

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday October 25, 2022

Town Hall

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Connie Kieley, Christine Robidoux, Ben & Emily Fisk, Julie McAdoo and Lilliane Lebel

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

Chairman Comment: *Ezell commented that we will be streaming all Select Board meetings via Zoom, starting with this meeting.*

Public Comment:

** Kieley mentioned the light in front of the town hall is not working. Ezell noted it should be replaced. Kieley also added that some of the windowsills at the town hall need to be replaced due to rot. Kieley noted she has reached out to a couple of vendors for quotes.*

** Kieley mentioned she will take care of the LCHIP reporting this year.*

** Kieley mentioned the select board zoom meetings can be saved to the iCloud and uploaded easily onto YouTube and asked if the select board assistant can do that. Singelais will check this out and work with the webmaster.*

** Lebel mentioned that one of the Charrette recommendations involved closing Firehouse lane and she requested that the select board vote against that. Lebel noted one other recommendation suggested a 20 car parking lot on the common which she felt would destroy the center of town and therefore, she requested the select board vote against that recommendation as well. Ezell updated the audience on the scope of the Charrette and added that no decisions have been made.*

Old Business:

- 1. Marsh litigation update** – *No update*
- 2. Code Enforcement Officer Update** – *No Update*
- 3. Parking/Zoning/Fee structure follow up** – *No update*
- 4. Background checks & policy update** – *No update*
- 5. Flag pole painting update** – *No update*
- 6. Monument cleaning update** – *No update*
- 7. Letter of Agreement – Rec Dept.** – *No update*
- 8. New Flag policy update** – *No update*
- 9. ARPA funds – Town Common Well, Ballfield, fencing, playground estimates etc.** – *No update*

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New Business:

- **CAC Committee update:**

** **Plan NH Charrette** – Robidoux noted they were winding down from the Charrette and asked the select board what they think the CAC committee should be focusing on or revisiting, from the Charrette. Robidoux added that the presentation and the zoom meeting have been posted online. Robidoux mentioned that Charlton will look at other streaming services beside zoom. Caisse asked Robidoux if we were going to get a final written copy of the Charrette recommendations and have a chance to look it over. Robidoux said yes but it will take a couple of months. There will also be community forums to discuss everything with the community before any decisions are made.*

- **Authorize payment of Plan NH invoice for the Charrette:** *Ezell moved to authorize the payment of the Plan NH invoice using the grant money previously received. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **250 Anniversary Fund Award Recommendations:** *McAdoo stated they received 2 fund requests and the committee has recommended that the select board approved both requests. The first is for \$350 to assist the Library with starting a seed library, the second request is for \$114.52 to go to a resident who paid for the food towards lunch for the Charrette presenters, for a total amount of \$464.52. Caisse moved to accept both of the 250th committee's fund request recommendations. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Demolition Permit - Concordia:** *Caisse noted everything was in order with the application and all signatures were received, noting the application is to remove a structure. Ezell motioned to approve the demolition permit application. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Review Legal Letter Re: Ben's Pure Maple Products:** *Ezell updated the audience that they received a letter from Ben Fisk's attorney requesting that Ben receive a refund of 14K for the town's legal fees he was required to pay for his ZBA case. Ezell noted we received some legal advice on whether the application was a legal contract. Ezell was also told we would have to appropriate the funds at town meeting since there is no money in the budget. Willard noted he had messaged legal a second time asking additional questions and has yet to hear back. Ezell concluded we have more to figure out and will continue to work with legal.*
- **Review & Approve Pole License Petition - Eversource:** *Ezell moved to approve the pole license petition from Eversource. Caisse seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Review Primex renewal rates for 2023 & Short & Long term disability quotes:** *Ezell stated they have reviewed the rate renewal notice noting some plan costs were up, and some were down, with a net zero change. Ezell moved to renew the 2023 Primex insurance premiums. Willard seconded, all were in favor, motion passed. Ezell also noted they received a quote for long and short term disability for the full time highway department employees in effort to attract and retain quality workers, which came in at around 2K*

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(for 2 employees), adding that if approved, this would need to be budgeted next year. More discussion will need to be done first at a later date.

- **Review/Approve Certification of Yield & tax levy - Ezell:** *Caisse noted the amount is \$352.83 and he motioned to approve. Willard seconded, Ezell abstained, motion passed.*
- **Review/Approve Solar Permit Application - Higley- Powers Rd.** *The board reviewed the application and Willard moved to approve the solar permit application for Higley contingent upon a better site sketch. Caisse seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes October 11, 2022:** *Ezell moved to approve the minutes from October 22nd as written. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Reschedule Nov 8th Select Board Meeting:** *The board decided to reschedule the next select board meeting to Monday November 7th at 6:00 pm in the Annex room due to the mid-term elections.*

Other Business: -

- **Review & Approve Letter to the Trustees – Road work:** *Ezell moved to approve the letter to the trustees of the trust fund to allocate \$12,300 from the Asphalt and Paving Expendable Fund to the General fund for road sealing. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Review & Approve Certificate of Yield & Tax Warrant – McDonnell:** *Caisse moved to approve the timber tax due of \$166.13 for Bill McDonnell. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed*
- **Approve Building permit application – Shed – Connolly:** *Caisse moved to approve the building permit application for a shed as it meets all setback requirements. Willard seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Election worker substitute pay:** *Caisse noted the board previously approved both Jeanne Whitcomb and Joyce Kullgren to be paid at a rate of \$20 per hour for 17 hours they worked covering for the town clerk and the tax collector at the last elections. It was later discovered that they had worked a few additional hours the prior day and the hours needed to be updated to 18.5 for Jeanne and 19.5 for Joyce.*
- **Fire Dept News:** *Caisse updated that the compressor should be in next week and therefore we should be able to use the grant the fire dept applied for and received, and not use the ARPA funds. Caisse also noted a fire truck went in for annual maintenance at which time some unforeseen issues were discovered. Caisse noted he will have a \$ number at the next meeting for the board, and ask for the funds to come out of our emergency maintenance fund.*
- **Kieley Question:** *Kieley asked if Caisse had looked for any vendors for the alarm system. Caisse stated not yet but he will let everyone know when he does. Caisse also noted he has seen building rot at the town hall in more places then identified by Kieley earlier, adding that anyone who provides a quote should check out the entire building and quote on all of the needed repairs.*

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Committee Updates: -

- None –

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion to adjourn by Ezell second by Caisse. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Next Select Board Meeting: *The next select board meeting will be held on Monday November 7th at the town Hall Annex at 6:00pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais*