

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

*Tuesday September 26, 2023*

**Town Hall**

**6:30 PM**

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

**Other Attendees:** Gail Cromwell, Camilla Lockwood, & Lilliane Lebel.

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

**Chairman Comments:** *Ezell stated the ZBA has scheduled a rehearing on the Marsh case for Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm noting the town attorney will be present.*

**Public Comment:** *None*

**Old Business:**

1. **Code Enforcement Officer, Parking/Zoning Fee structure update** – *No update*
2. **Background check & Policy update** – *Caisse noted the Library needs to adopt our new policy. He will meet with them to discuss.*
3. **Update on Alarm system vendors** – *No Update.*
4. **Investment Policy update** – *Ezell discussed this with our accounting firm who will get a sample document for us.*
5. **Benotti Plaque** – *Ezell stated he has not heard back from the Town Hall committee. If we do not hear back from them by the next select board meeting, the board agreed they will make the decision.*
6. **Community power coalition update** – *Next steps are to send a copy of the joint power's agreement from community power to legal for review, then meet with the Renewable Energy committee to discuss next steps.*

**New Business:**

- **Building permit application discussion - Andersen**– *Discussion was not needed as Andersen provided the plans for the commercial garage building he is seeking a permit for.*
- **Town Common Tree cutting - Village Green** – *Cromwell noted she has shown Ezell and Caisse the tree in question. It has been damaged by the storms and has lost large branches on the top. The Village green would like it cut down by the Highway department. Ezell moved to approve the tree cutting. Willard seconded, all were in favor, motion passed*
- **Discussion of radar signs:** *Ezell mentioned that residents are suggesting radar signs be put up in town. Ezell noted each one will cost about 4K. He also noted the differences between battery and solar powered options. Lebel mentioned possible grant money for this. Cromwell also felt this was a good idea. Ezell noted statistics show that speed is reduced by only 10% with signs. Lockwood mentioned how bad West road is*

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with speeding. Ezell noted he will mention this topic to the chief of police at the next Police meeting. Ezell also noted we should schedule a forum to discuss further with the public.

- **Authorize transfer of trust fund monies per DRA:** Ezell explained we have to transfer money back to the general fund as we cannot transfer money into capital reserve and trust funds. The board signed the 2 transfer letters.
- **Review & Approve Notice of intent to cut – Beaudoin-Webster Hwy:** The board signed the intent to cut.
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes September 12, 2023:** Caisse moved to approve the select board minutes from September 12, 2023 as amended. Ezell seconded the motion, motion passed.
- **Approve Select Board Non-Public Minutes September 12, 2023:** Caisse moved to approve the select board non-public minutes from September 12, 2023 as written. Ezell seconded the motion, motion passed.

- **Other Business:**

**Welfare Agent appointment – Marion Gibson** - Ezell explained that our current Welfare agent Iphi Hatt is retiring from her position and has been interviewing candidates. She has subsequently recommended Marion Gibson for the position and she will train her. Caisse wanted to discuss with Hatt before we appoint the position.

**Conval School reconfiguration Meeting** – Willard reminded the audience that Temple's School reconfiguration meeting is Thursday night the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Elementary school. The board members all planned on attending.

**Committee Updates:** None

**Non-Public Session:**

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Ezell, second by Willard, Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

**Next Select Board Meeting:** The next select board meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 10th** at the town Hall main room at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais