

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 13, 2015
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Call to order by Cromwell at 4:03 p.m.

2015 Highway Department Budget: Tim Fiske, Road Agent, met with the Board to discuss the 2015 Highway Department budget. Cromwell asked Fiske to explain the line item requests. Fiske began with the asphalt and paving line, explaining that he is asking for \$159,000. Fiske has thought about using money from the expendable trust to cover the West Road project. Fiske plans to do a small portion of the West Road project, the original estimate for West Road was \$200,000+. Kieley asked Fiske to explain the updated 5 year road project plan. Fiske explained that he needs to finish some 2014 projects in 2015. The Board questioned Fiske about having a separate warrant article for the West Road project. Fiske reviewed the other line items and explained increases in line items. Telephone will increase due to the addition of a "smart phone" on the cell phone bill, this will allow Fiske to access emails while on the road. Fiske also explained that the supply line is increased in order to purchase grader tires at one per year. There was discussion about replenishing the Vehicle Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust and putting the cost of the grader tires into this fund each year until the tires need to be replaced. This would be in lieu of purchasing a tire each year and having those tires sitting in the shed.

Cromwell asked Fiske if he had obtained additional quotes for a new loader. Fiske has obtained a quote of \$169,000 from John Deere which includes a six year warranty and a 6 or 7 year extended warranty. Deere estimates a trade-in value of \$25,000 for the current loader. Fiske is trying to get a look at both the Caterpillar and Deere loaders to determine the size. Fiske will meet with the BAC on Thursday, 1/15/15 and then meet with the BOS again.

Signs: Ken Caisse met with the Board to discuss the letter he had received regarding his sandwich board signs. Caisse stated that he did not understand why he had received this letter. He puts the signs out on Saturdays and Sundays when his shop is open. The signs are laid down Saturday night when he closes the shop, he stands them up on Sunday just before he opens and he picks the signs up and stores them during the week. Caisse also mentioned that the letter had threatened fines. Kieley explained that the Board is trying to get people into compliance with the sign ordinance. The Board does not want to fine anyone if at all possible. Kieley suggested that Caisse be allowed to place his signs for 60 days while starting the application process for a variance from the sign ordinance within two weeks. The Board and Caisse agreed to this compromise. Cromwell asked if Caisse was getting any business from the sandwich board signs. Caisse stated that he has a small business and he has obtained more customers with the sandwich board signs than from any other form of advertising that he has done. Cromwell spoke about the Board requesting that the Planning Board revise the sign ordinance and the possibility of an application process. Kieley suggested that Caisse apply for a variance to be able to set up his signs. Several people noted placement of the sandwich board signs created a dangerous intersection.

There was discussion about whether written complaints had been received. Cromwell stated that the Board is responsible for enforcement of ordinances and does not need written complaints to bring enforcement action.

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There was also discussion of “temporary” or “special occasion” signs. Cromwell said that there is no good definition of either.

Caisse submitted a letter from The Birchwood Inn regarding the notification they had received. The owners of the Inn were not available to attend the meeting. Ben Fiske spoke about the letter he had received and asked questions about storing signs on his property. Cromwell asked Fiske to please comply with the sign ordinance.

Minutes: Move by Kieley to approve the 12/22/14 minutes as amended, second by Willard and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Paperwork: Signed intent to cut for Victoria Adams, M 03 L 015.

Signed vouchers. Move by Kieley that the Board adopt a policy requiring invoices within 30 days of an expense being incurred, second by Cromwell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Signed 2015 contract with Total Notice, LLC for deed and mortgagee searches.

Miscellaneous: The Board reviewed the building permit application submitted by Ben Fiske. There are differences between the building plan submitted and what is actually being built. The Board agreed to request that the Building Inspector, Will Wildes, review the plans and inspect the building. There is no septic plan approved for this building, Wildes will be requested to advise if a septic plan is needed.

Kieley submitted changes to the employee manual update. The Administrative Assistant will make the changes and send out a revised version.

Non-Public: Move by Kieley to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II at 5:25 pm, second by Cromwell and voted in the affirmative by Cromwell, Kieley and Willard. Move by Kieley, second by Willard to seal the minutes of the non-public session and voted in the affirmative by Cromwell, Kieley and Willard. Move by Kieley, second by Willard to close the non-public session at 5:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 5:31 pm by Kieley, second by Willard and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling

~ Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 5:30 pm ~