

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday November 9, 2021

Town Hall

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Connie Kieley, Christine Robidoux, Bill McDonnel, Keith Charlton, Amy & Matt Cabana, Honey Hastings, Tim Fiske, Vivian Wills, James Stein, Ben Fisk, Emily Sliviak, Sandra Benotti, and Kent Perry.

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

Public Comment:

- *Vivian Wills commented that CCI has not been communicating or updating home owners throughout the fiber optic installation process. Caisse noted that the broadband committee chair is away this week and will hopefully provide an update upon her return. Caisse also encouraged pre registering on the website.*
- *Honey Hastings provided an update on the recent book sale and vaccination clinic noting that over \$500 was raised at the book sale which will be split between the two organizations. Hastings also noted there were many books left and a lot of them ultimately will end up in a dumpster. Hastings noted that 51 people came to the clinic for COVID vaccinations of which 3 were first timers. Hastings also asked when the brush will be picked up from the CCI tree cutting. Perry commented that the workers were temporarily pulled away to work in Mass after the recent storm and will be back to clean up the brush.*

Old Business:

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *No new update.*
- **Dark Sky Complaint Update:** *No new update.*
- **Community Advisory Update:** *Robidoux reported that she has some resource names and is on top of the AV equipment research. Robidoux also mentioned the status of the municipal bond application. Ezell added that the Federal infrastructure bill passed in which money is designated for broadband, however, they were going ahead with bonding the remaining 50% noting we are not locked in. Robidoux added the process will take some time and they are not optimistic the funding will be available in time.*
- **Parking follow up:** *Ezell provided a summary of the parking issues around town including parking on the edge of the common, complaints about damage to trees and grass, fire lane obstruction, etc. Ezell asked Perry about possibly moving the sand pile back further. Perry said that is not doable. Amy Cabana addressed concerns communicated to her via email from Ezell. Cabana noted that she has not seen any damage to the trees and grass but other contributing factors besides parking could be plowing, sand and salt. Cabana offered to rake and seed any grass that is disturbed by Birchwood parking. Not having appropriate signage and markings around the church indicating fire lanes was also discussed along with*

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poor lighting and lack of walking paths. Ezell noted that the list of problems are not a result from Birchwood Inn parking alone. There is the Temple band, Meetings, Town events, and the Church which are all contributors. Perry made a suggestion to make Firehouse lane a one way street and add parking to one side. Everyone thought that was a great idea. Ezell also noted that the Police chief said we could adopt a parking ordinance that way tickets/warnings can be written. Robidoux mentioned the Charrette team can research and make suggestions when they come next year as well. For the next Select board meeting, Perry will create a drawing of the Firehouse lane one-way change and parking option, and he will work on the necessary signage.

- **Code Enforcement Officer & List & amounts of fines:** Ezell noted they are working on this, still trying to find someone.
- **Background checks:** Caisse noted that the checks should only be for those that work directly with children. Lockwood stated that the Library already does a background check. Caisse noted that there are different kinds of background checks and that they should all come from the Town and the results put in the employee folders. Ezell noted the cost will be paid for by the town. Wills agreed this is a great idea and asked if volunteers would be required as well. It was decided that as long as the volunteer is supervised by a committee member who has been checked, they won't need one. The select board will work on a policy for the next meeting. Hastings suggested the select board do a site visit as well.
- **Find a new Audit Firm:** Ezell reported his first choice firm is quoting higher than we currently pay noting this is probably the going rate. Caisse added we should obtain at least one more quote. Ezell will work on that for the next meeting.
- **National Flood Insurance Program:** Ezell noted we cannot qualify for this free program until we make a zoning change adding that the planning board has tabled this twice and are divided. Ezell added that people need to understand and vote on a warrant article also noting this needs to be decided soon since there needs to be a hearing first. Willard commented he believed the planning board was in agreement to go forward but it has not been voted on yet. Robidoux added that this topic is on next week's planning board meeting agenda. Caisse added that he spoke with Bruce Kullgren and the message from him was different, therefore, they should schedule a joint meeting to get more information. Ezell hoped that the planning board will decide to move forward next week before any joint meeting is scheduled. It was also noted that the Fed's have been working on new flood maps for many years which is one of the issues.

New Business:

- **Sale of Fire Truck:** Tim Fiske reported that the old fire truck has been sold for \$10,000 with a \$1,000 fee to be paid to the advertiser. Ezell added he spoke with the BAC and they will figure out the bookkeeping entries.
- **Town Owned Property:** Fiske noted the lot on Old Peterborough Rd. can be put on the market, no surveying is needed. Other lots do need surveying which Fiske is working on. Ezell noted the purchase and sale has been signed for lot map 2 75-3 and the closing date is being work on.

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- **Annex room use:** *Ezell clarified that the Annex room is closed for committee meetings until further notice and that other uses may be allowed with prior select board approval. Willard moved to allow use of the Annex room with prior select board approval first. Ezell seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes October 26, 2021:** *Caisse moved to accept the select board meeting minutes of October 26th as amended. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Other Business:** *- Ben Fisk asked if there has been any progress on the case against Ben's pure maple products. Ezell noted that the ZBA is out of it now and he will follow up with legal.*
- **Committee Updates:** *-Willard updated that the SAC committee met on October 28th with only 4 or 5 select board members present and noted the Conval superintendent was also out on vacation. Willard noted several updates as follows: The workshop meeting will be starting on November 1st, there are 6 new policies to be updated as required by the state, the school population continues to grow, they are continuing to refine their capital improvement plan and the next meeting will be on November 18th and all selectmen are welcome to attend.*
- **Meeting Adjourned:** *7:50 PM. Motion by Caisse, second by Willard, all were in favor, motion passed.*

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday November 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the town Hall. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais

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