

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday October 26, 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, Jessica Hipp, Nicole Concordia and Julie McAdoo.

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

Public Comment: - *Jessica Hipp asked the select board to formally vote for the broadband committee to move forward with an application to bond for the remaining 50% of broadband funding. Ezell moved to approve moving forward with the application to bond for up to \$355,217, which is the remaining 50% of the broadband funding that passed by an affirmative vote at Town Meeting under Warrant Article #2. A motion to approve will allow the CAC Broadband Committee to continue pursuing Bond funding under RSA 33:3-g Broadband infrastructure Bonds. Willard seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed. Ezell also motioned to authorize the treasurer to act on any related broadband bonding items. Caisse seconded, all in favor, motion passed.*

Chairman Comment:

Ezell reported he attended a round table discussion with the NHMA on how to spend the Rescue act funds. Ezell stated that no one is really sure what the money can be used for with many gray areas. Ezell added that the Fed's hopefully will issue rules soon and noted they have extended the first reporting date to April.

Public Comment:

Robidoux reported the results of the community survey that was recently circulated on how to spend these funds. Robidoux noted that of the 47 responses, 81.8% supported the purchase of new and/or upgrade current A/V equipment for remote access to town meetings, 58.5% supported upgrading the Tennis and Basketball courts and the Playground area. Replacing the septic system in the village center was supported by 78.7% but this may not be an eligible use after all. Several people mentioned using the money to do something about the parking issue in town. Moving the sand piles back further to allow for more parking and putting up "no parking" signs were suggested along with using the Skladany land. Ezell noted he is trying to work with the Birchwood inn and noted the board is trying to find a solution. Robidoux added that maybe when we get the Charrette done the scope can be broadened to include these issues. Robidoux also asked the select board if the BAC could do the calculations of lost revenue for the ARAP funding. Ezell moved to ask the BAC and CIP committees to fill out the calculation of lost revenue. Willard seconded, all approved, motioned passed.

Old Business:

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** No new update.
- **Dark Sky Complaint Update:** No new update.

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- **Review warrant article procedures:** *Caisse noted this document does reflect what we have been doing. Ezell made a motion to include the document in our financial procedures. Caisse seconded, all approved, motioned passed.*
- **Parking:** *This topic was discussed under public comment.*
- **Code Enforcement Officer & List & amounts of fines:** *Ezell noted they are working on this, still trying to find someone.*
- **Background checks:** *Ezell reported that he was advised it would not be a good idea to implement background checks on all employees and committee members. Only those directly involved with children should be required. Ezell will discuss with the Library and work on making a policy.*

New Business:

- **250th Anniversary fund award recommendations:** *McAdoo noted the 250th Anniversary committee met and reviewed 3 grant proposals they received for this year's recommendations noting there were none received the previous year. The three recommended grants are \$575 to the Library for a bulletin board, (only \$250 needed), \$1500 to the Elementary School for snow shoes, and \$1000 to the Conservation committee for a Kiosk at the white ledges. Total amount of \$2750. Ezell made a motion to accept the recommendation from the 250th Anniversary committee to allocate \$2750 as stated. Willard seconded, all in favor, motion passed. McAdoo also asked for a \$57 reimbursement from the select boards advertising budget for a poster she made. Ezell said to send the request to the select board assistant. Caisse noted that if the committee wanted, we can include their messages with our annual postcard that is mailed to everyone.*
- **Additional hours for planning board clerk:** *Concordia stated that Olivia Holmes would like to work on the planning board files at the town office which have not been organized or updated since Betsy Perry left 2 years prior. She expects to take up to 4 hours to see what needs to be done to update the files which equates to \$77.80. Ezell noted that it is best if a member of the planning board is also present. Caisse felt they should request 20 hours now so they can have the hours needed to complete the task. That way they don't have to keep coming back asking for extra hours to complete the project. It was noted there were probably only 5 cases in that timeframe. Willard made a motion to allow Olivia Holmes to work an extra 4 hours at her current pay rate to organize the files. Ezell seconded, all in favor, motion passed.*
- **Use of Annex Meeting room:** *Ezell noted that people are complaining about meetings being held in the town hall Annex room which is small and does not allow for social distancing. Ezell made a motion to only use the Town hall main room for committee meetings for now. Willard seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.*
- **Find a new Audit firm:** *Ezell reported that our current audit firm Melanson has been going through a staff shortage and although they assured us not to worry, they have now communicated they can no longer*

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service the town of Temple. Ezell has a list of recommended firms and is talking to one in Keene and will get a quote.

- **National Flood Insurance Program discussion:** *Ezell mentioned that we are being asked again to join the National Flood Insurance Program which is a voluntary free program. Ezell noted that there was one remaining step, a zoning change that we needed to complete first adding that the planning board has twice refused to make the change. He added that the select board can propose to amend the zoning on a warrant article. Ezell will bring some sample zoning language to the next meeting.*
- **Reappoint Gail Cromwell and Tim Fiske to the CIP committee 2024 term:** *Willard motioned to reappoint Gail Cromwell and Tim Fiske to the CIP committee for a 3 year term. Ezell seconded, Caisse voted nay, motion passed.*
- **Approve Demolition permit application – Kieley - Shed:** *The board reviewed and signed the application.*
- **Occupancy Permit: -Connolly-Shed** *The board reviewed and signed the permit.*
- **Occupancy Permit: - Anderson-Addition** *The board reviewed and signed the permit.*
- **Occupancy Permits – Jeta Grove – 4 Kuti's** *The board reviewed and signed the permits.*
- **Approve LUCT and Warrant – Clemens – Webster Hwy:** *The board reviewed and signed the LUCT and Warrant.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021:** *Caisse moved to accept the select board meeting minutes of October 12th as amended. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Other Business:** *- None*
- **Committee Updates:** *-None*
- **Meeting Adjourned:** *7:55 PM. Motion by Caisse, second by Ezell, all were in favor, motion passed.*

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the town Hall. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais

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