

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday November 23, 2021**

**Town Hall**

**6:30 PM**

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

**Other Attendees:** Connie Kieley, Cam Lockwood, Bill McDonnel, Keith Charlton, John Kieley, Jessica Hipp, Gail Cromwell, Dan Cournoyer, Lilliane Lebel, Philip Lauriat and Kent Perry.

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

**Chairman Comment:**

- *Ezell commented that he was served an "order of notice" regarding a court case from the Wilton-Lyndeborough-Temple Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association. He noted this case has to do with the building the towns were all paying for prior to the ambulance service change. Ezell added that they want to reinstate an association for the purpose of selling the building and he noted the attorneys are working on this.*

**Public Comment:**

- *Dan Cournoyer wanted it noted that he is against the changing of Firehouse lane to a one way street with parking on the side of the town common. Cournoyer feels this change will have a negative traffic impact and he thinks more research needs to be done. Cournoyer also feels this should be decided by a vote at town meeting.*

**Old Business:**

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *No new update.*
- **Dark Sky Complaint Update:** *No new update.*
- **Code Enforcement Officer:** *Ezell updated that the officer from Peterborough is not available at this time. Ezell stated he will do some more digging to try and find someone.*
- **Parking follow up:** *Ezell commented that parking has been an issue for years and that some ideas are being kicked around. Do nothing? Move the highway sand pile back further and add some lights? Make Firehouse lane a one-way road and add some parking spots on the side of the common? Ezell showed a draft sketch for the Firehouse lane parking option which would add a 9 parking spaces. Ezell also noted that moving the sand pile back is not a viable option. John Kieley commented that there is a RSA that states that any class highway or any portion thereof, in a town may be discontinued by vote of a town. Therefore, he believes any decision to make a change is premature adding that abutters should also give their approval. Ezell noted that the wording "discontinued" needs clarification and noted the municipal association should be contacted. Ezell added that due to the number of complaints, we need to talk about possible short term solutions. Lebel and Lauriat who are abutters of Firehouse lane added that they did not like this idea stating*

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*possible negative property value impact adding that a traffic study should also be done first. Ezell commented that the police chief has told him they can adopt a parking ordinance which will allow them to impose parking fines and he will take a look at Greenville's ordinance. Other comments/concerns were discussed as follows; Impact to the grass and trees by parking on the village green, adding a few parking spots and some lighting in back of the town hall for Birchwood employee parking, moving the highway department to another location, and adding much needed signage. Ultimately it was decided to keep this topic on the agenda and hopefully come to a short term resolution soon.*

- **Background checks:** *Caisse asked the Library if they had a background check policy in place. Lockwood did not think so. Both Caisse and Ezell noted they need to have a written policy. The town will also need to have one before enforcing any background checks.*
- **National Flood Insurance Program:** *Ezell noted that the planning board was supposed to vote on this recently but they did not have a quorum. Willard added that they will be meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and will vote then. Ezell added that the plan is to move forward to adopt the National Flood insurance program adding that no parts of Temple are in flood areas therefore, there is no negative impact. If at any time a property is located in a flood zone and we are not participating in the national flood insurance program, difficulty obtaining mortgages, high flood insurance costs and not being eligible for FEMA funds are real concerns.*

**New Business:**

- **Broadband Update:** *Jessica Hipp updated that we have been approved for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 50% bond and noted they had been waiting on potential grant funding opportunities however, they now know this is not going to happen. Hipp added this is disappointing news however on the bright side, the bond rate has gone down to 2.75% from 3.5%. Ezell motioned to approve signing the loan agreement and certificate. Willard seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.*
- **Community Advisory Committee Update:** *Hipp provided an update on the CCI fiber optic installation stating they are on or ahead of schedule. Hipp noted that a percent completion zone map has been posted on the website. Hipp also commented that Bill Torphy will be providing a quote for the church/Town Hall/Library septic update. Ezell noted he spoke with Bill and they will meet next week and they also need to talk with the road agent. Hipp also provided an update from the Conval Strategic Planning Committee regarding concerns about the Temple elementary school consolidation noting that previously, smaller towns would band together but that is no longer the case. Hipp added that some suggest that as the appetite of the voters for change is greater now because of what is happening with the budget and this is a viable option to decrease the amount of budget responsibilities. The August strategic plan suggests that the consolidation is high on the list with the hope to develop a bond proposal for March 2023. Hipp requested that they form a sub-committee under the Community Advisory Committee to explore options for the long term retention of the town's elementary school which is also noted in Temple's vision statement. Ezell moved to approve creating a sub-committee to explore options for the long term retention of the town's elementary school. Caisse seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.*

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- **Sale of second town owned lot:** *Ezell stated that someone wanted to buy the Peterborough Rd. corner lot for \$60,000. Ezell added that Kathy Boot believes this lot is worth more than 60K so maybe they should list it with her. Caisse commented that if we list the property we will have to pay all the associated fees so maybe we should sell it ourselves. Cromwell commented that it is not just about the money. We should advertise and let people know the lots are available. It was also noted that there is a RSA stating that town owned land needs to be publically offered. Caisse and Ezell said we can do the advertising ourselves and will investigate further.*
- **Review and approve annual Town Hall LCHIP monitoring report:** *The board reviewed the annual LCHIP monitoring report as created by the Town Hall Advisory Committee. Ezell moved to approve the LCHIP annual monitoring report. Willard seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed. It was also noted there is a leaking radiator in the building. Caisse said he will contact a plumber to address the leak.*
- **Approval of new Auditing firm:** *Ezell communicated that the Keene firm he was in contact with was very expensive and only worked remotely. Ezell contacted another firm from Concord that Peterborough and Greenville use and after checking references and pricing, he found they were much less expensive and highly recommended. Ezell moved to sign a 3 year contract with Roberts and Green PLLC. Willard seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.*
- **Review School Care rate renewal:** *Caisse noted the rates were going down due to a premium holiday credit we are receiving. Ezell moved to renew the school care contract. Caisse seconded, all in favor, motion passed.*
- **Authorize letter to the Trustees for paving:** *Caisse moved to sign the letter to the trustees to transfer \$7,740.00 from the Asphalt and paving expendable trust to the General fund for completion of the paving of West Rd. Willard seconded, all in favor, motion passed.*
- **Approve Solar Tax credit application – Moylan- Laurel Wood Rd.:** *After review, Caisse moved to approve the solar credit application for William Moylan Laurel Wood Rd. as recommended by Avitar. Ezell seconded, all in favor, motion passed.*
- **Approve ADU Occupancy Permit (2018) – Moore – Howard Hill Rd.** *Caisse moved to approve the occupancy permit for Benjamin Moore on Howard Hill Rd. Willard seconded, all in favor, motion passed.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes November 9, 2021:** *Caisse moved to accept the select board meeting minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup> as written. Willard seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Committee Updates:** *-Willard updated that the SAC committee met last week with only 4-5 select board members in attendance and that there was only a general discussion with nothing to report. Caisse noted there was a recycling committee meeting last week which he could not attend nor could the other 2 selectmen. Caisse noted he is trying to get an update on what happened at that meeting. The budget was forwarded to the select board and BAC committees the previous day.*

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**Public Comment:** *Connie Kieley asked Bill McDonnell if there was any COVID update to report. McDonnell replied there was no update from the state and noted that cases are up.*

- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:35 PM. *Motion by Willard, second by Ezell, all were in favor, motion passed.*

**Next Select Board Meeting:** Tuesday December 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the town Hall. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais