

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Remote Call

6:30 PM

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

Others on the call include: John Kieley, Connie Kieley, Rose Lowry, Christine Robidoux, Ron Pulos and James Stein.

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

Chairman Bill Ezell Remarks:

- *Ezell began the meeting by notifying all attendees what the rules were for this emergency remote meeting. Including; identifying the reason for the remote SB meeting, what we can cover in the meeting (important and time sensitive items), and how to handle non-critical items and signatures/approvals. Ezell also mentioned he would be asking for any public comments throughout the call.*

New Important/Time critical Business:

- Discussion on Town Hall and Municipal office cleaning. *Since the Town Hall is closed, it was suggested that we do not require the cleaners to go there every week, and to utilize them more at the municipal office. Ezell suggested one deep cleaning at the Town Hall, then maybe again in 3 weeks. At the offices, the weekly cleaning would continue, but with a more thorough cleaning including disinfecting and dusting. Connie Kieley asked if the office is being used by employees. Bill reported yes that all employees are reporting to work with no one from the public allowed inside.*
- Discussion on Wilton Ambulance. *Ezell read an email from Wilton Town Administrator Paul Branscombe. Paul wrote that Wilton has made its best offer which is the amount we raised, appropriated and budgeted at our Town Meeting at \$55,187. He went on to say they are committed to reviewing call volume numbers at the next AAC meeting. Paul discussed the administration changes and tried to reassure the board that when Sherry Miller joins on March 30, all the drama will disappear, new staff will be hired to fill all the empty positions, and budgeting will improve.*

Ezell motioned to open negotiations with the town of Peterborough Ambulance. Caisse second, Willard agreed yes.

John Kieley commented that he supports the move to Peterborough and suggested we do it ASAP. He feels strongly that Wilton cannot serve our town stating that Wilton's service has declined with all the staff reductions, and the recent COVID-19 outbreak. He thinks that the

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Peterborough staff and equipment can much better serve our community and we should move fast to ensure the public's safety. Ezell reminded that we are in discussions with our Lawyers and will follow our Attorney's advice on how to proceed and communicate. Connie Kieley asked if the letter from our attorney will be made available on our website. Ezell said he will follow our Attorneys recommendation as to what we can legally do.

- Review Dept of Safety time sensitive Grant. *Ezell said we can sign this document independently in the town office. The document also needs George Clark and Peter Allen's signatures and must be returned by April 1st.*

Additional Public Comments:

- Christine Robidoux mentioned that the Broadband committee will be meeting remotely Wednesday night and said they will keep working on Broadband as best they can. She asked what other committees were going to do. Ezell said that it is up to the committee's to decide what is time sensitive, and to act accordingly.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:47 PM. Motioned by George Willard, Ken Caisse second, all in favor.

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Remote numbers will be provided again in the event we are still handling meetings remotely.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais