

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday February 14, 2023

Town Hall

6:15 PM

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

Other Attendees: Connie Kieley, Olivia Holmes, Gail Cromwell, Scott Hecker, John Kieley, Peter Allen, Elizabeth Crooker, Gretchen Whitcomb and Mike Madden.

Meeting called to order by Ezell at 6:15 PM. Ezell motioned to enter non-public session at 6:20 to interview a candidate for the bookkeeper position.

Ezell returned to public session at 6:33 and noted that the minutes were not sealed and they have hired a new bookkeeper who has extensive quick books experience.

Chairman Comment: *Ezell commented that Gail Cromwell has pushed to get a well put in at the town common and now that the project has been approved, he felt that she should get some recognition and therefore he had a sign made that displays **CROM WELL** established 2023, which they can place at the well once it is completed.*

Ezell mentioned that the Marsh case is almost wrapped up noting they had a pre-trial hearing this past Friday and the trial date is set for next Wednesday which starts with a walk through of the property. The public can attend but cannot go onto the site or go near the judge during the walk-through noted Ezell. John Kieley commented that the public can most certainly attend the walk-through. Ezell did not believe that to be true. Ezell noted the trial will continue Wednesday afternoon and possibly into Thursday then this case should be wrapped up.

Public Comment: *John Kieley asked if Candidates night is scheduled. Yes it is scheduled for March 9th, Caisse also noted our important date cards are going out soon. Kieley also mentioned there is a training session on grant preparation, noting he signed up but they will not be ready to submit an application this year. He added that there are 105 projects in NH and 111 million in funding. We will be ready by next March noted Kieley.*

Gretchen Whitcomb trustee of the Library and their treasurer, wanted to mention a problem they have regarding Amazon stopping their business line of credit. The Library spends 25% of their budget on Amazon and now that this program is gone, they need to get their own personal credit card which they do not want to do. Is there another purchasing option from the town or another solution? Ezell said we will look into it and asked the treasurer if we can utilize Citizens. Allen said he will look into this further and report back.

Old Business:

- 1. Code Enforcement Officer Update** – *Caisse noted he went to the planning board and told them what we need to do. They will put it on their 2023 list of things to do and once in place, we can start with the code enforcement.*
- 2. Parking/Zoning/Fee structure follow up** – *No update*

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3. **Background checks & policy update** – *No update*
4. **New Flag policy update** – *No update*
5. **ARPA funds – Town Common Well, Ballfield, fencing, playground estimates etc.** – *Ezell noted we should schedule a public forum to figure out what to do with the rest of the money but will need to wait until after town meeting.*
6. **Update on quotes for Town Hall Repairs** – *Kieley noted she will update the board after she meets with the Town Hall committee.*
7. **Update on Alarm System vendors** – *Caisse noted we need to get revised quotes and get them all on the same page, then we can figure out what we are going to do*
8. **Town Office lateral drawers – Fix or Replace** – *Ezell asked if we are going to just replace these drawers. Caisse added he would like to but the town office wishes to have them fixed which he believes will cost \$1200. Caisse moved to pay \$1200 to get the lateral drawers fixed this one time. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*

New Business:

- **Good Road days:** *Willard noted Linda Bollinger has been organizing this event for many years and she does a great job. Willard moved to allow Bollinger to continue to organize this event this year. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Review & Approve Solar permit application – Clark – Moran Rd.:** *The application was reviewed and signed by the board.*
- **Review & Approve Occupancy Permit – San Ken – NH Rt 45.:** *The application was approved by the board.*
- **Review & Approve LUCT & Warrant – Guy – Cutter Rd.:** *The board reviewed and approved the warrant.*
- **Review & Approve LUCT & Warrant – Guy – Moran Rd.:** *The board reviewed and approved the warrant.*
- **Review & Approve LUCT & Warrant: – Cordes/Armstrong – Moran Rd.:** *The board reviewed and approved the warrant.*
- **Review & Approve Timber cut Yield: - Robinson – Stone Lane: -** *The board reviewed and approved the Yield.*
- **Review & Approve 2 transfer letters to the Trustees:** *Caisse noted the first one is to replace a 6-wheel dump cab & chassis. Caisse noted the road agent wants to keep the 3rd truck for a while just to have it in case of emergency. We would not be able to sell it for much anyway noted Caisse. The second request is for the printing of the TLUC flyers. The board signed the transfers.*
- **Approve Drama club fee waiver request for the Town Hall:** *Ezell moved to waive the town hall fees for the drama club. Willard seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Vote on Warrant Articles “Select board recommends”:** *Caisse noted we should thank the budget & CIP committees for all their help. Ezell agreed and thanked them for their all their valuable help. Ezell then read*

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each warrant article title. Articles 3,4,5,6 and 8 were approved unanimously by the Select board as "Select board recommends". Articles 7&9 were approved by a vote of 2 to 1 as "Select board recommends".

- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes January 24, 2023:** *Caisse moved to approve the minutes from January 24 as amended. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*

Other Business: *- Solar permit application – Lennartz – Applewood Lane. The board reviewed and approved the application.*

Caisse noted that having to sign all the paperwork on permit applications, LUCTS, Yield cuts, etc. is time consuming and does not need to be on the agenda and can be moved to "regular" paperwork once they are approved by all the parties needed. He will work on a policy for the next meeting. John Kieley noted one reason they should be done in public session is in case a neighbor has an issue and wants to discuss it with the board.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion to adjourn by Caisse second by Willard. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Next Select Board Meeting: *The next select board meeting will be held on Tuesday February 28th at the town Hall main room at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais*