

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday June 27, 2023

Town Hall

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Connie Kieley, Matt Cabana, Tim Fiske, David Rosen, Danny Cournoyer, Bruce Kullgren, Clay Lennartz, Emily Sliviak, & Gail Cromwell.

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

Chairman Comments: *None.*

Public Comment: *Cromwell asked what the legal opinion was on the 2 existing reserve fund accounts noting they have been told they refer to relocating the highway garage not keeping the highway garage. Therefore, the money is not available to use for any expenses related to keeping the highway garage. Ezell said that was correct adding that both town council and the DRA agree that the wording of the warrant articles specifically say relocation, so no town funding is available for the new committee. Cromwell also asked if there have been any developments on the Marsh case noting she heard they were asking for the select board's opinion on a couple of things. Ezell commented that they have been advised by legal to not have an opinion. They have to follow the statutes.*

Old Business:

- 1. Code Enforcement Officer/Parking Zoning Fee Update – No Update**
- 2. Background checks & policy update –** *Caisse noted he has to get the final draft to the Library.*
- 3. ARPA funds – Town Common Well, Ballfield, fencing, playground estimates etc. –** *Ezell said we need to schedule a public forum. Caisse recommended 1 hour before our next meeting on July 11th. All agreed.*
- 4. Update on Alarm system vendors – No update**
- 5. Legal Meeting update – Flag Policy –** *Ezell noted we have not heard from legal yet.*
- 6. Compensation policy update –** *Ezell noted we need to review the list of eligible positions tonight. After review, Ezell read the entire policy and included all the agreed positions. Ezell moved to approve the policy. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Peter Allen asked if the treasurers increase would be effective for 2023 as discussed in February. It was noted by the board that this was not included in the budget and we need to see if we can find the money.*
- 7. Investment Policy update –** *Ezell noted they are still working on this.*
- 8. Doug Guy Junkyard inspection & renewal –** *Caisse commented that he has been trying to reach Doug to schedule the inspection.*
- 9. Town Common Benches -** *Ezell noted the town will pay to remove the Longo bench that has been on the common for a long time but he believes the Fiske family should pay for the removal of their bench since it was not approved to be put there. Caisse asked where are they going to go since the Library did not seem happy about them being moved there. Tim Fiske asked for clarification on what was going on and Ezell updated him letting him know that benches are not allowed on the common any longer as voted on at the*

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last meeting. Only Veterans memorials are allowed. Even though the Longo bench has been there for years, the board agreed it must also be removed. Fiske asked if he brings a warrant article to town meeting next year, and it is approved, can they then be allowed. Ezell said yes. Willard noted he has volunteered to move the benches himself but cannot guarantee the condition. Fiske stated Willard should not touch their bench, he will remove it but does not understand what the big rush is.

10. Curbing Quotes – Still waiting for quotes from the road agent.

New Business:

- **Town Common Wiring:** *Fiske mentioned he is going to put the water line in the well along with Pete Caswell putting the pump in and he said he needs an electrician to run wires. He also has some questions about running the wires through the conduit. Caisse explained why he could not do that and told him to ask Rob Wills, he was in charge of all of that. Caisse explained how it might work. Fiske asked how this would be paid for. Cromwell said the village green can help pay for this and Ezell said they will get the money to complete this.*
- **Appoint members to the new town garage study group:** *Ezell noted that after the special town meeting, a new committee has been formed and he has a list of interested people and therefore moved to appoint Dan Cournoyer, Heidi Thibodeau, Emily Sliviak, Kathy Boot, David Rosen, Jim Kingston, Laura Lynch, Allan Pickman, Bruce Kullgren, Matt Cabana, Amy Cabana, Russ Huntley, Peter Allan and Clay Lennartz to the new Highway Garage Study group committee for a 1 year term with no new members allowed until the committee establishes a policy. Willard seconded the motion; all were in favor.*
- **Guidance on DOT grants and speeding survey:** *Ezell noted the CAC committee has mentioned to him there are grants available from the dept. of transportation for pedestrian safety measures and they want to know if they can proceed with applying for them. Ezell said he was fine with that. Caisse reminded that the board has to say it is ok and then accept the grants. Ezell moved to authorize the CAC committee to do the research on applying for these grants. Caisse seconded; all were in favor.*
- **Review & Approve Building permit application -Walsh – Mt View Rd.- In Law:** *The board reviewed and approve the permit.*
- **Approve Audit representation letter:** *Caisse moved to approve the audit letter. Ezell seconded the motion, all agreed.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes June 13, 2023.** *Caisse moved to approve the select board meeting minutes from June 13, 2023 as written. Ezell seconded; all were in favor.*

Other Business:

- **Solar Permit – Grebus – Webster Highway -** *The board reviewed and approved the permit application.*
- **Occupancy Permit -Miles – Hedman-Remodel-** *The board reviewed and approved the permit.*

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- **Longo Bench** – Willard asked what should we do about the Longo bench at the town common that needs to be moved. Willard noted there have been others in the past that have wanted to put benches on the common and we have said no. If we allow one we will have to allow all requests. Ezell said if we are going to allow them there needs to be rules. The board agreed to leave the ruling from last week that does not allow any benches on the common. Willard offered to move it. Caisse wants to discuss the location with the Library first. However, the town does own the land in the long run. Caisse noted maybe the highway department can move it safely.

Committee Updates:

- None

Non-Public Session:

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Willard second by Caisse. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next Select Board Meeting: The next select board meeting will be held on **Tuesday July 11th** at the town Hall main room at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais