

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday June 8, 2021

Via Zoom Call

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Connie Kieley, Bill McDonnell, Honey Hastings, Vivian Wills, Camilla Lockwood, Christine Robidoux, George Clark, Lilliane LeBel, Gail Cromwell & Michael Robidoux

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 Comment: *Christine Robidoux reported she has gone over with the bond attorney, the checklist of items that need to be completed should the town vote to move forward with the bond. She noted that the select board will need to meet after town meeting and vote on the loan agreement and sign some forms. The board agreed to meet Thursday June 17th at 9am at the town hall.*

Old Business:

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *Ezell reported no new updates to the case but he did report that he has talked to several attorneys and was impressed with Laura Spector-Morgan from Mitchell Municipal Group. He added that this firm was recommended by town attorney Chris Drescher. He noted he has a fee agreement stating the hourly rate as \$215 per hour which he believes is reasonable. Caisse motioned to retain Laura Spector-Morgan from Mitchel Municipal Group as our legal counsel for the Marsh litigation case and any other zoning litigation cases as needed. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Caisse will sign the agreement which is at the office.*
- **Update on COVID19 initiatives:** *Bill McDonnell reported that the state has gone dark and they have cancelled the last 2 meetings. He also reported there are only 27 current hospitalizations and the state of NH is at 50% totally vaccinated. He noted we need to prepare for in person committee meetings as the emergency order will be expiring.*
- **Town Building re-opening plans & Resume in-Person Meetings:** *In order to remain compliant with the current NHMA guidance, Caisse motioned to open all town buildings to the public. Willard seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor. It was noted that the Town Hall will continue to be cleaned each week. Meetings in the Annex room should be limited to small groups. Hastings asked about Tai Chi using the town hall on bad weather days and Willard mentioned a request for a music group on Sunday afternoons that want to use the space. Caisse said yes as long as the activity is sponsored by the recreation department, they can use the town hall.*

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- **Appointment Policy follow up:** *Hastings noted that the document has been updated to rework the words “shall” and “will” and she asked if the board was able to review it. Caisse noted he had not received it and noted he has been having trouble with his email account. Ezell will check and update his email address under the select boards account. Willard stated he was in opposition of the latest draft. Willard motioned to table the discussion until the next meeting in order for Caisse to have a chance to review the document. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*

New Business:

- **New Fire Truck Acceptance:** *George Clark mentioned they have received a new military vehicle under the same grant as the engine, at no cost to the town. He noted that anything they need to do to get the truck in service will be done with the Fire department budget. Caisse motioned to accept the grant for the fire truck. Willard seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor. It was also noted that the agreement states when we are done with the vehicle, we will give it back. Cromwell asked for clarification on the current roster of trucks. Clark noted they will be getting rid of one, one will be used as the medical response vehicle, and the new truck will be the brush truck. Cromwell asked Clark to do a short write up explaining these terms.*
- **Re-Appoint Gretchen Whitcomb as an Alternate to the Library Trustees – 1 year:** *Caisse moved to approve that Gretchen Whitcomb be re-appointed to the Library trustees as an alternate member for 1 year. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor. The select board assistant will notify Whitcomb and the Library trustee Cam Lockwood, of the official appointment.*
- **Discuss other committee terms that are ending:** *Hastings commented that maybe we should wait until the new policy is finalized. Caisse said we could but we don’t want to keep people waiting. There was a discussion on committee openings and how we could advertise. Caisse noted we could use the website to generate interest. It was decided a list needs to be put together with the openings and we should reach out again to the boards and find out who is interested in being re-appointed. Hastings asked for clarification if the appointments will be noted on the select board’s agenda and she added we should be informing people of the meeting results.*
- **Noise Complaint center of town:** *Lilliane Lebel noted that this is not a complaint it is a request to lower the level of the noise town wide. LeBel commented that some events have included amplification most often music, that is very loud and disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. Ezell commented that Temple has a very low noise limit which is less than normal speaking voice. He added that the select board and the police cannot really do anything and that it needs to start with the zoning board to implement fines and fees in the current ordinance. The only recourse is to send letters then move to litigation. He noted we could look into hiring a code enforcement officer but since we have no penalties or fines in our ordinance, they will not be able to do anything either. LeBel will see what additional information she can find as will Ezell.*

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- **Dark Sky Ordinance violation complaint – Howard Hill Rd:** Michael Robidoux of Howard Hill Rd. read a complaint on behalf of his family which stated that their neighbor Benjamin Moore also from Howard Hill rd., has been violating the towns Dark Sky Ordinance. Robidoux stated that the direct illumination being emitted by outdoor lighting from Mr. Moore's property to the Robidoux property far exceeds what is permitted by the ordinance and therefore, they are requesting the select board act accordingly as prescribed in the ordinance. Robidoux noted they have asked Mr. Moore several times to reduce the lights but all requests have been ignored. The select board all agreed that they have witnessed this first hand and agree it is in violation. The board agreed to send Mr. Moore a letter requesting he comply with the Town's ordinance, and to also follow up if the request is ignored. However, it was noted they cannot impose fines, only a judge can do that.
- **Discuss Purchasing 1 copy of the Guide to Effective Enforcement: Investigating and Enforcing Code and Land use violations:** Caisse motioned to buy the pdf. Version for \$40 which can be shared. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.
- **Solar Permit application – Moylan (Laurel wood Dr.)** The permit was approved and signed by the selectmen.
- **Jeta Grove donation:** Caisse noted that they have to formally accept the donation which represents the towns portion of their tax bill which they are exempt from. Caisse motioned to accept the donation in lieu of 2021 taxes. The select board requested the board assistant to send out a thank you letter for the gift. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.
- **Intent to Cut – Perkins Lane (Lockwood):** Caisse asked when the cut would start. Lockwood stated the end of June and it was noted that the ground should be dry and not require a bond on the road. The intent to cut was approved by the select board. Caisse asked Camilla to check with the road agent for any road issues.
- **Discuss Town Common use requests and reservation form:** The new form was reviewed and after some edits, it was decided to use the form to start tracking and recoding these events on the town calendar. It was noted that larger gatherings will require sanitary facilities.
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes May 25, 2021:** *Caisse motioned to accept the May 25th minutes as written. Willard seconded. Roll call vote Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes.*
- **Approve SB2 Meeting Minutes May 25, 2021:** *Willard motioned to accept the May 25th SB2 minutes as written. Ezell seconded. Roll call vote Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes.*
- **Approve Broadband Minutes May 26, 2021:** *Caisse motioned to accept the May 26 Broadband minutes as amended. Ezell seconded. Roll call vote Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes June 2, 2021:** *Caisse motioned to accept the June 2, 2021 minutes as amended. Willard seconded. Roll call vote Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes.*

Other Business:

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- **Harvest Festival:** *Caisse noted that the festival is back on and will be held on September 19th, 2021.*
- **Library Cleaning:** *Caisse noted that the Library has requested to start getting the building regular weekly cleanings. He noted that this needs to be paid for by the Library budget so they will need to come up with the money. It was noted that weekly cleanings would be about \$70-\$90 per week and monthly would be about \$120-\$150. Lockwood stated they have a meeting coming up and will get back to us.*

Committee updates:

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM. Motion by Ezell, second by Willard, roll call vote Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse yes.

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday June 22, 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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