

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Monday March 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, Christine Robidoux, Dana Nowell, Tim Fiske, George Clark, Ivy Bibler, John Kieley & Bill McDonnell

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:** None

**Old Business:**

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *Ezell stated the mediation hearing is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> and it is not a public meeting. Ivy Bibler asked what the town was mediating for and noted that there are still violations taking place on the property. Ezell explained that the mediation hearing is required by the courts and usually the parties do not agree. Ezell further stated they are violating a number of laws and they expect the case will go to trial and they expect to win and implement a cease and desist and have them pay for the clean-up.*
- **Safety Committee Update:** *A meeting date was selected for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 via zoom.*
- **Old Fire Truck – Tim Fiske:** *Fiske asked the select board for permission to sell the old fire truck. He added that he has found a place in Alabama that deals with selling used fire trucks all over the country. Fiske noted the company estimated selling the truck for something in the teens but Fiske hoped to get 20-25K for it. Caisse added that he spoke with the fire chief about it and was told that they must note on the sale documents that the pump will not pass NFPA standards. Fiske noted he will look for a few more places and let the select board know if he gets any quotes before he acts on the sale. Caisse made a motion to allow Fiske to try and sell the old fire truck. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Update on COVID19 initiatives:** *New Emergency Management Director Bill McDonnell reported good news on the vaccination front. He noted that the state ran a clinic in Loudon over the weekend and 12,000 people were vaccinated with the Johnson & Johnson 1 shot vaccine. McDonnell noted that the next phase will be opening soon and the state is ahead of schedule.*

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**New Business:**

- **Plaque Location – Joe Cournoyer:** *Ezell stated that Dick Benotti suggested a plaque be placed at the town ballfield in memory of Joe. Caisse noted the ballfield is named Memorial ballfield and wondered if they should just rename it. Willard objected to that stating that creating the ballfield was spear headed by Ralph Wheeler years ago and therefore he feels it should remain as Memorial field. Willard had no problem with placing a plaque at the ballfield. Ezell motioned to allow the placement of a plaque at the ballfield to commemorate Joe Cournoyer. Caisse seconded the motion, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Temple Fire Department:** *George Clark stated he would like to rename the Temple volunteer fire department to the Temple volunteer fire and rescue. Once he has permission, he will contact the right people to make the change official. Willard motioned to accept Clark's recommendation to rename the Temple volunteer fire department to the Temple volunteer fire and rescue. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Clark also noted that in addition to the pump, the old fire truck cab does not meet any current standards and they need to make that known as well when they sell it. Ezell also noted that the Fire Department has requested their own town email account which Ezell has set up for \$6 a month. Clark indicated he is more than willing to pay for this out of the Fire Department funds. Options were discussed on how to handle the payment with Ezell stating he will figure it out and get back to Clark.*
- **Isabella Martin: Building Permit Application:** *Caisse and Ezell stated that the select board needs to send Boo Martin to the ZBA according to the planning and zoning boards and our town attorney. Kieley commented the ZBA has not been copied on a lot of the materials and they have not yet discussed this case. Kieley added that his opinion is that this is a complicated situation and he believes the applicant has spent a year on this and wants to do it the right way. There is potentially a need for multiple applications for special exception and he noted maybe they can combine the applications. Kieley added that this is a ZBA issue right now but will become a planning and select board issue later. Kieley added that based on a letter he saw from counsel, whether or not Martin can continue to conduct a commercial business before the committees do their thing, is up to the select board. Ezell agreed and stated that under state law, they can use selective enforcement to not enforce, but they have to be justified and talk to the town's insurance company to make sure there is no town liability, and they need to see active and sincere efforts by the applicant to come into conformance. Kieley recommended the select board hold on to the building permit application for now and noted that the next step is to talk about procedures and be sensitive and have conversations with the neighbors. Ezell motioned to hold the Martin building permit application in abeyance until the ZBA and planning boards have weighed in. Caisse seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Authorize Christine Robidoux to use the town Zoom login for managing her meetings:** *Caisse made a motion to allow Christine Robidoux to use the zoom login account to manage her meetings. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*

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*Robidoux provided an update on the broadband initiative stating that they had some proposed dates to hold meetings and wanted to confirm them with the board. Robidoux added that they also will be sending out a mailing in early April, to residents on the dates for the hearings and forums, and to provide more information about the warrant article for broadband. Caisse made a motion for the broadband committee to spend up to \$250 on that broadband mailing. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Robidoux also mentioned that the bond attorney reminded her that we need to post in two locations 14 days in advance, the notice for town meeting and the warrant, and that we must provide proof of that to the bond attorney.*

*Bond counsel also asked that the select board redo the original motion to postpone the business meeting until June added Robidoux. Ezell made a motion to vote to confirm the postponement of the business session traditional town meeting under RSA 652:16a, to June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Willard seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Robidoux also stated that they are trying to get a head start and will be sending the board a sample contract from Consolidated Communications.*

*Connie Kieley asked when can we expect to get the town report. Caisse noted they were working on it but we do have more time, there is no immediate rush. Caisse added that the law states we only need to post the budget and warrant and have them available. Caisse and Ezell noted that copies are available at the town office, at the town hall on voting day, and are posted on the town website.*

- **Quickbooks Payroll Software update:** *The board was notified that the software needs a mandatory update. The board discussed the options and decided to maintain the desktop version. Ezell motioned to vote that they authorize the expenditure of funds to purchase the quickbooks desktop pro plus 2021. Willard seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Approve Meeting Minutes February 23, 2021:** *– After discussion and corrections, Willard motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Ezell seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*

**Other Business: NONE**

**Committee updates: NONE**

- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:21 PM. Motion by Ezell, second by Willard, roll call vote Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse yes.

**Next Select Board Meeting:** Tuesday March 23, 2021 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

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