

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

**Via Zoom Call**

**6:30 PM**

**Select Board members on the call:** George Willard, Bill Ezell, and Ken Caisse

**Other Attendees:** John Kieleley, Connie Kieleley, Christine Robidoux, Krista Stringer, Vivian Wills & Carole Singelais.

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

**Chairman Ken Caisse Remarks:**

- *Caisse reminded participants that the meeting was being held electronically pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8, Emergency Order #12, Section 3.*

**Public Comments:** Christine updated the board on the broadband committee's RFP response (and the not so helpful map), received from Comcast. She also stated there may be a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding available from the CARES act. She will have another update by the next SB meeting.

**Old Business:**

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *No new Update*
- **Discussion on outdated Elderly & Veteran's Exemption amounts:** *Ken said this will be addressed before town meeting. Christine asked if the town will be looking at any other available exemptions such as the one for the disabled. Caisse said yes they should look at that as well.*

**New Business:**

- **COVID19 update** – John Kieleley reported that there is a new executive order requiring mask usage at events of 100 or more people, which includes the upcoming event in New Ipswich. He reminded us that there will be people attending this event from other states and he feels it is important to advise Temple residents of the event by mail. Ezell motioned to have the letter John prepared, mailed to residents this week. Caisse seconded, roll call vote Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard no. Krista asked if Temple has a code red system in place. John said they were approved to install the system however it has not been completed due to the pandemic. He believes all that needs to be done is to gather the cell phone numbers from residents who want to participate, which will then be added to the database. The select board assistant was asked to follow up with this effort in the coming weeks. John also mentioned there will be a meeting soon regarding voter safety at the upcoming elections and he reported he will be picking up the towns PPE next week. Ezell mentioned he was asked by a resident, to possibly put up signs on every road in town alerting residents of the New Ipswich event. The board concluded they

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could not possibly do this in time and they also have no jurisdiction on route 45 which is a state road. Ezell also mentioned there were 2 groups wanting to use town space. The first is the Trustees of the Trust fund who would like a 5 minute, 3-4 person meeting on the Town Common. The 2<sup>nd</sup> being the Lions club who would like to use the space for a meeting of 10+ people. Ezell said the Lions are insured. Ezell will contact the trustees to see if they possibly can use Zoom or the municipal parking lot for this meeting. Willard motioned to approve these events as long as they practice social distancing and wear masks. Caisse seconded, roll call vote Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes. Caisse mentioned that the men's softball league was asking again to use the ball field. The board agreed that without an insurance policy as recommended by Primex, and no resources to enforce the guidelines, they do not feel they can allow this. Willard motioned to allow the league to use the ballfield. There was no second.

- **Recreation Request – Outdoor movie night & Open Mic – Vivian Wills** - Vivian asked for the SB thoughts on organizing movie nights and the possibility of having open Mic nights. Some ideas were discussed and the board said they would need a written plan on how these events would work, similar to how they did it for the successful bike parade last month. Vivian will work on providing this plan at the next SB meeting.
- **Discuss Warrant article money transfer**– John Kieley mentioned that as a result of the last BAC meeting, Gary Scholl would be drafting up recommendations, the first one being to fund warrant articles now. He said we have a lot of cash available and should fund the warrants (185K), now. Everyone agreed this is a good idea. Willard moved to fund article's 3, Highway paving, and 4, Asphalt and paving expendable trust. Ezell seconded, roll call vote Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes.
- **Approve Permit (Shed) J. Tyler Wall** – The board approved this application with the revised set back numbers.
- **Approve Permit (Remodel) J. Miles** –The board approved this permit application.
- **Discuss Employee change of status form – Julie Dean** –Bill had a conversation with the bookkeeper who created a change of status form to be used with any rate changes. The form will be a requirement for any rate change, in addition to the supporting meeting minutes. Bill explained there were some recent discrepancies and this form will prevent those from happening again and will make the auditors happy. Ezell motioned to accept the new COS form as proposed by the bookkeeper. Willard Seconded, roll call vote, Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse abstained.
- **Review and Adopt revised financial policy** – Ezell reported that he spoke with Melanson and also received input from a few others regarding suggestions/changes, however, there was some last minute feedback that warrants holding off on finalizing the policy. Ezell said there will be an informal 2-3 person ad-hoc committee formed who will work on wrapping this up in the coming weeks. Willard motioned to delay finalizing the policy to a future date. Ezell seconded, roll call vote, Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard yes. Ezell motioned to establish an ad hoc committee to

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review the document and make recommendations. Caisse seconded, roll call vote Caisse yes, Willard yes, Ezell yes.

**Other Business:**

- Connie asked when the SB will be resuming meeting with the police dept. Ezell stated he has tried to initiate a meeting however the police have not felt it necessary. He will pursue again.

**Committee Reports:**

None

- **Review Meeting minutes July 28, 2020** – Ezell motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Willard Seconded, roll call vote, Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse yes.
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:34 PM. Motioned by Willard, Ezell second, roll call vote Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse yes.

**Next Select Board Meeting:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Remote numbers will be provided in the event we are still handling meetings remotely. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais