

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELET BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Town Hall

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Bill McDonnell, Honey Hastings, Camilla Lockwood, Ivy Bibler, Gail Cromwell, Connie Kieley, Christine Robidoux, Michael Robidoux, Keith Charlton

Ken Caisse, Chairman called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Ken Caisse, Chairman turned his position as Chairman over to Bill Ezell.

Public Comment: Gail Cromwell stated that she discovered 2 errors in information that popped up made by Avitar which she assumes are not deliberate. She said that one error is on a tax card for a commercial operation on currant use land which has gone on for a few years and that the town is not getting revenue due. The commercial property is listed at 2,000 square feet but it is 6,000 square feet and there is a rental property on the lot but that it is not listed on the tax card. She suggested the Select Board have Avitar in to explain the errors which Bill Ezell stated would not hurt to do. Discussion on whether the Avitar contract could be re-bid and Bill Ezell said that the complaint was that they missed some thing on an assessment, not about their assessing and that maybe all towns should use the same assessor due to sharing the school district. Christine Robidoux said that the town could put this out to bid and that there have been complaints about Avitar. Ken Caisse stated that each property owner needs to do their own due diligence and make sure what is listed on their tax card is correct. Honey Hastings asked if we could be assured that incorrect tax cards would be corrected in this tax year

Connie Kiely said that she was shocked at how filthy the floor was, cob webs in the Town Hall and after paying \$3,000 for the floor that red tape was placed on the floor for elections. She told the Select Board that it was ultimately their responsibility to maintain the building and that no one had swept the floor after Elections and Memorial Day parade. Bill Ezell told her that they will figure out removing the tape from the floor.

Christine Robidoux updated the Select Board that all papers have been sent overnight to Concord for Broadband but that the MS232 is the last piece needed which Carole Singelais will have to forward when she returns from vacation.

Old Business:

Marsh Litigation Update: Bill Ezell reported that the Select Board met with a new attorney last Wednesday who sent official notice to all parties that she is representing this case and that Chris Drescher sent a notice that he is no longer representing this case. The Select Board will meet with her next week.

Update on COVID-19 Initiatives: Bill McDonnell reported that the South West Planning Commission met last week with the State regarding remote meetings. There are loopholes to continue remote meetings through an emergency but that there must be a quorum at a physical location and others could remote in. Remote meetings are at the discretion of the Board Chair and cannot be misused. Bill Ezell said he checked the CDC website and that all restrictions are gone if vaccinated. Discussion on placing signs on public buildings stating if vaccinated, no mask; unvaccinated mask.

Appointment Policy follow up: Honey Hastings said a vote up or down would be appreciated due to the amount of time and effort spent on writing this policy. Ken Caisse stated he is concerned that there is not a way of keeping a committee from being a “club” of people and he would still like to see something stating that committees would not turn into a “club”. Discussion on perception of a “club” and how new members on the ZBA have a steep learning curve, learn by observation and guidance of other members. ZBA has complicated cases that current members should be kept on for if the town wants to avoid litigation. Bill Ezell noted that he would like to see more ZBA alternates. George Willard noted he does not want any committee telling him who to appoint. Bill Ezell moved the policy should be adopted through the end of the year subject to revision. Ken Caisse motioned to adopt the policy through the end of the year subject to revision, 2nd by Bill Ezell, Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard no.. The policy will be forwarded to all boards and committees to look at Part A. Christine Robidoux will forward a word document version of the policy with “effective through December 31, 2021 from June 22, 2021”.

Connie Kieley stated that the Select Board had appointments to the ZBA to make but Bill Ezell told her that it was not on the current agenda and they would put appointments for ZBA on the next agenda.

Christine Robidoux said that at the last meeting Carole Singelais was going to make a list of all open board and committee positions which terms are ending.

Conservation Kiosk plans: Email from Mike Madden, Conservation Commission Member received stated that the Conservation Commission would like to put a kiosk at the junction of Howard Hill Road and the Ledges class 6 road and requested input from the Select Board regarding restrictions for location of the kiosk. Ken Caisse brought up the concern that there is currently no parking available. George Willard owns property next to the stone wall where they would like to put the kiosk and has no issue if placed next to the wall. Question raised that the town has no authority of White Ledge Road and that only the end is town owned land. Might be a deeded right of way for the glass works. This needs to be researched more and the Conservation Commission needs to come in and speak with the Select Board.

Auditors Inquiries of Management and Government: Auditors forms that will be completed by Bill Ezell.

Building Permit Application – N. Brown – Moran Road: Ken Caisse reviewed the permit application and that the left boundary on the permit is ok but that it does not list the right front or back boundary. There is also a 100 square foot overhang that is not accounted for and if it is being used it needs to be in the square footage. The Select Board needs more information before the permit is issued.

Steve Anderson/Lock Away Self Storage: It is unclear why he wanted this on the agenda because the Select Board does not have anything to do with this.

Notice of Violation – Howard Hill Rd.: This letter from the Select Board is regarding bright lights which violates the dark sky ordinance. The letter will be sent by certified mail and regular mail to the resident.

Approve Select Board Minutes June 8, 2021: Ken Caisse motioned to accept the Select Board Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2021 as amended, George Willard seconded. Roll call vote Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes.

Approve Select Board Minutes June 17, 2021 (Broadband): Ken Caisse motioned to accept the Select Board Broadband Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2021 as written, Bill Ezell seconded. Roll call vote Ezell yes, Caisse yes, Willard yes.

Other Business:

Town Clerk Request: Select Board signed the 2021 Dog License Civil Forfeiture List for the Town Clerk

Meeting adjourned: 7:56 PM. Motion by Ken Caisse, second by George Willard, roll call vote Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse yes.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Dean