

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 11, 2014
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Gail Cromwell, John Kieley, George Willard

Call to order by Cromwell at 5:30 p.m.

Paperwork: Signed intent to cut for Lukas Foundation, M 06 L 022.

Signed building permit applications for: Bradshaw, M 05 L 055 – shed; Z. Thompson, M 08 L 049-9-3 – shed; B. Fisk, M 02 L 014 – barn.

Signed letter to Ken Caisse giving permission to hunt on Weston Conservation land and Town Forest.

Signed a letter regarding the Heald tract on East Road stating there is no knowledge of hazardous waste on this property.

Signed the State of NH-DRA municipal assessment data certificate.

Reviewed and signed vouchers.

Mazza Property: Holly Martin gave the Board copies of letters that had been sent to the Board via certified mail on Tuesday, November 10, 2014. There were three letters the first stated that Will Wildes, Temple Building Inspector, had inspected the garage and found there is not apartment in the garage. The second reviewed the number of vehicles at the garage due to the number of tenants as well as the operation of the repair shop. The third letter stated that most of the “junk” has been removed but there is still some clean up left to do. The Board stated that they had received a letter from Will Wildes regarding his inspection of the garage.

There was discussion about whether the trailers are on current use land or if this land had been removed from current use. Holly Martin stated that the goal is to remove the storage trailer from M 08 L 040 up to the garage on M 08 L 053. Holly Martin asked for extension on the 30 days to remove the trailer because some work needs to be done on it before it can be moved. The Board agreed to a target date of May 1, 2015. Cromwell asked if the Board could conduct a site visit at the garage. The family agreed and the Administrative Assistant will email Martin the property entry permission form for Mrs. Mazza’s signature.

The family is still exploring the costs related to a subdivision. The family was reminded that the town will need an updated current use map.

Ben Fisk property: Ben Fisk met with the Board to discuss his building permit application for a barn as the Board had a question on the setbacks. The Board asked Fisk about the proximity to Ed Vickery’s house. Fisk explained that he had measured 35’ from the canal not the property line. The right boundary is 50’ plus the width of the canal, which is approximately 8’. Fisk had entered the setback information in reverse on the permit, this was corrected. Fisk stated that he knows some land will need to be removed from current use.

Kieley asked Fisk about what equipment will be stored in the barn. Fisk stated that some of the equipment is related to his maple sap business and some is related to his farm stand. The Board informed Fisk that 35% of his farm stand sales need to be attributed to his own product in order for the farm stand to be considered agricultural. Fisk stated that his own produce produces in excess of 35% of the sales.

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2014 Town Report: The Board received a quote from Rose Lowry to compile and print the 2014 Town Report. Lowry has found a new printer so the cost is lower than the 2013 cost of the town report. Move by Kieley to accept Lowry's bid of \$3,300.00 for the compilation and printing of the 2014 Town Report, second by Cromwell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Signs: The Board discussed the issue of signs that violate the Temple Zoning Ordinance with Rose Lowry, Chair of the Planning Board. Cromwell stated that there are at least three people who have signs located on properties other than their own property and some of these people violate the number of signs allowed. Cromwell suggested an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would add to the current definition of signs. The Board discussed the issue of neon signs. Kieley suggested that the BOS re-state the sign ordinance and submit it to the Planning Board. Lowry suggested that some of the suggestion discussed might cause problems.

Minutes: Move by Cromwell to approve the 10/14/14 minutes as amended, second by Willard and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Move by Kieley to approve the 10/28/14 minutes as amended, second by Cromwell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

2014 Tax Rate Setting: The Board reviewed the preliminary tax rate information received from the DRA on 11/10/14. There was a discussion about revenues, which can be revised, the overlay and the DRA tax rate worksheet.

Kieley explained that the Board needs to review how much is left in fund balance, how much is needed to generate cash and what is happening with expenditures. Kieley also reminded the Board that the Conval School District is negotiating a new contract with the Teachers that will probably be on the 2015 school warrant.

Kieley reviewed that without using fund balance to reduce taxes there is a 9% increase in the tax rate, there was a 9% reduction in value due to the revaluation. Kieley suggested using \$78,000.00 in fund balance to reduce taxes. The Board also discussed financing the airpicks for the Fire Department for 5 years. It was agreed to meet on Wednesday, 11/19/14 at 4:00 pm to set the tax rate. The Administrative Assistant will contact Shannon Kelley, the Treasurer, and ask her to attend this meeting.

Miscellaneous: Reviewed the new 5 year assessing contract from Avitar. Move by Kieley to approve the amended Avitar contract for 1/2015 through 12/2020, second by Cromwell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

The Administrative Assistant informed the Board that there are two requests for waivers of fees for use of the Town Hall. The first request is from Nicole Casey for a private party to celebrate the Davidson 25th wedding anniversary and a birthday. Move by Kieley to deny the request for a waiver of fees for the Davidson party, second by Cromwell and voted in the unanimous affirmative. The Administrative Assistant will email Casey and explain that the only private events that have a fee waiver are 50th anniversary parties and funeral receptions. The second request is from the Congregational Church of Temple which will be hosting a one-act

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Christmas opera. There will be an at will donation at the door that will be sent to a charity. Move by Kieley to approve the request for a fee waiver for the Congregational Church of Temple, second by Cromwell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Willard informed the Board that he had attended the BAC meeting. The BAC met with the Road Agent to discuss the Highway budget and the Fire Department. The BAC asked the Road Agent questions about the loader that is on the CIP schedule for 2015.

The Board discussed the need to determine when the invoices for the airpicks and booster pump need to be paid. There was also discussion about asking the Fire Department if there will be any money left in their budget to pay the cost of replacing the light fixtures in the garage of the Fire Department. Kieley will email George Clark, Fire Chief, and ask him about these questions.

Willard informed the Board that he has spoken to the Health Officer, Pete Caswell, about the former Maynard property. Willard has not spoken to the ZBA at this point, but does think that the Treadwells should go to the ZBA as they are not going to be living on the property. There was a review of prior zoning and Kieley stated that there are other "multi-family" dwelling located in town. This issue is still unresolved at this time.

Connie Kieley asked the Board about extending voting hours for local elections to 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. No action was taken on this suggestion at this time.

Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Cromwell, and so voted at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling

~ Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 4:00 pm ~