

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday October 24, 2023

Town Hall

6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Gail Cromwell, Sandra Benotti, Connie & John Kieley, Robert Wills, Tedd Petro & Ivy Bibler.

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

Chairman Comments: *Ezell updated that at the ZBA Hearing on October 19th, the ZBA board decided they are not going to reconsider a re-application. Marsh can appeal to the superior court noted Ezell.*

Ezell also noted that the select board needs to vote on allowing the Renewable Energy Task Force to continue their pursuit with the community power coalition. Wills noted that towns can leave the coalition with a 30-day notice at any time so it is not a long-term commitment. Wills also asked that the select board appoint the Renewable Energy Task Force as the project representatives. Ezell moved to approve the Renewable Energy Task Force moving forward with the coalition project and to appoint the task force as the representatives. Willard seconded, all were in favor, motion passed. Wills noted he will move forward with scheduling the required public hearings.

Public Comment: *Ivy Bibler asked what the status was on the collection of attorney fees from the Marshes and if the fees will keep incurring. Ezell stated the 60 days is just about up and there should be a ruling soon and yes the fees are still accruing. Ezell added the Marshes can next file a motion to compel to force the select board to tell the ZBA what to do which has no merit and is illegal. Bibler also expressed concern over how we quantify the clean up if the property is for example abandoned. Bibler also brought to the select boards attention that Alan Marsh is displaying aggression at the ZBA meetings and she is fearful of him and is considering filing a restraining order. John Kieley agreed with Bibler about the aggression and noted that Mr. Marsh has stomped his feet while Kieley was speaking. Caisse noted they should notify the police and the ZBA chair should control the meeting and evict anyone who is out of control. Bibler also added some information for the record on the Souhegan River Water Management plan and chapter 483, noting that 7 of the 9 towns affected have adopted RSA 483, however, Temple has not. Bibler added that if we had adopted this we would not be in this predicament.*

Old Business:

- 1. Code Enforcement Officer, Parking/Zoning Fee structure update – No update**
- 2. Background check & Policy update –** *Caisse noted the policy has been finalized with one Library amendment and he moved to accept the new Background check policy. Ezell seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- 3. Update on Alarm system vendors –** *Caisse updated that he has 2 quotes on replacing the Alarm system at the town buildings and the Library. Monadnock Security came in with the lowest bid but is about 4K over the \$31K voted on at town meeting noting we will need to decide where to get the additional money.*

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Maybe from the ARPA funds. Caisse moved to approve moving forward with Monadnock security for replacement of the towns alarm system and to get started this year. Ezell seconded the motion, Willard abstained as he had not yet reviewed the quotes.

4. Investment Policy update – No Update

5. Radar Signs - *Ezell noted the CAC is working on getting a grant for this and the select board has to sign the documents.*

New Business:

- **Town Hall Committee Update**— *Connie Kieley presented a draft town hall policy noting we should keep in mind the importance of the building. Kieley noted the LCHIP agreement is ending this year and she will be filing the report. Kieley provided a quote of \$8600 for painting. Kieley and Cromwell mentioned the storage in the building is getting out of control noting the band, historical society and drama clubs are using a lot of space even though they are not real boards or committees. Kieley also noted that the tables are being pushed up against the stage and not left open as requested. Ezell noted we are not sure who is still doing this but he will try and find out. Ezell noted the policy seems reasonable and they will review it at the next meeting.*
- **Reappoint Connie Kieley Town Hall Committee 1-year term**— *Willard moved to reappoint Connie Kieley to the Town Hall committee for a 1- year term to 2024. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor.*
- **Reappoint Tedd Petro Town Hall Committee 3- year term:** *Willard moved to reappoint Tedd Petro to the Town Hall committee for a 3-yr term ending in 2026. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Appoint Sandra Benotti Town Hall Committee 3-year term.:** *Willard moved to appoint Sandra Benotti to the Town Hall committee for a 3-yr term ending 2026. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Approve MAST grant documents:** *Caisse moved to approve the MAST grant documents. Ezell seconded the motion, motion passed.*
- **Review & Approve Avitar 5- year contract:** *After a brief discussion, Caisse moved to approve the Avitar last year of the 5-yr revaluation contract. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Review & Approve Building permit application – Dugas – Garage:** *Caisse moved to approve the application for a garage pending the health inspector’s approval. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 2023:** *Caisse moved to approve the select board minutes from September 26, 2023 as amended. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.*

Other Business: None

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Committee Updates:

SAC – Willard noted there will be a meeting on Thursday October 26th at 7:00pm

Recycling Center – Ezell updated that the center has a new roof and they are planning on replacing a concrete pad.

Non-Public Session :

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Caisse, second by Ezell, Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next Select Board Meeting: The next select board meeting will be held on **Tuesday November 14th** at the Town Hall main room at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais