

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday May 10, 2022**

**Town Hall**

**6:30 PM**

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

**Other Attendees:** Cam Lockwood, Christine Robidoux, George Russell, Keith Charlton, Bill McDonnell and Emily Sliviak.

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

**Chairman Comment:** *None*

**Public Comment:**

- *Robidoux asked if the lot line adjustment for 2B 75-4 can be put on the next select board agenda and added that a letter is needed from the select board.*
- *George Russell commented that the select board has a lot of things to tackle and he thanked them for everything they do and wanted them to know their efforts are appreciated. Russell then appealed to the select board to think ahead regarding the cease and desist order on the Stepping stones event center. Russell added that they are 6 months over the order date yet they still continue to schedule events. Russell asked what the reason is for that. Russell added that there are events every weekend and provided a recent picture of the property showing up to 16 cars parked overnight. Russell asked who is going to enforce the order. Caisse commented that the select board has the ability to enforce adding that Ms. Martin was on the right path at the start however she is off the path now. Caisse added that the select board received a letter from Boo's attorney asking if Boo could continue to hold events and they replied no she could not. Not until the ZBA process is completed. Caisse added that the only thing they can do right now would be to send another letter and take her to court. Caisse noted that they will know more after their Friday meeting with the town attorney.*
- *Caisse noted that he invited EMD Bill McDonnell to this meeting for a Covid update. McDonnell stated that there are monthly calls with the state which cover all topics, noting that the war with Russia has dominated the conversation and he added that there have not been any updates regarding Covid. McDonnell was asked what his thoughts were on the reopening of the town hall for private events. McDonnell said he is fine with that. Robidoux added that the vaccine mobile clinic will be in Antrim this weekend.*
- *Lockwood mentioned that there is a high fire hazard today with the winds and dry weather. Caisse noted that we do post hazard days on the unofficial Temple Facebook page and he added that the Smokey the bear sign has been ordered and will be up soon.*

**Old Business:**

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- **Marsh Litigation Update:** Ezell updated there is a court hearing on the 19<sup>th</sup> adding that at least one select board member needs to be there. Willard noted he will be attending.
- **Code Enforcement Officer:** Ezell noted they are still looking. Robidoux added that she spoke with Lisa Murphy from the SWRPC regarding reviewing our zoning laws and helping people understand the rules. Murphy suggested we talk to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission as the SWRP does not offer these services. The select board will follow up with this.
- **Parking/Zoning/Fee structure follow up:** No update
- **Background checks:** Caisse noted he will be attending the next Library meeting and will hopefully have a plan soon.

**New Business:**

- **CAC Committee update:** Robidoux provided the following updates:
  - \* Bill Torphy and Pete Caswell have been working on a test pit and they will take care of any paperwork with the state. It was noted that maybe Russ Huntly can help with the design of the septic system.
  - \* A/V was at the town hall last week but there is no date scheduled yet for the install.
  - \* Regarding the Charrette, it is tentatively approved but they have a couple of questions.
  - \* Broadband is still tricky. Ezell was on the last update call and they are still working on TDS and are not sure who is holding it up.
  - \* There will be a housing forum in the near future.
- **Technical Resources – Gale Associates:** Robidoux stated she is passing a letter of interest from Gale Associates along to the select board and noted that the planning board has looked at this but are not in need of their services at this time. Robidoux thought that this might be an option for Ben's Commercial Construction inspection per the ZBA conditions of approval. The select board will take a look.
- **Appointment of a representative to SWRPC:** Robidoux stated she has volunteered for this position and that the planning board has appointed her. Robidoux added we do have a second person on the board, Chris Connolly who they will reach out to in order to make sure he is still interested. Bill Ezell moved to appoint Christine Robidoux to serve as a Commissioner of the Southwest Regional Planning Commission on behalf of the town of Temple for a term of 2 years, per NH RSA 36:46. Ken Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.
- **Lot Line Conveyance 2B-75-1 & 2:** The process of how to get this completed was discussed. Caisse noted we need to send everything to our Attorney who will draw up the necessary paperwork. Once completed, the town will be able to sell the other lot.
- **Night Sky Ordinance compliance – General Miller Highway:** Ezell noted we received a letter from a resident regarding a violation from a new town resident who may not know the ordinance rules. Ezell will send a note to the home owner or make a visit, letting them know our dark sky ordinance rules.

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- **Secretary for ZBA:** Ezell commented that the ZBA can use a secretary to take the meeting minutes adding that it is difficult having a board member do the job and try and listen to the meeting at the same time. It was also noted that this person can also do the certified mailings and newspaper notifications. Sliviak will write up a job notice that will be posted on the town website.
- **Review and Approve Junkyard License renewal – D. Guy:** Ezell stated that he did walk the property with the Fire chief and George Willard and they did not notice any issues, adding that the fence was up. Therefore, the board approved and signed the license.
- **Review and Approve Jeta Grove Annual Religious Exemption:** Ezell noted they review this each year and based on the recommendation from Avitar, Ezell moved that they approve the religious exemption for Jeta Grove. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Caisse also noted that Jeta Grove gifts us each year the town portion of their tax bill.
- **Review & Approve Veterans Tax credit application - Kieley:** Caisse moved to approve the Veterans tax credit application for John Kieley based on Avitar's recommendation. Ezell seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.
- **Review & Approve Notice of Intent to cut - Ezell:** After review, Caisse moved to approve the Notice of Intent to cut for Bill Ezell. Willard seconded the motion, Ezell abstained, motion passed.
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes April 26, 2022:** Caisse motioned to accept the minutes from April 26, 2022 as amended. Willard seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

**Other Business:** - The board discussed the Historical Society's application to use the town hall for their annual meeting in which they are requesting the fee be waived. Willard moved to waive the town hall rental fee for the Historical society's meeting. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Willard noted he has reached out to a potential person interested in cleaning the monuments noting he has done work for us in the past. This person will be coming down on Saturday to provide a quote. The flag pole painting was also discussed. There is a person interested but we need to make sure he has insurance first.

**Committee Updates:** - None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:25 PM. Motion by Caisse, second by Willard, all were in favor, motion passed.

**Next Select Board Meeting:** The next select board meeting will be held on Tuesday May 24, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the town Hall. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais

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