

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday March 9, 2022

Town Hall

6:00 PM

Select Board members present: George Willard, Bill Ezell, and Ken Caisse

Other Attendees: Keith Charlton, Christine Robidoux, Connie Kieley, John Kieley, Will Wildes, Mark Paluilis, Mary Beth Ayvazian, Wendy Drouin and Murry Collette.

Meeting called to order by Ezell at 6:00 PM.

Chairman Comment:

- *Ezell stated that the first part of this meeting was a joint meeting with the CAC committee to further review the A/V proposals, and then they will move to a regular select board meeting afterwards.*

Review A/P proposals

- *Robidoux and the select board discussed and compared the different packages, prices, and payment options. Ultimately it was decided to go with the “Best” option from East West Associates. This package includes a complete PA audio system for the Main Hall space, Main Hall Video Broadcast Package, Main Hall Presentation Package, and the Annex Conference Room will be equipped with a complete Ultra HD conferencing system. The quoted price for this “Best” option is \$64,000 and everyone agreed to use the ARPA funding which will have no tax impact. Caisse made a motion to go with the “Best” option from East West Associates and to use ARPA funds to pay for it. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Robidoux reminded that we need to get approval from LCHIP and she will provide the spec sheets to them for approval.*

Open the Annex room

- *Ezell made a motion to re-open the town hall Annex room for use. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*

Public Comment:

- *Caisse read a statement regarding the disruption at candidate’s night caused by Gail Cromwell. A copy of his statement is at the end of these minutes.*

Other Business:

- **TVFD SCBA Compressor – Will Wildes:** *Wildes provided a second estimate for a replacement compressor system noting that this company is offering more options and is charging less, \$38,200 compared to the first quote of \$43,200. Caisse confirmed this option is the better of the two and stated we need to decide sooner rather than later. Ezell noted this has been discussed with the BAC and noted that options to pay for this are as follows; amend the budget at town meeting which will have a tax impact, use the money from the town lots we recently sold, or use money from the APRA funding. Ezell*

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asked the audience for their input on using the ARPA money to pay for this and noted some other possible items we may want to use those funds for including playground updates and town septic. The audience unanimously agreed to use the ARPA funds, therefore, Caisse motioned to accept the second quote from Firematic and use the ARPA money to pay for it. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

- **Review & Sign Retail Dealer License request response letter – Wheeland's Auto:** *Caisse updated the audience that Steve Andersen has applied for an automobile dealer license which was not a use approved in the original zoning special exception. Andersen will need to apply for an additional special exception from the ZBA. A letter notifying Andersen of this was reviewed and signed by the select board.*
- **Review Repair License application – Mark Paluilis:** *The board discussed if and how this request could be approved. After input from former ZBA chair John Kieley, it was determined that Paluilis can apply for home business #3 as defined in the Temple Zoning Ordinance. Screening and other requirements were discussed. Ezell said he will research more and provide an update at the next meeting.*
- **Generators – Ken Caisse:** *Caisse stated that they have removed the generators from the storage unit and moved them to the fire station. Caisse added they are in the way and we need to figure out what to do with them. It was decided to try and sell them for \$100 each. John Kieley noted that these units were paid for with FEMA funds so we should make sure there is no issue with selling them. Ezell made a motion to post the units for sale for \$100 as long as it is ok to do so. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Caisse was designated to sell the units by vote of the board.*
- **Porta Potty Request – Ballfield – Linda Bollinger:** *Caisse made a motion to place the porta potty at the ballfield before Good Road Days in April. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Review and approve Electricity contracts from Standard Power:** *Due to time constraints, the board agreed to discuss this at the next board meeting.*
- **Approve Yield tax and Warrant – Lockwood – Perkins Rd.** *The board reviewed and approved the tax bill and warrant.*
- **Approve Veteran's tax credit application – Plourde:** *The board reviewed the application and Avitar recommendation. Caisse made a motion to approve the Veteran's credit application for Mr. Plourde. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*

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- **Review Abatement application – Castilla – Woodcock Run:** *The board reviewed the application and Avitar recommendation. Ezell made a motion to deny the abatement application from Mr. Castilla. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes February 22, 2022 -** *Caisse motioned to accept the minutes from February 22nd, 2022 as amended. Willard seconded, all in favor, motion passed.*

Other Business: -

- **Marsh Case Discussion:** *Several abutters of the Marsh property were in the audience. Ezell updated that this case has been going on for 6 years and we have used 4 different attorneys trying to resolve the case. Ezell noted the town has gone through the required mediation and have agreed to a settlement, however, after numerous discussions with abutters prior to this meeting and during this meeting and hearing all their concerns, (water testing requirements being too lax, no bonding to provide for cleanup should contamination be found, the current hydrological study being superficial, etc.). Ezell stated it is evident that the current mediation agreement is not in the best interest of the town and they also believe the board was given bad information by legal counsel. Therefore, Ezell moved to suspend and reconsider the board's prior vote to approve the proposed settlement. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Ezell added that the board will continue to work with the abutters on drafting a more comprehensive document that protects the people and the town. Caisse made a plan for the abutters to meet and let the board know their list of concerns in the very near future.*
- **Committee Updates:** - *None*
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:05 PM. *Motion by Ezell, second by Willard, all were in favor, motion passed.*

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday March 22, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the town Hall. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais

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As a witness to the events at candidate's night, while a candidate, Wendy Drouin was telling about her qualifications and experience, Gail Cromwell waited until she was answering questions to jump up with a picture of one of the town's fire trucks and two firefighters dressed in their class A uniforms out in front of a restaurant, then owned by Wendy and family.

Gail Cromwell accused her of advertising her business with the town owed equipment on her personal face book page. Then told everyone that Wendy used town equipment unlawfully to promote her business without authorization from the town.

I want to set the record straight.

The said town equipment and two uniformed fire fighters were there on official town business and had the Fire Chiefs permission for the truck to go there to pick up food donated by Wendy Drouin and family, to the funeral service of a real American hero, Corporal Brandon Garabrant, USMC stationed in Iraq, who was also a member of the Temple Fire Dept. after he made the ultimate sacrifice for all of us and our country.

The Fire Truck and the fire fighters were indeed on duty and doing what they were assigned to do. Bringing food that was donated by Wendy and family to the CONVAL High School for the weeklong services. This truck and many others also at different times went to the services over that week. Everyone in this area stepped up to help out with food to feed the family and his USMC guard while they were honoring our hero. Corporal Brandon Garabrant who gave the Ultimate Sacrifice for each and every one of us. Our trucks also gave him his last ride in the fire truck to his final resting place. All the communities from all over NH came together to honor this American hero.

Gail Cromwell attacked Wendy Drouin with her allegations and accusations that Wendy and her family did something wrong when the facts of the matter was that

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Wendy and her family were doing what they could for a fallen soldier and their community and home town Fire Dept. Just like hundreds of us more like thousands of us were all coming together to help out in a very sad situation.

This could have all been avoided with one call to the Fire Chief, to get the story of what was going on in this picture, but Gail Cromwell as she always seem to do, makes up false allegations and story line to fit her toxic agenda, as she does not personally like Wendy Drouin or anyone else in the office at that time and ultimately was the cause of all the resignations back then when she made it impossible for any of them to do their jobs and treated everyone as lower that herself.

I can't believe that someone with Gail Cromwell's education and a PHD also would jump to any conclusions unless knowing the facts that surrounded this picture. There were hundreds of them all over the internet but Gail chose the one picture on Wendy's page to attack her and her family with not a drop of truth or fact to what Gail accused her of while she was campaigning for the position of town clerk.

I hope that Gail Cromwell will do the right thing and publicly apologize to Wendy Drouin and her family for how out of line she was and how inappropriate at that time with no proof whatsoever to make those kinds of accusation.

I also hope she will do the right thing and resign from any and all boards she currently holds as she shouldn't hold any office at all, the way she accuses people of things with no fact checking or care what so ever. As well as any elected positions she may holds. Gail is toxic and needs to go at this time for her direct assault on Wendy Drouin for her unfounded lies and miss truths.

If she does not leave, I will make a motion that the Select Board do everything in its power to remove her from any town committees and or offices she holds, as she is not anyone the town needs to have on any board. She is toxic and continues to get worse and worse as time goes on.

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Ken Caisse