

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Via Zoom Call

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: John Kieley, Connie Kieley, Christine Robidoux, George Clark, Bill Walker & 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 Comments: None

Old Business:

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *No new Update*
- **Discussion on outdated Elderly & Veteran's Exemption amounts:** *Ken said this will be addressed before town meeting.*
- **Update on Emergency order #25 (Authority to grant blanket abatements of property tax interest).** *No changes and will be removed from the agenda. If need be, it can be added back.*

New Business:

- **COVID19 update** – John Kieley reported that there is a new 2-4 million dollar grant program relative to recreation, and wondered if we could get a slice of those funds. John said he will write up the grant application if the SB agrees and along with the Rec dept, come up with a program. The board agreed that this sounds good. **Christine Robidoux** added that the Rec department has been looking into programs including after school ones, and mentioned that Cornucopia is looking to partnering as well. **Ken** reported that all but 3 of the aluminum COVID signs have been placed on town properties with the remaining signs going up soon. He also mentioned that there has been some damage done to the fencing at the playground/tennis courts which should be fixed before someone gets hurt. **Bill** mentioned an email received from MCH asking if we wanted to partner with them and the town of Peterborough, and distribute posters & decals to town businesses and organizations. This is free and is meant to encourage the use of masks while in public. The board agreed and George Clark will send the SB assistant a

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pdf file of the town seal so we can proceed and put our order in. **John and Bill** also mentioned they spoke with the Treasurer regarding his objections to the new health screening checklist. Bill consulted with the municipal association lawyer and made some changes to the form. Bill mentioned state protocol says we have to do this screening. Caisse motioned to use the new form, Ezell 2nd roll call vote Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes.

- **Discuss extractor purchase for FD gear– George Clark** - George Clark asked for the Boards approval to purchase an extractor for 5K by using monies from other FD budgeted line items. He said with all the Covid and medical calls, recent news about cancer contaminations etc., the gear needs to be cleaned more frequently. Bill asked if this could be covered by Covid funding. John said if George sends him information he can check that out. Ezell moved to allow the FD to purchase an extractor out of their 2020 budget if funding is not available. Willard 2nd roll call vote Caisse yes, Willard yes, Ezell yes. Clark also mentioned that the new gear has arrived so everyone has their own now and also mentioned the EMS warm zone gear came in as well and they are in the process of coordinating payment and applying for the 6K grant refund.
- **Stone Bench (Ann Repak)– Library** – Bill indicated that Camilla Lockwood is asking the board if they have any issue with the installation of a stone bench on Library grounds to honor Ann Repak who recently passed. Motion by Ezell to approve a memorial bench for Ann Repak. Seconded by Willard, roll call vote Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes. **Connie** asked who is in control of the Library land. Is it the town or the Library? Ken believes it is the town who also does the upkeep. Connie asked if Ken can find out for sure.
- **Review and Adopt revised Financial Policy** – Bill made some edits and changed the acknowledgment page. Connie commented there is still no mention of conflict of interest or fraud and she asked if the section regarding purchases of less than \$600, was the most important part of the document since it was bolded. Bill reminded her again that the \$600 is Federal law. John added that he believed the budget, CIP and other committees were not asked to look at the document beforehand. George commented that John is trying to take the SB responsibilities away from them. The board decided to hold off finalizing the document until Melanson takes a look. Caisse motioned to hold off until the next meeting on August 11th and to allow Melanson, and the CIP and budget committees to comment. Seconded by Ezell, roll call vote Caisse yes, Willard yes, Ezell yes.
- **Approve Permit Kitchen Remodel– Moore** –The board approved this permit application.
- **Approve Veteran’s credit application – Flores & Flores** –Based on the recommendation of Avitar, the board only approved the 2021 credit exemption.

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Other Business:

- Willard mentioned that at the last meeting he suggested they look into mowing the field next to the elementary school based on the Town Land Research committees walk through of the area. Willard asked Mark Salisbury if he was interested. Mark felt that his equipment was too big and would be hard to navigate with all the fencing. Willard then asked Kent Perry if he was interested in doing the mowing and using the hay for his farm. Kent is interested and would like the SB to approve first. Ezell motioned to allow Kent Perry to hay the field next to the elementary school. Caisse seconded, roll call vote Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes.
- Ken asked the SB assistant to contact James Wall regarding his shed permit application and ask him for a better estimate on his setback measurements.

Committee Reports:

SAC Meeting – Willard reported he attended a SAC meeting recently and said that School Superintendent Kimberly Saunders and 110 members were working on a re-opening plan for the Conval school district. An executive summary of the planning process was released on July 24th. The actual plan will be released the first week in August. George also read the results of a questionnaire that was sent out.

Wilton Recycling Tour – Willard attended a tour of the Wilton Recycling center on July 16th. He reported there are several updates in the works and that there will be an open house in the near future.

- **Review Meeting minutes July 14, 2020** – Willard commented that Connie's remarks regarding abstaining from voting were unfounded. Bill added that he read the municipal association comments on the subject, and he determined there is no RSA to support that a SB member can only abstain from voting under certain situations. Willard motioned to accept the minutes as written, roll call vote, Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes.
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:25 PM. Motioned by Ezell, Willard second roll call vote Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse yes.

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 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