

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Town Hall Annex

6:30 PM

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

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

Public Comment:

- Connie Kiely read a message from John Kiely regarding the Hazard mitigation plan. He believes the current plan is expiring and is there a grant available that can assist us. John asked what the select board would like to do. Do they want him to do it? If so, John asked for ideas from the SB.
- Christine Robidoux discussed the importance of the 2020 Census and asked if a notice about it could be added to our web page. Caisse motioned to add the notice, Willard seconded. Motion to put on the town website approved.

Old Business:

- Review and Approve Employee Procedure and Policy Manual and financial Procedures Manual. **Date to be determined after town meeting.**
- Right to Know seminar follow up. **Ezell will find out the cost and look into having a seminar here after town meeting. All board members, municipal building employees, highway employees etc., should attend.**
- Discuss outdated Elderly & Veteran's Exemption amounts. **Caisse commented Temple has the lowest amounts. The plan is to collect more data for the next meeting and focus on setting up new income limits and exemption amounts.**
- Marsh Litigation update – **Extension granted until April. Dresher will be picking up the copies of meeting minutes we have compiled, soon.**
- No discussion or comments on other items listed on agenda.

New Business:

- *A presentation was shown by Jeff McIver from Consolidated Communications. Jeff discussed Fiber Optic vs. Copper wiring, increased speeds, coverage maps, timelines, etc. and gave us an update on how other rural communities are progressing with their installations. Christine Robidoux and Jessica Hipp also commented on the Broadband committee's commitment to research all they can, and noted they have created an internet survey for residents which they plan on rolling out on-line soon, and also provide at town meeting.*

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- *The Building permit for AT &T was approved. Ezell motioned to raise this permit rate to \$250 which is what they paid. Caisse seconded, motion passed.*
- *The application for the current use assessment for Randall Martin was approved*
- *Dana Nowell's request to be added to the Broadband committee was brought to motion by Ezell and seconded by George, motion passed.*
- *The LUCT abatement for the Nutting Trustee was approved. Additional comments/questions from Glenn Nutting were addressed. Nutting asked why he received a tax bill at all when the board knew it was not accurate. Ezell told him that we contract with Avitar and that we follow their recommendations. It appears there may have been a communication breakdown somewhere along the lines over the years.*

Committee Reports:

- *Willard provided an update from the S.A.C meeting on 2/20/20. He went over the articles and provided information on a pre-kindergarten discussion, and the shortage of new teachers entering the profession. He also mentioned that the Conval school board is implementing new measures to better inform the public prior to voting day.*
- *Ezell's update from the Planning board included the NH housing dept.'s recent presentation. He noted there will be a link to the slides on our website. He commented we need to figure out what we need to do, possibly get the town involved? Christine asked if they were considering using outside consultants or applying for grants. Bill said the planning board was looking into all of that.*
- *Ezell also provided an update on the Wilton Ambulance situation. He said the BAC and SB are meeting with the Peterborough Ambulance chief to discuss their proposed contract, on Thursday. Ezell mentioned they may need to hold a non-public session to discuss the legal issues with Wilton.*

Other Business:

- *Christine Robidoux mentioned that the community planning committee voted to spend \$150 for planned NH membership, which allows them to attend workshops and has other benefits. Bill said it was fine for her to submit a payment request.*
- *The board voted to change the next SB meeting from Tuesday March 10th to Wednesday March 11th due to a conflict with the Local Elections.*
- *Willard mentioned he had contacted Pete Caswell regarding a resident's complaint over sewerage entering their property. He is waiting to hear back.*
- *Caisse mentioned that the town should bring back doing a background check on all new employees and committee members. It was somehow deleted from the policy and needs to be*

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put back. Ezell mentioned we should check with the insurance company noting that volunteer committee members may not need to comply. Caisse motioned to have all new employees complete a background check which was seconded by Willard, motion passed.

- *Willard mentioned that he sent an email to the DOT to find out about the Purple Heart signs. He has not heard back yet.*
- *Connie Kiely mentioned an email went out inviting 100+ people to a Temple Dem meeting and since this was obviously not a regular committee meeting, they should have paid for the room. Connie explained she has mentioned this to Laura Lynch before. Caisse and Ezell also mentioned she has been explained this in the past, and pretty recently. Bill said he will follow up with a “warning” email notifying her she is risking losing her current committee meeting privileges.*
- *Willard motioned to have the Board Assistants job titled changed to Administrative Assistant due to the numerous job duties. Caisse commented that this means decision making is happening and recommended a job description be completed first. Ezell commented that the Select board is currently being contacted by the assistant and that they are giving approval on various things. It was decided that it will be looked into when the policies are reviewed.*
- Minutes -
 - **Select Board reviewed the Jan 28th meeting minutes. Willard motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Caisse second, all in favor.**
 - **Select Board reviewed the Feb 4th meeting minutes. Caisse motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Ezell second, all in favor.**
 - **Select Board reviewed the Feb 12th meeting minutes. Caisse motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Willard second, all in favor.**
 - **Christine Robidoux will send the board assistant the draft meeting minutes from the Feb 4th combined BAC and SB meeting for review at the next SB meeting.**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:59 PM. Motioned by Bill Ezell, Ken Caisse second, all in favor.

Next Select Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Annex.
Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais