

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday August 24, 2021

Town Hall

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Connie Kieley, Christine Robidoux, Camilla Lockwood, Gail Cromwell, John Kieley, Jessica Hipp, James Stein, Dick Benotti, Keith Charlton and Vivian Wills.

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

Public Comment:

Connie Kieley asked why the town office and the town hall have different rules when it comes to wearing masks. Ezell replied that they are following the CDC guidelines which does not mandate mask wearing and he added that the office can set their own guidelines. Kieley noted that the town hall annex room is small and there are meetings being held there and social distancing is difficult. John Kieley added that we need to focus on the protection of Temple residents. Connie asked if the EMD can come to the next meeting and provide an update on the COVID crisis. Ezell agreed and will ask Bill McDonnell to attend. Cromwell asked if it was too late to cancel the Harvest festival. Caisse noted we have 15-18 vendors lined up and he thinks people will come unless something drastic happens in the next few weeks.

Old Business:

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *No new update.*
- **Dark Sky Complaint Update:** *Ezell reported that they have not received a response yet from Mr. Moore regarding the second non-compliant letter that was sent to him. He also noted that Legal recommends waiting 30 days before they proceed to the next step. Robidoux asked if there was any update with getting assistance from a code enforcement officer. Ezell said he has tried to get in touch with Peterborough's officer but he has not heard back from him yet.*
- **Town Hall Floor:** – *The red stickers have been removed from the town hall floor.*

New Business:

- **Review Broadband Contract – Jessica Hipp:** *Hipp reported that the contract is almost ready but until it is complete, they cannot recommend the select board sign the contract. Caisse said to let them know when it is ready and they will set up a meeting if necessary to formally approve.*
- **Finalize Contractor Agreement and letter:** *Ezell moved to accept the contractor agreement and the letter to the committees. Willard seconded, all in favor, motion was approved.*

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- **Discuss American Rescue plan funding:** Ezell updated the audience about the funds the town will be receiving, the acceptable uses, and he noted that one payment has already been received. Ezell commented that the public should be involved with this and noted maybe we should have a forum? Some suggestions were discussed as follows:
 - * Sound System for remote meetings and zoom capability
 - * Equipment for streaming meetings
 - * A well for the town common
 - * Town Hall improvements including ventilation and AC
 - * Engineering costs to relocate the Highway dept. parking and safety
 - * Compensate town employees and fire personnel for continuously working through the pandemic to serve and protect the community
- **Discuss building/occupancy permit process:** Ezell reported that it has been discovered there are building permits being issued that in some cases are not being signed off on and returned to the office when the project is done. He noted that Inspections and permit sign-off need to be completed and the approved permit returned to the office for occupancy permit issuance. The select board assistant noted that steps are being put in place to follow up with outdated permits after the one year expiration, and noted that she will attempt to contact the owners of the delinquent/missing permits in order to complete the process in order to make everything legal. In some cases the project may have been aborted and if the applicant wishes to re-start the permit process, they will need to re-apply and pay the application fee again.
- **Building Permit – (Addition) - Hipp:** The board reviewed and approved the application.
- **Building Permit – (Deck) – Willard:** The board reviewed and approved the application.
- **Veteran's credit application – (2022) – Ayers:** The board reviewed and approved the application.
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes August 10, 2021:** Willard motioned to accept the August 10th minutes as amended. Caisse seconded, all were in favor.

Other Business:

- Willard noted that the town scales are ready to fall in and he asked if they should put a fence around or re-build them since they are an historical item. Caisse said he could get some bids.
- Dick Benotti mentioned that 20+ years ago it was agreed to do something about the town hall and nothing has happened. He added that he is not sure about the status of the Town Hall advisory committee and that he could use some help. The select board assistant will post a notice online stating that the committee is looking for new members. Robidoux will also post something at the CAC table at the harvest festival.

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Caisse noted building maintenance should be a number 1 priority. Ignoring needed repairs now will only increase the cost later. He will reach out to the budget advisory committee.

- *Robidoux reminded the select board that Sept 2nd is the plan NH presentation.*

At 7:32 Ezell motioned to go into non-public session. Caisse seconded, all in favor.

At 7:39 Ezell motioned to return to the public meeting. Caisse seconded, all in favor.

Committee updates: NONE

- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:42 PM. *Motion by Caisse, second by Willard, all were in favor, motion passed.*

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday September 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the town Hall. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais

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