

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**March 27th, 2018
Town Hall Annex**

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

Call to order by Cromwell at 6:30pm

Board Organization: BOS agree that the current organization is working well. Cromwell and Ezell switch chairing the meetings. Ezell would like to include Caisse in the rotation. Caisse will take the lead on getting the Wilton Ambulance contract finalized with the Town of Temple.

Town Meeting Review:

- Approximately 130 people in attendance.
- **Article results: 4** passed by unanimous voice vote
- **Article results: 5** secret ballot 108 yes, 22 no
- **Article results: 6** passed by unanimous voice vote
- **Article results: 7** secret ballot 114 yes, 9 no
- **Article results: 8** secret ballot 128 yes, 5 no
- **Article results: 9** passed by unanimous voice vote
- **Article results: 10** passed by unanimous voice vote
- **Article results: 11** REVISED: To see if the Town of Temple will appoint a task force and make a commitment to 100% renewable energy no later than 2030 for its town buildings and utilities. passed by unanimous voice vote
- Dan Cournoyer led the audio services for the Town Meeting.
Motion made to authorize payment in the amount of \$50 to Cournoyer for his AV services to the town, by Cromwell, seconded by Caisse and all in favor.
- All social service agency expenses budgeted were approved by voters. The BOS authorizes bookkeeper to pay the agencies as they fit best within the payment cycle.

Goal Setting for 2018:

- Building permit application, updates needed. **Cromwell in process.**
- Begin a central calendar of significant dates, related to actions needed by the BOS, i.e tax lien notices, property tax billings, timber cut reports due, etc. **G.Rae to arrange.**
- Records preservation committee progress, **Cromwell to meet with Milford's keeper of records to discuss possible options for Temple.**
- Credit card acceptance for property tax payments? **BOS to follow-up with Tax Collector.**
- Ambulance agreement, **Caisse will follow-up and complete.**
- Welfare guidelines for 2018, meeting with Iffy Hatt? **G.Rae to request a meeting.**
- Welcome to new residents event, also to help promote Good Roads Day, April 21st.
Tentatively scheduled for Thursday May 17th at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.

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- Job descriptions for Assistant to BOS and the Bookkeeper. **G.Rae to send her copy out for review.**

Most 2017 goals were noted as met, except the property marketing of Town owned properties on Rt. 45. Allowed per Article 10, Town Meeting 1995: *To see if the Town of Temple will vote to authorize the Selectmen of the Town of Temple to convey property acquired by tax deed either at public auction or sealed bid or otherwise as justice may require. This authority shall remain in effect indefinitely until rescinded.*

Postage Meter Policy: The Town holds a credit account with Pitney Bowes for postage refills. Tax Collector will verify with the bookkeeper that there is enough funds to refill the meter and will record on a postage report how much was added to the meter, as needed.

Holiday Lighting Study Committee:

- Verbally proposed members: Connie Kieley, Matt Cabana, Mary Scholl, Peter VonSneider, Rob Wills

Motion made to appoint the residents listed above to the Holiday Lighting Study Committee subject to the proposed members submitting, in writing, their interest in joining the committee, by Cromwell, seconded by Caisse and all in favor.

Town of Temple, task force for 100% renewable energy:

- Proposed members: Bev Edwards, Laura Lynch, Deb Deisio, Nancy Stolz, Rob Wills

Motion made to appoint the residents listed above to the 100% Renewable Energy Task Force subject to the proposed members submitting, in writing, their interest in joining the committee, by Cromwell, seconded by Ezell and all in favor.

Con Com, reappointment: Honey Hastings emailed the BOS with her interest in continuing her appointment (which expires this year) to the Conservation Commission.

Motion made to reappoint Honey Hastings to ConCom contingent upon recommendation by the committee chair, by Cromwell, seconded by Caisse and all in favor.

Fire Department Insurance questions:

- Workman Comp. coverage concerns for both the volunteer fire fighters and the fire auxiliary group. Have many questions concerning coverage within the Primex policy.
- G.Rae to follow-up with the Town's Primex member services representative and confirm a meeting between the risk management coordinator and fire department representatives for further discussion.

Electricity supplier proposal: Standard Power, previous savings approximately .3 per kWh, will now be closer to a .1 savings.

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Motioned for the Town of Temple to continue in the Standard Power cooperative and continue negotiating power supply rates with new contracts to be signed in November 2018, by Ezell, seconded by Cromwell, all in favor.

BOS letter to Raymond Desrosiers: Cromwell to draft a letter for circulation and review by Ezell and Caisse to send concerning the need for Mr. Desrosiers to submit a ZBA variance request for his out building at his property at 380 Fish Rd.

Current Use Recreation Discount: Property owners who receive an additional 20% current use credit for recreation specific credit, must not post their land. There are currently 10 property owners who taken the recreation credit. Ezell will draft a letter to explain the recreation credit requirement concerning the posting of land and send to the property owners. It is only meant as a reminder letter, not an enforcement letter.

- Please note that tree stands on private property under recreational use must have identifying information on them. The land owner can ask that anyone wanting to put a tree stand on their property, get permission PRIOR to erecting the stand. These matters may or may not be under NH Fish and Game enforcement.

SB 438: NHMA Legislative Bulletin News

*Quick Hearing on Town Meeting Postponement Bill SB 438, the bill that delegates town meeting postponement authority to the Secretary of State and wreaks havoc with the town meeting statutes, is already scheduled for a hearing before the **House Election Law Committee**. The bill will be heard on **Thursday, March 29th at 1:15 p.m. in LOB Rooms 305-307 (Concord)**. This hearing comes on the heels of yet another town meeting voting day when moderators and other local officials faced double the snow levels predicted, challenging travel conditions, and voters who asked why the voting was not postponed. Although the law clearly gives the moderator authority to postpone, a memorandum stating the opposite, signed by the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, was sent to election officials a few days before town meeting day, leaving moderators feeling that they had no options—no ability to postpone, no ability to delay the opening of polls, no authority to hand out absentee ballots because of the snow storm. We urge you to attend the hearing and tell the committee what you heard at the polls and what you think should be done. Please attend the hearing even if you do not wish to testify, as you can register your position by signing on the “blue sheet.” SB 438 has been thoroughly reported in prior Bulletins, particularly #9 and #10, but if you need additional information, please contact the government affairs staff.*

Motioned for the Selectboard to authorize Selectman Cromwell to attend this hearing in Concord and express the Town of Temple Board of Selectmen’s sentiment that the Town Moderator should have the power to postpone Town elections, by Ezell, seconded by Caisse, all in favor.

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Occupancy Permit: 2016 building permit for Howard Shafman presented for Occupancy permit approval at 23 Hadley Highway. This will be a 3 unit building and is subject to a ZBA requirement documented in 7.24.2014 minutes. It is acknowledged that Mr. Shafman knows that the Driveway permit regulations cannot be met until weather improves, so he is willing to do a \$2,000 bond for the driveway apron to be completed at a later date. BOS will continue to process the request during regular business hours.

Demo Permit: Julia McAdoo has submitted a Demo permit application for a main dwelling at 251 Cutter Rd. Peter Caswell has requested that all asbestos abatement documentation be fulfilled before he will sign off and approve for demo.

Enforcement Issues:

- 32 West Road, Letter is promised by Attorney Drescher for the BOS on Monday or Tuesday of next week.
- 69 Kullgren Road, still scheduled for April 6th auction. In pre-foreclosure stage and listed at \$144,000.00 currently.
- 19 Wilson Road, follow-up with Chuck Willard for status of the property.

Public Comments:

- Before a submission for reimbursement of a replacement door handle for the Town Hall bathroom door, Connie Kieley stated that the TTHAC felt disrespected for the treatment by e-mail concerning their actions in acquiring a new door handle and lock for the Town Hall's ADA compliant bathroom. She would like it acknowledged that the TTHAC members are all volunteers and give much to the Town without recognition and do not appreciate the recent words used by a select member.
- Ken Caisse acknowledged that Connie's complaint is concerning an e-mail interaction he made to the group.
- G. Rae wanted the public group to understand that all e-mail communications to the BOS are considered public information and that the original request for action to the bathroom handle maintenance was to G. Rae by a third party.

Motioned for the Selectboard to express their sincere appreciation of the efforts made by the TTHAC members to assist the Town in having a beautiful and functional Town Hall building, by Cromwell, seconded by Ezell, all in favor.

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Vouchers: Signed

Meeting Minutes:

- March 6th meeting, motioned for acceptance by Caisse, seconded by Cromwell, all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:57pm, motioned by Cromwell.

Next Meeting: Tuesday **April 10th 6:30pm** Town Hall Annex.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Gretchen Rae, Assistant to the Select Board.