

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday April 25, 2023

Town Hall

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Peter Allen, Nicole Concordia, Connie Kieley, Kent Perry, Steve Anderson, Bruce Kullgren, George Russell, Ben & Emily Fisk, Amy Cabana & Allan Pickman.

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

Chairman Comments: *Ezell stated that the Marsh's and their Attorneys will attend the next meeting to talk about a settlement offer. Cromwell noted we should not let this happen. It is up to the judge. Ezell commented it has nothing to do with us but we should allow them to speak and he feels people will want to hear what they have to say.*

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

- 1. Code Enforcement Officer Update** – *No Update*
- 2. Parking/Zoning/Fee structure follow up** – *No update. Caisse noted we should combine this with number 1 on the agenda.*
- 3. Background checks & policy update** – *Caisse noted he met with the Library and he is drafting a policy and should have this shortly.*
- 4. ARPA funds – Town Common Well, Ballfield, fencing, playground estimates etc.** – *No Update*
- 5. Update on Alarm System vendors** – *No Update*
- 6. Legal Meeting update – Flag Policy** – *Need to meet with legal.*
- 7. Compensation policy update** – *Ezell noted he is working on making the changes to include all employees being eligible for the annual cost of living pay adjustments.*

New Business:

- **Review LUCT Abatement request:** *Ezell went over the abatement request and noted that the board agrees that the 11X15 cabin should be taken out of current use but the dirt track road that existed should not be included. Ezell moved to adjust the LUCT amount to not include the dirt driveway. Willard seconded the motion, Caisse abstained. We will get the revised value and adjust the abatement request accordingly.*
- **New Highway Garage committee:** *Bruce Kullgren spoke about a meeting that a group of concerned citizens had relating to the highway garage. Kullgren added the group felt there were not enough people at*

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town meeting to make decisions regarding the highway department land and that people needed more information. Kullgren also noted that since town meeting, Peggy Cournoyer has offered to sell a portion of her land if it means the highway dept. stays where it is. Bruce discussed doing a cost and feasibility assessment and coming back with the data at the next town meeting. They also want to change the name of the town land use committee to the new highway garage committee. Kent Perry commented that he was approached by this group and will work with everyone to come up with what is best for the town. Peter Allen noted he agrees we should separate the work. Cromwell added this is a terrible idea. The TLUC has worked hard and has done a lot of work on other things besides the highway dept move. Cromwell noted the TLUC meetings have been posted and the committee has reached out to people including Bruce, to come to these meetings and ask questions. Cromwell noted that having two different committees would be very confusing. Allan Pickman also said he is opposed to this and it takes away the vote of the people who came to town meeting. Two competing committees with no authorization from the voter's is a big mistake. Amy Cabana added that she feels this is a win win for the town. Nothing has been voted on to move the garage. We need to do more research. Maybe we can save the town a bunch of money by keeping the building where it is. We do not want sides, just want to come up with the best possible solution for the town. Cromwell believes the TLUC has a diverse group and has worked well together. Cromwell urged the group to work with the TLUC. Ezell noted they have no control over the committee. They will need to get DRA and legal involved. Ezell suggested the two groups get together and talk and see if they can move forward.

Ezell noted that the select board alternates will now go into non-public session to continue discussion of Bens legal fees.

The temporary select board resumed public session at 7:20 and Willard announced that there was a unanimous decision to accept Bens offer for the town to pay him back \$12,000 of the \$14,000 in legal fees.

- **Reappoint Camilla Lockwood Library Trustee Alternate.:** Ezell moved to reappoint Camilla Lockwood as library trustee term ending 2024. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.
- **Appoint Heather Hannon Library Trustee Alternate:** Ezell moved to appoint Heather Hannon as library trustee term ending 2024. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.
- **Appoint Kathy Boot and Nate Sartell to the Historic District Commission:** Willard moved to appoint Kathy Boot and Nate Sartell to the Historic District Commission term ending 2026. Caisse seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.
- **Certificate of Occupancy – Martin – McCrea Rd. –** The board signed the permit.
- **Review & Approve 4 LUCTS – Sullivan – Moran Rd.-** The board signed the 4 LUCTS.
- **Review & Approve Building permit application – Sartell – Fisk Hill .** The board signed the permit.
- **Review & Approve Building permit application – Bergeron – Blood Rd.** Caisse noted he will need to renew each year until the project is complete as this is a multi-year project. The board signed the permit.

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- **Review & Approve 5 building permit applications – (4 Kuti's – Derbyshire Ln. & 1 Dormer – Jessen Ln) – Jeta Grove.** *Caisse noted there were 4 Kutis and one dormer. The board signed the permits.*
- **Review & Approve Cert of Yield tax & Warrant – Quinn –** *The board signed the Yield and Warrant.*
- **Review NE Forestry Foundation Charitable tax exemption application** – *Caisse noted this application is denied each year and so moved to deny it this year. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor.*
- **Review & Approve MS 535 Financial Report of the Budget:** *The board reviewed and signed the report.*
- **Review & Approve MS 232 Report of appropriations Actually voted:** *The board reviewed and signed the report.*
- **Review Ballfield reservation form – Library Event:** *Caisse noted there may be 50 people at this event and they need to contact the police department about any potential parking issues.*
- **Approve Hearing Minutes April 11, 2023.** – *Caisse moved to approve the barn easement hearing minutes as written. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes April 11, 2023:** *Willard moved to approve the minutes from April 11th as amended. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*

Other Business:

- **Appoint Steve Anderson & Scott Junior to the Rec Dept. Sub committee to rehabilitate the town scales.**
Caisse noted the plan is to form a subcommittee of the Rec Department to work on revamping the town scales to make them work again and he added that he will be the SB liaison for this subcommittee. Caisse noted he will attend the next Rec meeting on Thursday to discuss further. Caisse added since the committee is not formed yet, they will wait until the next meeting to appoint Steve and Scott.
- *Willard moved to allow the tax Collector housekeeping tax abatement for \$19, Ezell seconded.*

Committee Updates:

Non-Public Session:

Meeting Adjourned: *Motion to adjourn by Willard second by Caisse. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM*

Next Select Board Meeting: *The next select board meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 9th** at the town Hall main room at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais*