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Temple Town Hall Advisory Committee (TTHAC) Minutes, April 15, 2013

Present: Dick Benotti, Julie Middleton, Ron Pulos, Connie Kieley, Sydney Thomas.

Absent: Dick Keuper, Tedd Petro.

1. Committee Membership: The Committee reviewed letters from Dick Benotti and Dick Keuper expressing their wish to remain on the TTHAC for another term. Tedd Petro's interest in remaining on the Committee as a regular member, no longer seated as the ex officio Board of Selectmen (BOS) member, was also discussed. Connie moved to accept all of the requests for continued membership and the Committee voted their approval.

2. New Officers: Connie nominated Ron to be Chair of the TTHAC, and the Committee approved the nomination. Connie and Sydney were then nominated for the positions of Vice-Chair and Secretary, respectively, with both receiving approval via Committee vote as well.

3. Revised Mission Statement: The Committee unanimously agreed to alter the wording of the TTHAC Mission Statement to state that one of the seven members of the Committee "*may be*" rather than "*will be*" an ex officio from the Select Board. This change provides flexibility for the designation of any Committee member to act as liaison between the TTHAC and the BOS, in lieu of requiring that the BOS assign one of its own members to the Committee. Tedd Petro has presently agreed to serve as liaison between the TTHAC and the BOS. (Revised Mission Statement, approved by the BOS, is attached)

4. Finalizing of Minutes: The Minutes of the October 24, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.

(Pertinent to paragraph 3., the town has purchased a new signboard.)

5. Storage Issue: The storage needs of various town organizations continue to be a concern. Dick reported a conversation with Ken Carpenter who offered to lay plywood in the "upper area" of the attic storage space in order to extend the current storage space. The Committee concurred with Dick that using the space in question is inadvisable--access to it is dangerous. While Ken's offer is generous, the Committee agreed to advise the BOS against accepting it at this time. Dick will be attending a Select Board meeting where ongoing storage issues will be discussed. Sydney suggested that the town explore renting space in some of the local barns as a solution to storage needs; however, all agreed that this is a problem for the Select Board rather than for us.

6. Town Hall Garden: The Village Green Committee has raised the question of appropriate plantings for the garden area, a topic the Committee discussed at our last meeting. Sydney agreed to explore the Village Green Committee's ideas and suggestions with Honey Hastings, and report back to the TTHAC. Our Committee members affirmed that, as the Town-appointed advisors to the BOS in all matters relating to the Town Hall, we do need to be involved in any proposed changes to the building and/or its grounds.

7. Upkeep of the Hall: Dick B. relayed a plan for Junior Thompson to buff and recoat the floor of the main Hall with polyurethane at some point this coming summer. After looking at the floor, the Committee agreed that this upkeep is needed. A budget item of \$800.00 covers the cost of this. The question of what exterior painting is needed or desirable is more difficult to determine. We have an estimate from Richard Reilley for spot repair and painting of the front, left and right sides of the Hall. As Town planning now stands, the entire Hall will be painted in 2015. Our main concern is whether the entire front of the Hall should be painted this year rather than simply spot-painting it, since we agree that it should have a clean and fresh appearance at all times. Dick B. will talk to R. Reilley about this. All in all, though, the paint job on the building is holding up reasonably well. We noted on our walk-through of the building that the old piano in the main Hall is serving little purpose - it is out of tune and wobbly. All agree that it should be removed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sydney Thomas

ATTACHMENT

Temple Town Hall Advisory Committee (TTHAC)

The Temple Board of Selectmen will establish a Temple Town Hall Advisory Committee (TTHAC) to act as stewards of this recently rehabilitated town building. The committee will act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen.

The primary purpose of the committee will be to assist in monitoring the use and condition of this building, advising the Select Board on any issues arising that might impact the Town Hall's functionality or appearance. This will ensure that the building remains a vibrant community center for education, enrichment and general enjoyment, and that its historic, functional and financial values are protected on behalf of all Temple residents. Additionally, this will assist the Town in fulfilling its obligation to preserve the Town Hall in the same structural condition and state of repair as when its rehabilitation was completed, in accordance with, but not limited to the term of, the Stewardship Agreement that exists between the Town of Temple and the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). Extending beyond the LCHIP agreement timeframe, the existence of this advisory committee will ensure that the same spirit of Town Hall stewardship is carried forth, and that the preservation of this building continues in perpetuity.

The Temple Town Hall Advisory Committee members, not to exceed seven, will be appointed by the Select Board. One of the seven members may be an ex officio from the Select Board, who will have full voting rights as a committee member. Absent the appointment of an ex officio, a TTHAC member will be designated as the committee's liaison to the Select Board. Continuity of the committee's function, in addition to the transfer of knowledge among former and newly appointed members over time, will be enhanced by varying the term limits of the individual advisory committee positions.

Beginning in 2010, terms will run from April to April. New appointments will be voted on by existing Committee members, with recommendations then provided to the Select Board for their approval.

The committee will hold a minimum of two meetings per year.

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