appoint Gretchen Whitcomb Recreation Committee: Vivian Wills stated the Rec Committee would like to recommend Gretchen Whitcomb be appointed as a member of the Recreation committee. Ezell moved to appoint Gretchen Whitcomb as a Recreation Committee member to a 3 year term ending in 2024. Willard seconded, all were in favor. Wills also asked if there was a way to stagger the members terms so they would not expire at the same time.
- ZBA Appointment discussion: Ezell updated that the ZBA commission has 3 open positions and that there have been a couple of people showing some interest with one person sending a letter. The board stated that they need to have that person come to the next meeting so they can talk to her before appointing. Caisse made a motion to appoint alternates Deb Harling and Allan Pickman as full time members of the ZBA. Willard seconded. All were in favor. Harling asked the board if the new members are authorized to speak to town counsel. Ezell responded absolutely. Ezell added the ZBA needs to decide on a chair and that they can discuss further at the next meeting.
- Town Hall Keys: Caisse mentioned the side door of the Town Hall needs to be fixed. Ezell added that there are several new board members that may need keys. Caisse noted that new keys were made but do not work. Combination locks also were discussed and it was noted that it seems like half the town of Temple has a key to the town hall. Caisse will look into fixing the locks and spending \$75 for 3 core's was approved.
- GOFERR ARPG Grant: The board updated the audience with information regarding the application process and possible use of the \$148K American Rescue plan grant money. Caisse moved to accept the \$148K grant money, Ezell seconded, all were in favor. Caisse added that one way we could use the money is to compensate town employees who never missed a day of work during the pandemic and a stipend for fire department personnel who were putting themselves out there during the pandemic. Caisse noted he would recuse himself from voting on that matter. The select board agreed that the board assistant is authorized to submit the application.
- **Building Permit B. Mason:** The board reviewed and approved the Mason new home building application.
- **Building Permit J. Finnigan:** The board reviewed and approved the Finnigan new home building application.
- LUCT Bill Foy/Perry: The board reviewed and approved the Foy/Perry LUCT Bill.
- LUCT Bill Finnigan: The board reviewed and approved the Finnigan LUCT Bill.
- Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes July 13, 2021: Ezell motioned to accept the July 13th minutes as amended. Caisse seconded, all were in favor.

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Other Business:

Committee updates:

- Caisse reported that the recycle center is looking for flowers to plant to help stop the erosion. Caisse also noted that he toured the facility and it looks very clean. Caisse noted they have received a bid for paving and were waiting on one more. Caisse added that they are looking for people from each town to volunteer at the swap shop so if anyone was interested let them know.
- Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 PM. Motion by Caisse, second by Ezell, all were in favor, motion passed.

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday August 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the town Hall. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais

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