TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING BOARD OF SELECTMEN Meeting held on the 9th of October 2012

Board members present: J. Kieley, T. Petro

Call to Order by J. Kieley at 7:01 p.m.

- 1. Subject: Bill Barnsley, representing Northwestern Resources, Inc., met with the Board to discuss property on Hadley Highway, M 05 L 091. Barnsley informed the Board that engineering crews have been checking the boundaries for M 05 Lots 079; 091 and 091-1 as well as properties in New Ipswich owned by Northwestern Resources and Kumatsu Gumi. Barnsley explained that Northwestern Resources is planning to change the properties into agricultural to help out returning Veterans. One singlefamily house w/office is planned for M 05 L 091 with access off of Hadley Highway. Petro asked if there is a proposal for this plan and Barnsley stated a plan is being put together. Kieley stated that zoning rules would apply but the first issue is the wetlands. Barnsley informed the Board that the State of NH-DES has already been contacted. Kieley said that the Town would need confirmation from the DES regarding any wetlands permits issued. Kieley also stated that the Board would be adverse to any town road piercing the town line with New Ipswich. Barnsley said the focus is not to construct homes, but to convert to agriculture. Kieley informed Barnsley that Temple has worked to preserve land and would be willing to put Barnsley in touch with the Conservation Commission. Barnsley said that the land would be donated to an LLC for the Veterans and there would be no cost to the Veterans to be involved in this endeavor. Barnsley told the Board that he would be back after the winter and will try to send plans to the town for review as they become available.
- 2. Subject: Tim Fiske, Road Agent, met with the Board for several issues. The first item was to inform the Board that the Converse Road Bridge #1 engineering contract has been approved by the DOT. Kieley signed the contract with Dubois & King as chairman. Second was information that Kieley and Fiske Have been working on an agreement with the Bradlers to install culvert on the Bradler land on East Road. The Bradlers are requesting a "width target" for the road and want language to specify that any easements would be null and void if the Town were to pave the East Road. Fiske would like any easements to state that if the Bradlers were to sell the land and East Road is paved after that occurrence the easements would stay in place. Fiske stated that the Town Attorney would need to review any agreement. Petro expressed concern about making an agreement regarding a town road. Fiske explained that because the culverts need to be on private land and easement is required from the land owner. Fiske also explained that it will cost a lot to install these culverts but will make the road safer and alleviate the problem of gravel washing out in that area.

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- 3. <u>Subject:</u> Kieley informed the Board that the Historical Society needs to put electricity into the Old Schoolhouse that is located on town land, in order to install a security system. Trees need to be removed at the tree line to allow a pole and a trench needs to be dug to install a conduit for the power line from the pole to the Schoolhouse. Kieley suggested that the Historical Society pay the direct costs of having the electricity installed and that the Highway Department provide the labor. Move by Petro to authorize Kieley to work with the Historical Society for the installation of electricity to the Old Schoolhouse, the Historical Society to pay direct costs and the Temple Highway Department to provide labor, second by Kieley and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
- 4. Subject: Travis Woodbury met with the Board regarding the property taxes for 69 Kullgren Road. Woodbury stated that he had expected his taxes to decrease and was guite surprised when they increased. Woodbury inquired about this in June 2012 and the Administrative Assistant had informed him he would need to seek an abatement after the December 2012 tax bill. Woodbury claimed that the square footage is incorrect on his assessment card and the Assessor missed "a lot of stuff". Woodbury claimed there is no attic, the deck fell off due to snow and there is no work currently underway. Woodbury also stated that the card does not indicate depreciation. Kieley stated that the card does show depreciation. Kieley suggested that the Board have a discussion with Avitar Associates. Woodbury would like to have the information and assessment changed now and would like to avoid the abatement process. Petro stated he would prefer not making any changes without an abatement request. Woodbury presented the Board with pictures of exterior areas of the house that have problems. Kieley stated the issue is not the assessed value as compared to market value; the issue is whether the assessed value represents the current status of the property. The Board will contact Avitar Associates and suggested that Woodbury attend the October 23, 2012 Selectmen's meeting.
- 5. <u>Subject:</u> Tim Winship met with the Board to discuss high speed internet access. Kieley informed Winship that the town does not currently have a contract with Comcast. Winship stated that he has spoken to Comcast and the cable does not go through to his road. Winship stated that he read an article in the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript about fiber optic cable being run in Sharon by Fair Point. Connie Kieley stated that the town needs maps from Fair Point and Comcast showing what roads have high speed internet coverage. Ken Sullivan stated that he has DSL through TDS out of Wilton. Sullivan then informed that DSL is available on any updated telephone lines up to approximately 18,000 feet from the central office. Sullivan said that expansion of high speed internet into rural areas is an issue that needs to have a high level of concern from Officials higher

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- 5. <u>Subject:</u> (cont) that Town Officials. Kieley suggested getting a group of citizens together who are interested in this issue and suggested that Winship be on this committee. Petro suggested that Steve McGettigan be asked to be on such a committee as well. It was suggested that once this committee is formed they could meet with representatives from Fairpont and Comcast.
- 6. <u>Subject:</u> Review of prior minutes: Move by Kieley to approve the 9/25/12 minutes as amended, second by Petro and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Move by Kieley to approve the 9/25/12 non-public minutes as written, second by Petro and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
- 7. <u>Subject:</u> Dick Benotti updated the Board on the Town Hall: the furnace is scheduled to be cleaned on 10/24/12. Benotti is trying to contact Pinney Plumbing to schedule work on the sinks in the bathrooms of the Annex.
- 8. <u>Subject:</u> The Board signed the warrant for the November 6, 2012 General Election.
- 9. <u>Subject:</u> Signed a pole license application for PSNH for Foster Road to replace poles.
- 10. Subject: Reviewed and signed vouchers.
- 11. <u>Subject:</u> Kieley asked for discussion of the Doug Guy Junkyard Permit application. The Board does not think that the newest map submitted by Guy shows the boundaries of the junkyard. Kieley suggested that the Board send a letter informing Guy of this and suggest that the Board meet with Guy's surveyor McKenney to explain what information the town is requiring.
- 12. <u>Subject:</u> Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Petro. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant