

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday, Sept 1, 2020
Emergency Meeting with TCPC
Via Zoom Call
5:30 PM**

Select Board members on the call: George Willard, Bill Ezell, and Ken Caisse

TCPC Speakers: Jessica Hipp & Christine Robidoux

Meeting called to order by Caisse at 5:30 PM.

Chairman Ken Caisse Remarks:

- *Caisse reminded participants that the meeting was being held electronically pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8, Emergency Order #12, Section 3.*

Meeting Business:

- **TCPC update on Comcast response to RFI** – Jessica updated the board with the results of the RFI responses. Requests were sent to 5 providers. She reported that they only received 2 responses back. One from Consolidated and one from Comcast. The response from Comcast was only a map which did not meet the requirements of the RFI. After several attempts to reach out to Comcast to provide the requested information, the committee has been advised by Carol Miller, Jeanne Dietsch, and others who work with the Monadnock Broadband Group to count Comcast's map as a non-response. Jessica asked the SB for approval to move forward with the RFP. The SB supported the TCPC and a motion was made by Ezell for the committee to proceed with the RFP, and to count the Comcast response as a non-response. Motion was seconded by Caisse. Roll call vote Ezell yes, Caisse yes, Willard yes. Christine then updated the SB on the committee's plans over the next few weeks which include a first attempt draft of the RFP and a potential public question & answer forum in mid-September prior to preparing the final RFP. Christine noted they wanted to expedite the process in case any grant money becomes available. Christine also mentioned they were hoping to pursue a bond in March. Caisse commented the board will assist the committee any way they can and encouraged them to notify the board if they need any additional emergency meetings since the next regular SB meeting is Sept 22nd
- **Form MS-535 discussion on who will complete** – The SB was notified that the MS-535 financial form was due on 9/1 and that our outside accountant recommended that the Auditors (Melanson), complete the MS-535 since they have all the data. Motion by Ezell to ask Melanson to complete the form and to charge us accordingly. Motion seconded by Willard. Roll call vote, Caisse yes, Willard yes, Ezell yes.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:46 PM. Motioned by Bill, George second, roll call vote Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse yes.

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Remote numbers will be provided in the event we are still handling meetings remotely. Minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais