

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday November 14, 2023

Town Hall

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Gail Cromwell, Keith Charlton, Connie Kieley, Ben & Emily Fisk, Kent Perry, Gary Scholl, Christine Robidoux, Mike Madden & Julie McAdoo.

Meeting called to order by Ezell at 6:30 PM.

Chairman Comments: *Heading into non-public with the Road Agent.*

Public Comment: *None*

Old Business:

1. **Code Enforcement Officer, Parking/Zoning Fee structure update** – *No update*
2. **Alarm system balance ARPA** – *Caisse moved to approve using \$4386 from the ARPA fund to cover the remainder of the Alarm system installation. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
3. **Investment Policy update** – *No Update*
4. **Radar Signs** - *No Update*
5. **Town Hall draft policies & painting quote updates** – *Ezell noted the policy makes sense and moved to accept the town hall draft policy. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Ezell also mentioned the updated quote amount on the Town Hall painting. Kieley asked if a notice of the new policy could be put on the website. Ezell noted he will take care of that.*

New Business:

- **School House Meadow Triangle survey:** *Madden updated the board with the conservation draft survey noting they are working with the Monadnock conservancy and have had discussions with the historical society. Madden noted the next step is to lock this down and get the documents finalized. Public hearings will follow.*
- **Community Power:** *The board signed the paperwork and discussed the upcoming hearings which will be on November 30th and December 6th.*
- **250 Anniversary Committee:** *McAdoo informed the board they received 3 applications and they have voted to approve all 3. \$400 to the Mansfield Library, \$300 to the Temple Elementary School and \$300 to the Town Holiday Lighting Committee for a total of \$1000.00. Ezell moved to accept the 250th anniversary fund committee's recommendation for payment of \$1000.00 for the usages described by McAdoo. Willard seconded the motion, all approved, motion passed.*

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- **GIS Mapping conversion:** Charlton updated the board with their progress on updating to a GIS (Graphical information system), which allows the collection of data to be mapped more accurately against a person's property. Charlton noted there are many errors with the current mapping system and this will save a lot of time not having to do manual searching. Charlton added they have researched 2 companies so far and are looking for one more. Charlton noted the cost for the entire system could be up to 60K but can be done in phases. Charlton noted the next steps are to get more accurate figures and get some presentations in place to educate people. Ezell noted the benefits are great to make this update. Many boundaries are wrong now, the maps are a mess, so updating to a new GIS system would make things much easier and accurate. Ezell noted the BAC has reviewed this and they have discussed the need to move forward. Robidoux noted she had a list of other companies to review for the 3rd quote.
- **Conditional occupancy permit Ben's Sugar shack:** Ezell noted Ben's Sugar Shack would like a conditional occupancy permit to open the store only. Caisse noted he is recusing himself however all permits have been signed and the Fire Chief was there today and should be signing off as well. Fisk noted this is for the store only in order to generate some income now. Ezell moved to approve a conditional OC permit for the store portion only, and that all approvals and inspections must be received and the rest of the project be completed as required. Willard seconded the motion, Caisse abstained.
- **Approve Tax rate:** Ezell noted the BAC has recommended using \$40,000 of the general surplus to lower the tax rate and keep it level with last year. Caisse moved to use 40K from the unassigned fund balance to reduce the rate and set the tax rate at 24.79. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. The board also thanked members of the BAC and CIP for their help.
- **Building permit application - Jeta Grove:** Caisse noted this is going to be a dormitory type building. Ezell added they met all the requirements. Ezell moved to approve the building application pending approval of the square footage. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.
- **Building permit application – Wildes:** The board reviewed and Ezell and Willard approved the application for the shed after determining it was 360 SF not 3515. Caisse abstained.
- **Occupancy permit – Cromwell:** The board approved the permit.
- **Sign preliminary DRA assessment on sales ratio:** The board signed the assessment document.
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes October 24, 2023:** Caisse moved to approve the select board minutes from October 24, 2023 as amended. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Other Business: None

Committee Updates: None

Non-Public Session : Kent Perry - Highway

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Meeting Adjourned: *Motion to adjourn by Willard, second by Caisse, Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM*

Next Select Board Meeting: *The next select board meeting will be held on **Tuesday November 28th** at the Town Hall main room at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais*