

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Town Hall Annex

6:30 PM

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

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

Guest Remarks:

- Wilton town administrator Paul Branscombe addressed the board with Wilton's plan for the Ambulance department restructuring. He informed us they recently hired Sherry Miller and they believe she will make improvements with government functions such as budgeting, planning and management of the Inter-Municipal Agreement and Municipal relations. Paul reiterated that this restructuring has nothing to do with the current Ambulance service as Wilton and the partner towns, all feel that patient care is excellent. Ken Caisse commented that the AAC committee was formulated so that all the partnering towns could work together on decisions, yet he felt that Wilton continuously called the shots and did whatever they wanted. Paul concluded that he did not want to see Temple leave the partnership. Ezell mentioned that the town of Wilton has been over budget for the last 2 years and believes rates can only go up.

Old Business:

- Review and Approve Employee Procedure and Policy Manual and financial Procedures Manual.
No update
- Right to Know seminar follow up. **Ezell did get some pricing and still plans on having a seminar here after town meeting.**
- Discuss outdated Elderly & Veteran's Exemption amounts. **No update**
- Marsh Litigation update – **Board Assistant delivered the requested meeting minutes to the Lawyers office on March 6th for their review.**

New Business:

- **The board reviewed and approved Thomas Whitcomb's request to join the Renewable Energy task force.**
- **The board reviewed and approved the Salisbury Abatement request and also requested a meeting be set up with Avitar to discuss the abatement process.**
- **The board reviewed and denied the Philip and Dorothy Marchuk abatement requests per Avitar's recommendation.**

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- The board discussed and prepared for town meeting.
- The board further discussed the Ambulance issue. The general consensus from the audience and Ken Caisse, was that the board needed to make a recommendation prior to town meeting. Ezell said the town votes on the appropriation of money (for the ambulance budget line), but the board decides what contract they sign. Ezell made it clear there will be no confusion as to their recommendation. Connie Kieley wanted clarification on what that exact recommendation is. Ezell cautioned on the contract violation issues and said a letter will be drafted after town meeting to justify the decision (if we leave Wilton), and the lawyers will review it first. Ezell then motioned that the board felt it was in the best interest for the town of Temple, to go with PB ambulance. Caisse seconded, motion approved.

Public Comment:

Committee Reports:

- *Willard said the Purple Heart signs have been ordered.*

Other Business:

- *Board Assistant mentioned the 2020 appointments are now due. Ezell explained how the swearing in process is handled. Ezell motioned to nominate Pete Caswell as our health officer. Willard seconded, motion approved.*
- *Board assistant will try and contact Mike Dube about providing a written complaint regarding a neighbor's sewage issue. Per Pete Caswell's recommendation this letter should be sent to the state.*
- *Board Assistant addressed a website comment from Kathy Boot regarding the excessive parking at the town green. Kathy attended the meeting and let her concern be know. She has noticed lately a much higher volume of parking which sometimes extends along the road in addition to the town green. She feels it looks awful. Connie Kieley said the Birchwood Inn is flourishing and creating the additional parking. She also said maybe utilizing town land may be a solution. Everyone agrees something needs to be done. Ezell said we are aware and that this is a long term issue with no immediate resolution but we are working on it. The Birchwood is also trying to add some employee parking behind the Inn.*
- *The board assistant and SB discussed the annual audit forms. Ezell took the forms for completion later.*

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- Minutes -
 - Select Board reviewed the draft minutes from the joint BAC/SB meeting on Feb 27th. Caisse motioned to accept the minutes as written, Ezell second, all in favor.
 - Select Board reviewed the Feb 6th Budget hearing minutes. Caisse motioned to accept the minutes as written, Willard second, all in favor.
 - Select Board reviewed the Feb 25th SB meeting minutes. Caisse motioned to accept the minutes as written, Ezell second, all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:21 PM. Motioned by Bill Ezell, Ken Caisse second, all in favor.

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 24th, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Annex.
Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais