

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Via Zoom Call

6:30 PM

Select Board members on the call: George Willard, Bill Ezell, and Ken Caisse

Other Attendees: John Kielely, Connie Kielely, Christine Robidoux, Jessica Hipp, Vivian Wills, Dana Nowell & Carole Singelais.

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

Chairman Ken Caisse Remarks:

- *Caisse reminded participants that the meeting was being held electronically pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8, Emergency Order #12, Section 3.*

Public Comment: NONE

Old Business:

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** Caisse reported the case has been pushed out by the court to June or July.
- **Discussion on outdated Elderly & Veteran's Exemption amounts:** Caisse said a work meeting needs to be set soon.
- **Update on finding a contractor to do the work on the Municipal Building:** Caisse reported that Greg Ellis had completed the work, done a great job, and we paid \$1040.00 for the work which was budgeted at 2K.
- **Follow up discussion on Payroll Schedule options:** Ezell reported that a request went out to the affected people and the unanimous consensus was to leave the payroll cycle as weekly. Therefore the board agreed to make no change.

New Business:

- **Fire Chief Request** – George Clark mentioned that during the last snowstorm the new engine did not perform well in the snow. He said the truck will need to have “onspot” tire change installed at a cost of about \$2100. Clark asked if he could take the money from the Fire emergency fund. Willard made a motion to allow Clark to take \$2100 from the emergency fund to support this purchase. Ezell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Caisse also mentioned that the road agent wanted to let the SB know that he had some unforeseen repairs and will need to go over budget on vehicle maintenance & repair, Supplies

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and non-vehicle repair. One reason was that the international's controls for heat and defrost broke and cost \$800 to fix. It was noted that he did not expect to exceed his total budget.

- **Rec Commission Update** – Vivian Wills gave an update on the Halloween costume parade saying it went very well. She also said that the annual Thanksgiving dinner was not going to happen this year. The recreation department met and had no ideas on how to make it work. She believes the ladies aid is doing something and maybe we can make a contribution. Vivian also said they were working on Christmas ideas and would be reaching out to Glenn Nutting to see if he will dress as Santa. Maybe a reading and a walk around the common during the tree lighting as well. Vivian will be working on a proposal to present to the board soon.
- **COVID19 Update**– John Kieley reported that a letter with advice and attachments was being sent to residents this week. He mentioned hard copies have been placed in the bins at the municipal office and the Library. John discussed the progress being made with a vaccine and gave an update on the current COVID statistics. With the winter months and the holidays approaching, it was recommended that people hunker down and stay the course. Ezell commented he has looked at the numbers on NH towns and Temple has the lowest per population in the state so we are doing a good job. It was mentioned that there are still requests being made to use the town hall however, the board agreed to keep the building closed.
- **Appoint Keith Charlton as a technical advisor to the Broadband committee** – The question was raised as to why not appoint Keith as a committee member. Christine Robidoux said that is because he has not retired yet and his time is limited, but however the board wants to do it is fine with them. Caisse made a motion to appoint Keith Charlton to the Temple community planning committee. Ezell seconded the motion. Roll call vote unanimously approved.
- **Broadband Proposal update** – Christine Robidoux said in order to discuss the specifics regarding the proposal responses we need to go into a non-public session since there is a non-disclosure clause on one of the providers. Caisse asked that they just give an update on where they are now. Jessica Hipp said that they received proposals from Comcast and Consolidated Communications and that the next steps are to get some additional questions answered, then they plan on having a public forum after Thanksgiving with the plan on making a decision on who to go with by December 18th, then start the rest of the process in January. Caisse then made a motion to go into nonpublic at 7:15 which was seconded by Ezell. Roll call vote was unanimous to proceed. After discussion, Ezell moved to return to public session at 7:46 which was seconded by George, roll call vote unanimous to return.
- **Approve Remodel/Accessory Dwelling unit application – Vogliano** – The board approved this application.
- **Approve Occupancy Permit – McElreavy ADU** - The board approved the application.
- **Approve Basement Remodel application –Ellis** - The board approved the application.

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- **Approve Addition & Garage application – Collette** - The board approved the application.
- **Discuss extra pay for the Town Clerk for absentee ballot processing** – The board discussed the extra work that was necessary during the elections due to the pandemic. Caisse mentioned he has asked the clerk for a log of her additional hours worked. John Kieley also acknowledged the extra effort put forth by the clerk. Caisse mentioned the whole election team did a great job. Caisse made a motion to pay the Town Clerk her equivalent hourly rate for the extra hours spent on absentee ballot processing. Ezell seconded the motion, roll call vote was unanimous in agreement.
- **Other Business:**

Willard mentioned a conference call he attended in which he learned some valuable information on RTK law, Planning board and ZBA rules and responsibilities, and he listed in on a lecture about small town planning where he got some great advice to share with anyone who would like the information.

- **Review Meeting Minutes October 27, 2020–** Willard motioned to accept the minutes as written. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in agreement.
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:55 PM. Motioned by Willard, second by Ezell, roll call vote Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse yes.

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Remote numbers will be provided in the event we are still handling meetings remotely. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais