

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday September 28, 2021

Town Hall

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Connie Kieley, Christine Robidoux, Camilla Lockwood, Gail Cromwell, Bill McDonnel, Honey Hastings, Steve Andersen, Keith Charlton and Vivian Wills.

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

Public Comment:

Robidoux provided a CAC harvest festival update which included;

- *Consolidated Communications having a successful day, several new sign-ups.*
- *Several people were interested in volunteering to various committees.*
- *Feedback on possible uses for the ARAP funding money. Robidoux offered to create an online survey to get more input from the community on the ARAP funding options.*
- *The CAC committee also received several suggestions on how people would like to see Temple grow. Some suggestions were: Town Meeting streaming, Longer municipal office hours for people who work all day, Affordable homes for young families, and Child care.*

Robidoux also discussed the upcoming NHMA annual meeting.

Old Business:

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *No new update. The case is with Legal noted Ezell.*
- **Dark Sky Complaint Update:** *Ezell reported no new update. This is also with Legal.*

New Business:

- **Volunteer Position of "Assistant EMD" – Bill McDonnell:** *McDonnell asked the board to consider adding the position of Assistant EMD. McDonnell noted Deb Harling has volunteered to assume this role. Caisse motioned to accept Deb Harling as the assistant EMD. Willard seconded the motion, roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Hastings noted that a job description would be helpful. McDonnell also provided a COVID update on the booster shot now being made available to some people. Kieley noted there were 3 new cases in Temple and asked if the town is still being notified of positive cases. McDonnell said that the Fire dept use to be notified but is not any longer however, at the time of dispatch, the emergency responders are told if there is an active case at the location.*
- **Donated Storage units – Steve Andersen:** *Andersen mentioned that people are saying that the new owners have kicked the village green committee out of their free storage unit. Andersen angrily stated he had*

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spoken with the new owner and read a letter out loud. Cromwell stated that the committee had received a letter stating they would need to pay a \$40 or \$80 fee to maintain the space and wondered if the town had received a similar letter. Cromwell added that they never said they were kicked out, they chose to leave and have cleaned out the storage unit. Caisse added that the town did not receive a letter and will be keeping the town's generators at the facility.

- **Discussion of town owned lot sale – Bill Ezell:** Ezell stated that the previous offer of \$50K was too low and he has been able to negotiate an increase to \$60K which they are willing to pay. He added that without real estate broker involvement, there will be no commission and he asked if they should accept the offer. Caisse motioned to accept the offer of \$60K. Willard seconded the motion, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.
- **Discussion on purchasing air filters for the Town Hall:** Ezell noted he was asked to research this purchase and reported that the size of the Town Hall main room was too large and the purifier would not work well. He added that he can purchase a smaller unit for the annex room for now and motioned to spend up to \$150 to purchase an air purifier for the town hall annex room. Willard seconded the motion, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.
- **Discussion of warrant article procedures:** Ezell noted that BAC chair Gary Scholl had put together a warrant article procedure to put in the towns procedure manual and asked the other selectmen if they had a chance to read it. Caisse and Willard would like more time to review the document. Hastings asked if this covered petition warrant articles as well and noted it may be helpful to include some words on that.
- **Discuss setting up two new accounts “ARAP” and “Broadband”:** Ezell noted we needed to set up bank accounts for these two items and motioned to authorize the treasurer and bookkeeper to set up a “Rescue Act Funds” account and a “Broadband payment” account. Caisse seconded the motion, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.
- **End of Town Land Use Committee- George Willard:** Willard noted he thought the TLUC chair stated that the committee's job was done and therefore, Willard asked if the committee could be dissolved by December 31st. Willard added that he was not aware that Tim Fiske was out of town and noted they should wait until he returns and get his input. Ezell added that he thinks since the committee was established by a warrant article, it is a permanent committee and we are stuck with it.
- **Re-Appoint Dan Masterson to the Town Hall Committee:** Caisse motioned to re-appoint Dan Masterson to the town hall committee subject to viewing Dan's letter of interest. Ezell seconded the motion, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.
- **Junkyard permit approval Doug Guy:** Caisse noted they have done the on-site inspection and it is all set.
- Caisse started a discussion on the need for background checks to be done on committee members who work with children. All agreed that this should be looked into further and it will be added to the next select board agenda. Lockwood noted she will also make a note to discuss at the Library's October meeting. The recreation committee chair Wills agreed with further discussion.

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- **Approve Hazard Mitigation Hearing minutes September 14, 2021:** *Caisse motioned to accept the Hazard Mitigation meeting minutes from September 14th as written. Willard seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021:** *Caisse motioned to accept the select board meeting minutes from September 14th as written. Willard seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Rec Committee Update – Vivian Wills:** *Wills updated the board with plans to hold a movie night on the common in October with no date yet chosen. Wills discussed Halloween plans and said they will be having a costume parade on the common on Sunday October 31st at 4:30, and a trunk or treat to follow. Wills noted there will not be a party at the town hall. Wills also noted the door to door plan is energized. Wills also mentioned they will be going through their items in storage at the town hall. Ezell stated he will be getting a letter ready to committees and the temple band, to make plans to meet and go through their items in storage.*

Other Business:

- *Cromwell noted she was appalled by the behavior of Mr. Andersen's language earlier and asked the select board to write him a letter saying it would not be tolerated at future meetings. Ezell noted it happened so fast or he would have put a stop to it as it is part of their policy. Ezell noted he would pass it by legal. Cromwell asked to write her own letter to the new owner to clarify things. Ezell said ok but he wants to proof read it first.*
- *Wills mentioned that the recreation commissions attempt to create a warrant article for accepting donations fell through last year and she asked the select board for some advice on how to do this. Ezell recommended the municipal association and the DOR as resources in addition to legal.*

Committee Updates:

SAC - *Willard reported there was a school meeting on September 23rd and added that select board members from 6 towns attended. Willard briefed the audience on some items discussed by Kimberly Saunders as follows;*

** Bus transportation costs for Manchester Central School students is \$315 per student per year, compared to \$944.60 per student attending Conval.*

** 18 other school districts have joined the Conval lawsuit which represents 25% of the school population state wide. The average cost to educate a student is \$18,900 which is the average all across the country. The state legislature based their cost at \$9,000 per student per year. In summary, Saunders would like the whole select board of each of the Conval towns to come to the next SAC meeting and sign a letter to the legislature telling them they need to give the schools more money for education.*

** The Conval Board expects a 2% increase in cost for the coming year.*

BAC – *Ezell reported the committee has started their normal budget planning meetings.*

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At 7:35 Ezell motioned to go into non-public session. Caisse seconded, all in favor.

At 7:43 Caisse motioned to return to the public meeting. Ezell seconded, all in favor.

- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:43 PM. *Motion by Ezell, second by Willard, all were in favor, motion passed.*

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday October 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the town Hall. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais

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