

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**February 27th, 2018  
Town Hall Annex**

Select Board members present: G. Cromwell, B. Ezell, and K. Caisse

Call to order by Ezell at 6:31pm

**Veteran's Credit application:** Approved by BOS per recommendation by Avitar Associates.  
**Motioned for approval of veteran's tax credit application Cromwell, seconded by Caisse, all in favor.**

**Facebook Temple, NH Area group protocol discussion:**

- Concern expressed if there were to be controls in place for the postings on the Temple, NH Area Facebook Page, especially with possibly contentious election topics and seats on town committees in the upcoming election.
- Gretchen Rae, Temple Assistant to the Board of Selectmen, is a co-administrator on the page originated by Marilyn Acker-Ezell and has been posting informational postings since early fall but under her personal Facebook profile and with no mention of her role as a town employee. It was asked if that was a conflict of interest and how will the administration of the public posts be handled if group members post inappropriate messages or make defamatory remarks, especially around town government policies or practices.
- For reference, Cromwell provided a New Hampshire Municipal Association's brief on Social Media traps for municipalities, sited from February 2010s written by C.Christine Fillmore
- G.Rae provided a link to an online webinar being offered by NHMA on March 14<sup>th</sup> from noon-1pm addressing the social media challenges faced by local government.
- It was agreed that this Facebook group, with over 500+ members is a terrific source of information for our neighbors and is an actively used resource for current affairs. But because the page is NOT associated with local government, than it cannot be linked to the www.templenh.org website. It was noted that there are not the needed controls in place with this Facebook group to address 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights and/or censorship concerns.

**Action Item A:** G.Rae to participate in NHMA's social media webinar.

**Action Item B:** B. Ezell (selectmen & husband to Marilyn) will ask Marilyn if she is willing to modify the description of the group and ADD a disclaimer that the Temple, NH Area group and Facebook page are NOT associated with the Town of Temple governing body.

**Energy buying area collaborative:**

- Meeting organized and schedule by Rodney Bartlett of Peterborough. Meeting set for March 8<sup>th</sup> in the Peterborough Town Hall.

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**Public Comments:**

- Will the BOS need a “stand-in” at any point on the day of elections? Caisse will not be able to cover inside the voting area due to also being an incumbent candidate.

**Other Business:**

- \*Colleen Bouchard’s letter of interest to join the Temple Recreation Commission.
- A new banner has been hung on the front of the Town Hall building with the Town’s website address. G. Rae is confirmed for providing information on the town webpage at the Town Meeting. G.Rae will create informational cards to provide to people for constructive use of the webpage as a resource to all residents.
- \*\*Legislative important updates: HB1381 = The House Ways and Means Committee this week recommended passing a bill that would completely overhaul the valuation of utility property in New Hampshire, likely driving up municipal property tax rates and shifting millions of dollars in tax obligations from utility companies to all other taxpayers. The House Ways and Means Committee did this after a few minutes of discussion of an amendment that committee members had received less than an hour earlier.

**\*Motioned to accept Colleen Bouchard onto the Temple Recreation Commission in order to fill vacant spot, term to expire 2019, made by Cromwell, seconded by Caisse, all in favor.**

**\*\*Motioned to draft a letter and send to the local representatives stating the Town of Temple’s strong disapproval of House Bill 1381, made by Cromwell, seconded by Caisse, all in favor**

**Action Item C:** Cromwell to draft a letter for approval by Ezell and Caisse. To be sent by e-mail and as a hard letter to Craig Moore and Paul Somero.

**Vouchers:** Signed

**Meeting Minutes:**

- February 8<sup>th</sup> Budget Hearing, motioned for acceptance **as amended** by Caisse, seconded by Cromwell, all in favor.
- February 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting, motioned for acceptance **as amended** by Caisse, seconded by Cromwell, all in favor.
- February 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting, motioned for acceptance **as amended** by Cromwell, seconded by Caisse, all in favor.

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**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:21pm, motioned by Cromwell, seconded by Ezell, all in favor.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday **March 6th 6:30pm** Town Hall Annex. (NOT the regular second Tuesday of the month, March 13<sup>th</sup>)

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Gretchen Rae, Assistant to the Select Board.