

TOWN OF TEMPLE
TEMPLE LAND USE COMMITTEE

July 11, 2020 Meeting
Final Minutes

Chairman Fiske called the meeting to order at 8:04 am in the parking lot of the Temple Municipal Offices.

Committee members in attendance: Tim Fiske, Allan Pickman, George Willard, Honey Hastings, Connie Kieley, Scott Hecker & Lillian LeBel

Absent: Kathy Boot, Christine Robidoux, & Deb Harling

Other attendee: Gail Cromwell.

Motion to accept the minutes of the June 27 meeting as amended. Approved unanimously.

Chairman Fiske reviewed the boundaries of the land that the Municipal Building and Fire Dept sits on. We then walked on a road to the rear of the property that had been used to obtain gravel and fill when preparing the building site for the Municipal Building. The area was flat and suitable for a building but would need fill, re-grading and new culverts. To the North of the road, the land rose slightly to a small evergreen forest. Tim suggested the proximity to the Historical Society's old red school house might make either of these sites appropriate for an adjunct Historical Society building and parking. Tim commented that a building in either of those locations would be somewhat visible from Hadley Highway.

At 8:35 the meeting moved to the land that Highway Department now sits on.

Tim began by discussing the soil content of the Town owned land that the Library, the Town Hall & Highway Dept. sit on. Many of the areas contain ledge that is close to the surface most notably behind the library. Also, Tim noted, he is in the process of drawing a map for the Select Board that will show the location of the electric lines and gas lines, some of which are under the driveway. Discussion ensued regarding the septic presently located to the South of the Town Hall close to the Church boundary. The septic is shared by the Church, the Town Hall, the Highway Dept and the Library. Tim noted that if the Highway Department is moved, a new system might be built under a future parking lot. Comments were made that this committee could give consideration to a future septic location.

Tim further explained the purpose of each of the 3 Highway buildings. Going from the rear of the property toward the Library: Building one, the oldest of all the buildings was relocated from the area directly behind the Town Hall Annex in 1990 to its present location. It is now used for storage. Building two is the salt shed. The salt shed was built with walls thick enough to withstand potential impact of machinery. Building three is comprised of two sections. Tim felt

the section made with cinderblocks might not be useful to anyone, however the back portion of that building had some moderate potential for usage.

When asked, Tim gave a very rough estimate that approx. 4,000 square feet is needed for storage of vehicles.

Discussion of moving the Highway Dept and their needs: Tim is planning to meet with Kent to tour Highway Departments in other Towns and to begin to put together some ideas on types of buildings etc. that would work well for Temple. Tim will report on their findings at our next meeting.

Discussion of the Historical Society and their needs: It was suggested that Honey Hastings meet with the Historical Society and provide details of their building needs to the TLUC.

The next meeting will be held on August 24 at 6 pm. The location of the meeting will depend on the status of town regulations re public meetings and Covid. Tim will announce the location in advance of the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 by Tim Fiske, second by Honey Hastings. Unanimously approved.

Addendum: Immediately following the meeting Honey handed out docs which are relevant to the sale of land taken by tax deed. As an FYI I have attached to the minutes.

Submitted by:
Connie Kieley, Secretary