

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday, April 14, 2020**

**Via Zoom Call**

**6:30 PM**

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

**Other Attendees:** John Kielely, Connie Kielely, Carol Mamczak, Christine Robidoux, Gary Scholl, Gail Cromwell, Carol Burgess, Janice Pack, Evan Roberge, Honey Hastings, Susan Willard, Murray Collette and Carole Singelais.

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

**Chairman Bill Ezell Remarks:**

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

**Old Business:**

- **Review and Approve Employee Procedures and Policy Manual and Financial Procedures Manual:** *No update at this time.*
- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *No update at this time.*
- **Discussion on outdated Elderly & Veteran's Exemption amounts:** *No update at this time.*
- **Discussion on "Right to Know" seminar date:** *No update at this time.*

**Public Comments:**

- *Honey Hastings asked if there were any new fees at the Wilton Recycling Center. She commented she was surprised to be asked to pay for some items she put in the Landfill container. Carol Burgess said there were no changes and that payment of some fees have not been enforced in the past. Honey mentioned it would be a good idea to put some notices at the center including the new hours for elderly and compromised citizens. Bill suggested Wilton provide information for us to post on our website. Carol Burgess also updated the board on the new Wilton Recycling center hours of operation and asked that the permit application be signed and scanned back to her. The board had no issues with the new hours and will send the paperwork to her on Wednesday.*

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**New Business:**

- **Discussion on Avitar property abatements with Evan Roberge** – Bill asked about the Salisbury abatement regarding their carports. He asked if the approval can be made permanent. Evan said that they must file for the abatement each year in order to comply with the RSA rules. Willard also asked if Evan could check into the land use change tax on the Nutting/Tuttle property. Evan thought this was all set but said he will check into it and let us know. Cromwell asked Evan how view taxes are determined. Evan briefly explained the process and recommended she take a look at the Avitar manual which explains how the valuations are determined.
- **Village Green presentation on trees** – Carol Mamszak presented the Village Green’s proposal on the types of trees to be planted, as recommended by professionals. One Princeton Elm and one Scarlet Oak. Caisse raised a concern regarding the acorns from the oak tree possibly requiring more maintenance, and wondered what the cost will be for the fall clean up and who will pay for it. Carol felt there would only be one fall clean up as there is now and the acorns will provide food for wildlife too. Willard asked if they would be 10ft from the fence. It was decided that the Village green committee will stake out the possible tree locations for the select board to review prior to the next meeting.
- **Permit for Temple Mnt work, the PA-35 Ellis irrevocable trust denial, Occupancy permit Lewandowska & Raczek, Health officer nomination P. Caswell, Intent to cut S. Mann, Yield tax C. Church, Solar credit application McDonnell, and the Abatement applications LeMessurier, Copertino and Banks,** were all acknowledged as reviewed and previously signed by the board prior to this meeting. Caisse motioned to have any building permits processed by the board assistant during the current Covid19 crisis and that signatures can be obtained at the office. Ezell mentioned that this was currently being allowed by the state, and he seconded the motion. All in favor, Willard yes, Caisse yes, Ezell yes.
- **Discussion on Ambulance Contract with Peterborough-** Ezell and Caisse said we are now using Peterborough for our ambulance service and there have not been any complaints. The Temple Fire Dept. believe they are doing a great job.
- **NE Forestry exemption denial** – The Avitar recommendation was reviewed and acknowledged.
- **Discussion on Emergency order #25** – Ezell said the State is saying to not do anything at this time. Caisse added if anyone has any issues they can address them with the board.
- **Vote on SB Chairman** – Willard motioned to have Caisse appointed as the new Select board chairman. Ezell asked Caisse if he would accept this position, Caisse said yes. Ezell seconded the motion. John Kieley added that he supports the change but recommends waiting 60 days. He feels that there is too much going on with the State and the many Covid19 issues, and feels he may need Ezell. Caisse said he understands and noted that he is available by phone during the

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day. Willard motioned that May 1<sup>st</sup> be the cutover date. All in favor, Willard yes, Ezell yes, Caisse recused himself.

