

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday June 13, 2023

Town Hall

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Connie Kieley, Ben Fisk, Emily Sliviak, Kent Perry, Nicole Concordia, Vivian Wills, Gretchen Whitcomb & Gail Cromwell.

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

Chairman Comments: *Ezell reminded the audience that there will be a special town meeting on June 22nd at 7pm at the elementary school.*

At 6:31 Ezell noted they will now be going into a non-public session for some Highway dept. employee reviews. The board resumed public session at 6:41 and Ezell noted that they will be giving James Koster a \$2 per hour raise for his 3-month review. Ezell also noted they need to talk about the parking markers by the common and they will do that under other business.

Public Comment: *None*

Old Business:

1. **Code Enforcement Officer/Parking Zoning Fee Update** – *No Update*
2. **Background checks & policy update** – *Caisse noted he was close to finishing the document and it should be ready to approve at the next meeting.*
3. **ARPA funds – Town Common Well, Ballfield, fencing, playground estimates etc.** – *Ezell asked how we want to handle this. Have a public forum? Caisse noted we have a few ideas and added that the municipal building is not on that list and he would like to add it and maybe then they should hold a forum and put the list of items in priority order. Ezell added we will set up a forum after the special town meeting.*
4. **Update on Alarm System vendors** – *No Update*
5. **Legal Meeting update – Flag Policy** – *Ezell noted legal was working on the policy but they have been on vacation.*
 - *Ezell also noted that the court did come up with a ruling in our favor, on the Marsh case noting we also will be getting our attorney fees back but need to compile all the paperwork. Connie Kieley asked when the penalty of \$50 a day will start being enforced. Ezell noted they have 30 days to appeal. Our attorney will need to file something to begin that process.*
6. **Compensation policy update** – *Ezell noted he went through each possible person eligible and will go over the list next week.*
7. **Investment Policy update** – *Ezell noted they are working on this.*

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New Business:

- **Rec Dept Grant Funding, Financial policy, Cruise night:** *Wills noted in the future, she will work on getting approvals prior to the event. Wills noted that the first cruise night of 2023 went very well adding there were about 16-20 vehicles and about 30 spectators. Wills asked the board if they can use \$300 from their revolving fund for expenses. Caisse moved to approve spending \$300 from the fund, Ezell seconded, All were in favor. Wills mentioned having a warrant article for next year's town meeting. The result if approved, is that the select board would not have oversight of their funds. Wills added they have put together a Financial policy to use as a guideline until things change. The select board agreed this makes sense. Gretchen Whitcomb reviewed the draft Financial policy and asked the board a couple of questions regarding funding. Caisse noted we will need a copy of the final policy at the office. Whitcomb also asked the board if they are willing to accept potential grant funding and/or donations to support the movement of the FIRST LEGO program and switch it from the school sponsoring it to rec commission sponsorship. Whitcomb also noted they would like to meet at the town hall. Ezell moved to allow Whitcomb to apply for grants in the towns name and accept any approved grant money. Willard seconded, all were in favor. Wills mentioned a couple of recreation request forms. One is for kick ball/basketball events to be held at the ballfield area. Ezell noted this is fine.*
- **Bench for town common:** *Ezell was asked by Sherry Fiske to put on the agenda, the possible move of a granite bench to the town common. However, they jumped the gun and placed it on the common before getting approval. Willard added that years ago a granite bench was put in front of the chapel and was moved to the town common. A prior selectboard then insisted it be moved behind the library with the other benches. Willard noted these benches do not belong on the common and we cannot set a precedence. The common will then become covered with granite benches. Willard moved to have the bench removed within the next 10-14 days. Caisse noted prior to getting all of the information, he said it was ok but now that he has all the information, it needs to be removed. Ezell agreed, and Caisse seconded Willards motion, all were in favor. Ezell asked if we want to entertain a policy about benches on the common. Caisse noted yes, and they agreed that only Veterans memorials be allowed on the common. Cromwell noted there is another bench on the common and asked if that one is going to be moved? Willard agreed that yes it should be moved as well. Whitcomb asked where the benches are going to be moved? Behind the library? Adding that all of the benches that are currently behind the Library, are from donors to the library adding that the Library trustees should discuss this first. Connie mentioned the VG committee once discussed putting up a bench on the common that did not need painting and maybe the VG should discuss that further. Concordia asked who is going to pay for moving the bench. Ezell noted the Fiske bench move will not be paid for by the town.*
- **Special Events Application Approval – Harvest Festival:** *Caisse noted the harvest festival is asking the board to approve waiving the fees for Temple's annual harvest festival, and approve the application pending additional approvals from the police chief, fire chief, health officer and building inspector. Ezell moved to approve, Willard seconded, Caisse abstained.*

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- **Appoint Michael Deloria Library Trustee alternate – 1 yr. term:** *Caisse moved to appoint Michael Deloria as a Library trustee alternate for a 1-yr term ending 2024. Ezell seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Appoint Gary McGonagle to the rebuilding of the town scale sub-committee:** *Caisse moved to appoint Gary McGonagle to the rebuilding town scale sub-committee. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor.*
- **Review 2022 Audit draft Financial report.:** *Ezell noted they received the 2022 financial audit draft and it looks good. Cromwell asked that it be sent to the BAC and a meeting with the auditors be scheduled.*
- **Review & Approve Building permit app Drouin – Shed – Colburn:** *Caisse noted all approvals were received and therefore he moved to sign the application, Willard seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Review & Approve Building permit app Nixon – Deck NH Rt 45:** *Caisse noted all approvals were received and setbacks provided, therefore he moved to sign the application, Willard seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Review & Approve Building permit app Martin, New roof over Kennels:** *Caisse moved to approve the application for a new roof over the kennels. Willard seconded the motion, all were if favor, motion passed.*
- **Review & Approve Junkyard renewal – Doug Guy – Leighton Lane:** *Caisse noted he was trying to set up an appointment with Doug and the Fire Chief to have the annual inspection done.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes May 23, 2023:** *Caisse moved to approve the minutes from May 23th as amended. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Cromwell asked that her letter regarding Ben's LUCT fees from the previous meeting be attached to these minutes. Ezell noted they should be attached to this meeting but he will allow them to be added to the May 23rd minutes.*

Other Business:

- *Singelais noted that after putting a message on the webpage she has not received any interest in the Welfare director appointment. She did reach out to the Greenville Welfare officer who had no interest. Caisse suggested reaching out to the town of Sharon and possibly putting something in the paper which will be considered.*
- *Ezell noted a request has been received to replace the orange marker sticks at the common, with a granite curb. Ezell noted something is needed as people drive up onto the grass and he noted the Highway dept. supports this. Cromwell noted years ago the board voted to put up cedar posts which was never done adding we clearly need something which should only be one vehicle width off the street. Kent Perry noted the curb would go across and disappear into the earth and will prevent people from going up over the lawn. Ezell asked how we should pay for this. Caisse recommended using the ARPA funds and made a motion. Willard Seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.*

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Committee Updates:

- **Police Board** – Ezell noted they have a new police officer who will be going to the academy and he has signed a 3-year commitment. Also, there was a request from the CAC chair complaining about speeding in town noting we have asked the department to set up some speed traps. Caisse noted people need to tell them where the speeding is happening so they know where to focus.

Non-Public Session: Highway reviews

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Willard second by Caisse. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM

Next Select Board Meeting: The next select board meeting will be held on **Tuesday June 27th** at the town Hall main room at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais