

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

*Tuesday April 11, 2023*

**Town Hall Annex**

**5:30 PM**

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

**Other Attendees:** Richard Redding

Ezell opened the continued Redding/McDonald Barn easement hearing at 5:30.

Richard Redding (Applicant), spoke about RSA 79-D and the public benefit to preserving these structures. He believes his barn offers scenic enjoyment to the community, it can be seen from the road, and it is 90-100 years old. Ezell agreed that the main barn is visible from the road, it looks nice, is old enough, however he believes the second structure is smaller and not visible. Redding added if that structure is excluded from consideration, he is fine with that. Caisse agreed the larger barn is visible and has been maintained well.

The board and Redding discussed the percentage of value the barn should be assessed at as this decision is up to the select board. Ezell noted he researched other towns and the percentages are all over the map. Caisse noted we should make a policy for any future applications. All agreed to 50% for a period of 10yrs in which time the application will need to be renewed. Ezell noted our assessors have reviewed the application and find no issues with the board approving it at their discretion.

Ezell moved to approve the Barn preservation application for Richard Redding and Kerry McDonald, at a 50% assessment for a duration of 10 years. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

*Motion to adjourn by Ezell, second by Willard. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.*