- **Discussion on the new Town Land Committee** – Ezell motioned to appoint Lilliane LeBel, Honey Hastings, Christine Robidoux, Connie Kieley, Allan Pickman, Deb Harling and Tim Fiske to the committee. Caisse seconded. Ezell voted yes, Caisse yes, Willard yes. Willard also said he would like to be on this committee. Additional requests still being accepted.
- **Discuss Purple Heart sign locations** –Willard thanked Ken Caisse, Bill Ezell, Jim Houck, Gary Jensen, Peg & Joe Cournoyer and Tedd Petro for purchasing the signs (along with himself). He mentioned that as soon as the landscape improves, they need to pick the locations to place the signs and have the DOT inspect. After that they are ready to go!
- **Review Board of Tax and Land Appeals notice-** The board reviewed and acknowledged the notice.
- **Discussion on re-appointing expired committee members** – Gary Scholl said he would like to continue BAC chairman and will re-apply. Honey said they have not had a Historical Society meeting yet. Bill motioned to re-appoint Gail Cromwell, Peter Allen and Honey Hastings to that committee. Willard seconded, Ezell yes, Caisse yes, Willard yes. Hastings said the ComCom committee will get back to them after they meet. Ezell motioned to re-appoint Dan Cournoyer and Vivian Wills to the Rec committee. Caisse seconded, Ezell yes, Caisse yes, Willard yes. Ezell motioned Caisse seconded to have the members of the Renewable energy committee re-appointed. Vivian Wills, Laura Lynch, Bev Edwards, Richard Silvestro & Vince Mamone. Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse yes. Willard motioned to re-appoint Tedd Petro and Priscilla Wheeler to the Town Hall advisory committee. Connie said they needed to meet first, Sydney Thomas moved so she cannot be a member. Willard withdrew his motion. Connie will get back to the board with recommendations. Hastings needs more time for the Village green committee. Ezell motioned to re-appoint Iphigenia Hatt as the Welfare officer, Caisse second, Ezell yes, Caisse yes, Willard yes. Ezell moved to re-appoint Carole Singelais as the Deputy Welfare officer, Willard Second. Ezell yes, Caisse yes, Willard yes. Ezell said he would be happy to remain on the Zoning board. Willard moved to re-appoint him. Caisse second, Willard yes, Caisse yes.

**Public Comment:** Gary Scholl asked for feedback on the last BAC meeting when they talked about the current economic uncertainty. He asked if a subcommittee can be created to review the town's financial readiness and any possible changes. Ezell said yes he thinks this is a worthwhile idea. Caisse agreed and asked if this will happen soon or wait until June timeframe? Gary said we need it now and would like to get a proposal of a plan in place in case things start to happen. John Kieley asked about the BAC sending a memo to department heads to start watching their expenditures. Scholl will send a draft memo to Ezell to review. Caisse asked if this new committee would need a SB member to attend. Scholl said no it is just a loose development committee and any decisions would go before both the BAC and the SB.

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- **Review meeting minutes March 11, March 16 and March 24th** –Caisse motioned to accept the March 11<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Willard second, Caisse yes, Willard yes, Ezell yes. Caisse motioned to accept the March 16<sup>th</sup> minutes as corrected. Ezell second. Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes. Caisse motioned to accept the March 24<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Ezell second, Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes.

**Public Comment:**

- Christine Robidoux asked who will be responsible for scheduling meetings for the new Town Land Research committee. Connie asked if Christine could organize the next meeting and then they would all decide responsibilities.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:47 PM. Motioned by Bill Ezell, Ken Caisse second, Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse yes.

**Next Select Board Meeting:** Tuesday, April 28th, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Remote numbers will be provided again in the event we are still handling meetings remotely.  
Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais