

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

*Tuesday August 22, 2023*

**Town Hall**

**6:30 PM**

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

**Other Attendees:** Sandra Benotti, Gail Cromwell, Robert Levesque, Gretchen Whitcomb, Rob Wills, Vivian Wills, & Beth Crooker

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

**Chairman Comments:** *Ezell updated that September 6<sup>th</sup> is the court date for the final wrap up on the Marsh case which includes the approval of the towns legal fees to be reimbursed. Ezell noted that there have been several objections by both parties regarding the case.*

**Public Comment:** *Cromwell asked for clarification on what has been done with the Doug Guy junkyard permit renewal. Ezell stated it is in probate now and it is possible the permit may be renewed. Cromwell also mentioned that the Historical Society has put 2 large cabinets in the town hall storage area. That along with all the band equipment being stored, makes storage space for legitimate committees very limited. Ezell noted things are being put on the wall also which are not approved so both should be addressed.*

**Old Business:**

1. **Code Enforcement Officer/Parking Zoning Fee Update** – *No Update*
2. **Background checks & policy update** – *Caisse noted the draft is with legal for review.*
3. **Update on Alarm system vendors** – *Caisse noted he met with one vendor and is getting more pricing.*
4. **Investment Policy update** – *Ezell noted they are going to need to get the BAC and CIP involved.*
5. **Levesque driveway follow up** – *Caisse stated he visited the property and along with the road agent, they have come up with a plan. Levesque said it is worth a try.*

**New Business:**

- **RE Task Force community power options:** *Rob Wills discussed community power group options noting that surrounding towns are joining these coalitions and they pretty much guarantee lower rates than Eversource. Wills noted they would like to have the community power coalition come to a Select board meeting in September and do a short presentation.*
- **Recreation Dept. spending request approval:** *Whitcomb asked the select board to approve the spending of \$300 for snacks at the Elvis concert and she discussed the grants they have applied for and the need for sponsors for the First Lego League. Whitcomb noted they have received some money from sponsors for the Lego League. Whitcomb asked for approval to spend the incoming sponsor money to purchase the Lego sets. Ezell moved to approve the Rec department paying \$300 for the Elvis concert items from their revolving fund. Willard seconded, all were in favor. Ezell also moved to allow the Rec Dept. to expend any*

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*monies received in donations that are earmarked for the first Lego league, at their discretion. Caisse seconded, all were in favor.*

- **Library fence quotes:** *Whitcomb noted the Library board of trustees has voted on a vendor to install their fence. Caisse noted the fence is being paid for with ARPA funds which are paid by the treasurer. Caisse noted if the vendor requires a deposit, Whitcomb can request the payment and then call the vendor to start the installation.*
- **Approve Library Ballfield usage request:** *Beth Crooker requested use of the ball field for an exhibition baseball game. The board had no problem but Caisse noted they need to have a handicap porta potty for the event.*
- **Recreation Update & Financial requests - Revolving fund:** *Vivian Wills asked to extend cruise night one more date to be held on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Wills noted feedback for the first 3 events has been positive with good attendance. Ezell moved to allow the Rec Dept. to have another cruise night on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Willard seconded, all were in favor. Wills noted they may be in touch with the FD to assist with road closures.*
- **Benotti plaque – Town Hall:** *Ezell noted Dick Benotti was a long-term member of the Lions club and the Town Hall committee. Ezell said the Lions club has awarded him one of the highest awards they have and they are asking if the plaque can be hung at the town hall. The board discussed possible locations and heard from Sandy Benotti who thinks this is a wonderful award and it would be great to have the plaque in the town hall. The board discussed the need for a policy if they allow one plaque. Ezell noted he will get in touch with the Town Hall committee and follow up next meeting.*
- **Approve occupancy permit – Andersen – Office:** *The board signed the permit.*
- **Approve Demo permit renewal – Caisse:** *Ezell noted the original demo permit expired and this is a renewal application to demo an old trailer. Ezell moved to approve the application, Willard seconded, Caisse abstained.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes August 8, 2023:** *Caisse moved to approve the select board minutes from August 8, 2023 as amended. Willard seconded the motion, motion passed.*
- **Other Business:**

*Ezell noted they are still getting complaints on speeding in town. He noted we are unable to hire additional officers and other than doing random speed enforcement, there is not a lot we can do without it costing us a lot of money.*

*Ezell also noted that he has created a cheat sheet on how to use the AV equipment and is posting it back stage.*

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**Committee Updates:**

- SAC – Willard updated that at the last SAC meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>, the Conval school board and administration had recently contracted with Prismatic Services to gather information regarding the districts current school configuration and recommend possible reconfigurations for voting approval. Willard noted they will be doing school site visits in September which he has been asked to set up for Temple at the elementary school. Additional meetings and on-line surveys will be conducted in September as well.

**Non-Public Session:**

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Caisse, second by Willard, Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM

**Next Select Board Meeting:** The next select board meeting will be held on **Tuesday September 12th** at the town Hall main room at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais