

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday May 25, 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, Mary Beth Ayvazian, Christine 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: *Bill Ezell apologized for losing his temper at the last meeting and wanted to apologize to John and Connie Kieley. Ezell also noted he made a mistake regarding the appointment for trustee of the trust fund last week and they will correct this tonight.*

Christine Robidoux mentioned that they received new broadband information today and the committee members will need to get together to discuss. She noted they will be digesting the new information and talking to the attorney and they will come back to the select board with recommendations. Robidoux noted a tight timeline and wanted the select board to be ready to react.

Old Business:

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *Ezell reported no new update and that the select board will be going into non-public session tonight to discuss the matter. Ezell hopes to have some progress to report at the next meeting.*
- **Update on COVID19 initiatives:** *Bill McDonnell reported that the weekly guidance meetings have been changed to bi-weekly meetings with the next meeting scheduled for June 9th. Therefore, there will be no June 1st update as previously expected. McDonnell reported that there are currently only 400 active COVID cases in New Hampshire.*
- **Finalize Town Meeting Notice for posting. Assign warrant article speakers:** *The notice was approved and will be posted this week as required. Caisse will provide a sawhorse to place the notice on. The select board reviewed each warrant article and determined who will speak to each one.*
- **Town building reopening plans:** *No new update, to be discussed at the next meeting.*
- **Appointment Policy follow up:** *Hastings noted she was asked by Caisse to poll committee chairs about the proposed Appointment Procedure. Hastings reported that all chairs who responded said that the 2-step process of committee nomination and select board review/appointment would work for their committees and they would like the select board to adopt the procedure. There was additional*

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discussion and some changes were recommended by the select board. Most notably was changing the word "shall" to "may". Willard commented he feels the word shall takes away the select boards authority. Ezell added that the word shall is ok and does not bind them to do anything. Hastings and Robidoux will go back and make some edits and present an update at the next select board meeting.

New Business:

- **Trustees of the Trust Fund:** *Ezell noted that the select board should have appointed William Letendre as trustee of the trust fund not Phil Lauriet who is already a member. Caisse motioned to appoint William Letendre to a 2 year term as Trustee of the Trust Funds. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Con Com Appointment renewal:** *Ezell motioned to reappoint Adie Krulis as an alternate member of the conservation committee. Caisse seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Building Permit Application – Sherry Fiske:** *Caisse noted this is for a 3-sided horse shelter and moved to approve the application. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Yield Tax Levy – Randy Martin:** *The board members each approved the yield tax levy earlier. Ezell noted there is no vote on this only a signature approval.*
- **Approve Meeting Minutes May 19, 2021:** *– Willard motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Ezell seconded. Roll call vote Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes.*

Other Business:

- **Stepping Stones Event:** *Ezell stated they need to figure out what to do as Boo Martin has violated the terms of their agreement. He noted there was no fire watch, the noise ordinance was violated and they have received complaints about the event held on May 20th and they need to figure out what to do next. Caisse commented they should ask Boo Martin what happened and to put her on the next agenda to discuss. The select board also discussed sending her a warning letter. Caisse noted they will be discussing this with town council.*

Committee updates:

None

Non Public Session: *Ezell motioned to move into a non-public session at 7:40 PM to discuss legal issues. Willard seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor. The board returned to public session at 7:55*

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Other Business:

Mary Beth Ayvazian asked the select board what their timeline is for the Marsh case. Caisse replied he would like to be able to tell her when it will end but it is in the hands of the court. Ezell added they will be discussing this with council again soon and noted he has asked council if there is anything we can do to stop them from adding more items to the property and were told no. Ayvazian commented maybe we need a more aggressive lawyer. Connie Kieley also expressed frustration with the constant stall tactics and delays. Caisse stated he wants to move forward on their own timeline, not the Marsh's. Ezell added they will be telling council they want to be able to take immediate action.

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 8, 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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