

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday October 10, 2023

Town Hall

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Gail Cromwell, Jim & Pam Kingston, Sandra Benotti, Bruce Kullgren, Connie & John Kieley, Amy & Matt Cabana, Robert Wills & Mike Madden.

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

Chairman Comments: *Ezell noted he received a call and was asked how the public can comment on something. Ezell noted that if the topic is not on the agenda, then they can speak at the public comment time. If the topic is on the agenda, then they will be allowed to speak when the item comes up.*

Ezell also mentioned phone calls he has received recently from people wanting him to do something immediately. Ezell noted that is a violation of the Right to know laws. Decisions must be done in a public meeting, no single selectman can make decisions.

Public Comment: *Cromwell noted she was disappointed with the new designated parking area on the town common. The area is too large, people are parking on Firehouse lane, and cars are still parking on the grass. Cromwell mentioned a previous plan with the Village green and the road agent, that the SB board approved. She believes this was a good plan but somehow the plan was changed. People would be able to see the posts and chains and it was a smaller area noted Cromwell. She feels the way it is now is not only ugly and more expensive than the original plan, it is hazardous. Connie Kieley added that she agrees with Gail noting the corner does not have a 90' angle. It leads right into the road and is dangerous. Ezell replied the original parking plan with the post and fence was discussed but it was not a good solution. Ezell noted the new granite curbing is standard curbing and he thinks looks nice. He does agree that neither option is going to solve the parking problem. People keep parking where they are not supposed to park and what do we do about that. Ezell noted maybe putting up no parking signs and fine those that do not comply adding he will look into that further.*

Old Business:

1. **Code Enforcement Officer, Parking/Zoning Fee structure update** – *No update*
2. **Background check & Policy update** – *No update*
3. **Update on Alarm system vendors** – *No Update*
4. **Investment Policy update** – *No Update*
5. **Benotti Plaque** – *Benotti asked the select board to remove this item from the next agenda.*
6. **Community power coalition update** – *Wills mentioned that at the last meeting a checklist was discussed and the first item was to review the documents with legal. The board noted the documents will be sent to legal and reviewed this week. Wills also noted that they have heard there is a very good chance that we can get funding that covers power to all the town buildings. RFP's have gone out and they are working on this. Wills added it is important for the Renewable energy task force to start working with the BAC. Ezell*

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agreed they should discuss this with Gary Scholl adding that if a warrant article is needed, they should start working on that sooner rather than later.

7. **Radar Signs** – *Ezell noted that the CAC is looking into traffic issues. SWRP will do a traffic study that is partially covered by a grant. The CAC wants to know if we would like to do the traffic study noting it would be useful for future planning. Ezell noted we need to review and sign the 2 letters from the CAC for the MAST grant by the next meeting in order to proceed.*

New Business:

- **Historical Society - Little Red Schoolhouse**– *Kullgren discussed the schoolhouse land and the warrant article that was voted on at the last town meeting regarding a conservation easement being placed to protect the area around the building. Kullgren added that a recent survey discovered that the boundaries around the schoolhouse are too tight and restrictive. They feel there should be a bigger buffer around the building and would like the selectboard to respond to this request. Kullgren added that the town well is on the easement property and there needs to be some language that addresses that. Kullgren noted that the article stated that any final decisions be made by the select board following a public hearing. Madden noted they had mapped the area out previously with Honey Hastings. Then the stakes were removed, therefore, the conservation commission redid the staking and hired Russ Huntley surveying. Once the survey is completed and when they have a drawing, they will come back to the selectboard hopefully in November added Madden. After select board review, they will have a public hearing. Ezell noted that the Historical Society and the Conservation Commission should get together and hash this out.*
- **Funding of an “as built” survey of the current Highway garage site - HGSG** – *Jim Kingston noted that the HGSG was commissioned to come up with some study information regarding the highway garage sites and understand the options then bring the entire study to the town at town meeting. Kingston noted that in order to come up with a quality study they need a quality survey done at the existing town highway property. Therefore, they are asking for some funding to conduct the survey. Ezell noted he has a problem with this request since it was clearly stated at the special town meeting that no town funding was to be allocated, and no money was budgeted. Caisse added that they created this committee knowing they had no funds. The only way now to get funds is for them to create a warrant article for town meeting. Willard added that Russ Huntley presented this survey request at the last planning board meeting in which the planning board believed it should be left to the select board. Willard commented that completing a survey should be addressed at some point. Ezell agreed it would be nice to have a survey but no money was allocated. John Kieley said maybe they can create a go fund me page to get the funding. Amy Cabana added that no funding was asked for at the town meeting because of the resistance so they avoided asking plus they knew the rules and not enough registered voters were in attendance. Cabana added that it would behoove the board to see if there was any way for them to find some money to help them. This is the next step for them to proceed. Ezell noted the law is the law. Caisse added we cannot redirect from another line item, are hands are tied.*
- **Welfare Agent appointment – Marion Gibson 3 yr. term:** *Caisse stated he spoke with the current welfare agent who interviewed several candidates and noted that Gibson was the only qualified candidate. Caisse*

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therefore moved to appoint Marion Gibson as the new Welfare agent for a 3 yr. term. Willard seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- **Review & Approve Demolition permit application – Guy- Peterborough Rd.:** *Caisse moved to approve the demolition permit. Willard seconded, all were in favor, motion passed*
- **Review & Approve Building permit application (Addition) – Guy – Peterborough Rd.:** *Caisse noted he has been in touch with Hailey Guy and he needs additional drawings. Caisse moved to approve the application pending the drawing. Ezell seconded.*
- **Review & Approve roof mounted Solar permit application – Hecker – East Rd.:** *Caisse moved to approve the roof mounted solar application, Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Review & Approve Notice of Intent to cut – Willard – Rt 45:** *Caisse moved to approve the notice of intent to cut. Ezell seconded the motion, Willard abstained, motion passed.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes September 26, 2023:** *Caisse moved to approve the select board minutes from September 26, 2023 as written. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*

Other Business:

- **Review & Approve Building permit application – Addition – Cromwell** – *Application for a 12X24 lean-to with no electrical or plumbing. Caisse noted there is no drawing of the foundation or materials and we need to know what the walls and roof are made out of. Cromwell stated there is no foundation. Ezell noted we can conditionally approve this and asked Cromwell to discuss with her builder and provide the materials list. Willard made a motion to accept the building permit application for the 12X24 Lean-to. Ezell seconded the motion, Caisse approved pending receipt of the building materials list. Motion passed.*

Committee Updates:

Ezell noted there was a Police meeting and added that he discussed the speeding issues with the police chief who felt that burn outs ramp up when towns start having car shows. Its not the people in the show it is the attendees who like to show off their cars. Willard noted there was some burn out activity during Doug Guys funeral as well. Ezell noted that the chiefs only recommendation was to stop having the car shows which we will bring up if the Recreation dept. asks for cars shows next year. The chief also told Ezell he feels that the radar signs are a waste of time and are not that effective.

Caisse noted that he attended the Conval School reconfiguration meeting at the elementary school and he was disappointed. No introduction from them telling us what they were doing. Willard agreed a little. He thought there would be a presentation by the company. Willard noted the data from all the towns will be collected and a forum will be held. Ezell also noted that his wife attended and was disappointed as well.

Non-Public Session:

Meeting Adjourned: *Motion to adjourn by Caisse, second by Ezell, Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM*

Next Select Board Meeting: *The next select board meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 24th** at the town*

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Hall main room at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais