

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
October 22, 2013
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: John Kieley, M. Darnell, Gail Cromwell

Call to order by Kieley at 5:31 p.m.

Paperwork: Reviewed and signed vouchers, the Board had some questions regarding a Recreation Commission invoice for “guided hikes”. It was determined that this invoice would be paid, but a representative of the Recreation Commission will be asked to meet with the Board to discuss this type of cost.

1981 Fire Tanker: Will Wildes, Mark Salisbury and Don Kraemer, Fire Engineers, met with the Board to discuss the 1981 fire tanker. Wildes stated that the tanker has not been used in several years and recommended selling it. The Board asked if the Engineers had a price in mind and Wildes suggested that Tim Fiske, the Road Agent be asked about the value. It was agreed that any issues regarding road worthiness of the tanker may need to be determined. The water tank is aluminum and may have scrap value.

Fire Department budget: The Fire Engineers and Board discussed the possibility of a budget surplus at the end of 2013. A suggestion had been made at a BAC meeting that any surplus might be used to purchase the booster for the rescue truck cascade that will be needed for new SCBA (breathing apparatus). The Engineers thought there might be a surplus but did not think it would be enough to cover the booster and recommended that any surplus go back into the general fund. The Board agreed. The Board and Engineers reviewed quotes for the proposed 2014 purchase of SCBA and the booster for the rescue truck cascade. The Engineers informed the Board that George Clark, Deputy Fire Chief, has applied for a grant. The discussion also included future planning for PPE with a suggestion that capital reserve funds be proposed for future funding of these items.

Ben’s Sugar Shack: Ben Fisk of Ben’s Sugar Shack met the Board. Kieley explained that he had asked Fisk to attend the meeting to explain his conceptual plans for the property he has purchased on Webster Hwy. Kieley specified that depending on what the plans are Fisk will need a building permit and may need to go to the Planning Board for site plan review and the ZBA for a special exception.

Fisk explained that at the present time he plans to move the sugar house from its current location at 83 Webster Hwy., which is his parent’s property, and build a nice gift shop where people can purchase his product. His plan is for a post and beam building and the evaporator will be oil fired. Fisk has staked out a possible location for the building and is trying to determine how traffic will flow. Presently he plans to use the rear lot to store his sap tanks, pallets, etc. He would eventually like to purchase a baler for cardboard in order to recycle instead of putting it into a dumpster. Fisk also stated that he plans to plant sap maples as a buffer along Route 101 where he cut trees. Cromwell asked Fisk if he has a business plan. Fisk stated that he does not have a plan, he doesn’t really believe in them, but he is looking at different programs that may be available to him through UNH. Kieley suggested that Fisk also look at programs through Antioch College. Cromwell asked Fisk about whether he plans to build a pancake house. Fisk stated that he would like to have a pancake house eventually, but cannot plan on that right now. Kieley asked about the time frame for submitting a building permit application. Fisk doesn’t know right now but is hoping to submit a building application by December. In response to a question regarding daily traffic volume Fisk stated that most of his

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revenue is from wholesale not from the retail. Fisk said that he has two weekends per year where there are a lot of people visiting the sugar house but usually he may have 5 cars/day. The Board thanked Fisk for coming in to meet with them.

Town Forest: Kieley informed the Board that the Conservation Commission (ConCom) had discussed the Town Forest, which is under Concom management, at their 10/21/13 meeting. The first part of the discussion concerned the possibility of placing an easement on the property. Kieley explained that Eric Foley had done his college thesis on the Temple Town Forest. Foley studied and mapped out the forest. Cromwell asked why an easement would be needed if the Town owns the property. Kieley explained that an easement would preserve the forest as a recreational asset. Ken Sullivan informed the Board that David Buxton had expressed an interest in managing the forest. Kieley stated that the Town Forester, Allan Oxman, had suggested management of the forest but no decision has been made.

The second part of the ConCom discussion regarding the Town Forest had been about Ben Fisk tapping the maple trees. There has been a verbal agreement with Fisk for approximately 5 years. The ConCom has determined that the agreement should be written. Jon Nute, a Cooperative Extension Forester, has been involved in the discussion and Honey Hastings has found an example of a written agreement and modified it. It has been agreed that Fisk will pay fifty cents per tap and currently has 1165 taps. The ConCom would like to have the Board of Selectmen's support of this agreement. Kieley will forward the draft agreement to the Board for review before any vote is taken. Darnell asked about the disposition of the revenue. At the present time it would be placed in the general fund, but the Board could look into the possibility of placing the revenue into a special fund to support the maintenance of the trails in the Town Forest.

Approval of Minutes: Move by Kieley to approve the 10/8/2013 minutes as amended, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Miscellaneous: Review of a request from Mytrie Kullgren for a letter of compliance to Article IV Section 11-B Home Business II under the zoning ordinance for the operation of a beauty salon. Kieley will compose a letter listing the criteria for a home business II and stating that as long as the criteria is followed Kullgren is in compliance.

Darnell updated the Board on the Safety Committee meeting held 10/4/13.

The Board noted notification from the Conval School District of a public hearing to be held 11/5/13 at 6:30 pm regarding the acceptance of the LGC refund.

The Board reviewed a policy submitted by the Town Treasurer to deal with "stale checks". This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Darnell, and so voted at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling

~ Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013 ~