

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
April 14, 2015
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Gail Cromwell, George Willard, Ken Caisse

Call to order by Cromwell at 6:31 p.m.

Paperwork: Signed letter to Mark Scott regarding an incomplete current use application.

Signed vouchers.

Signed Yield Tax Warrant.

Signed agreement with Federal Surplus.

Converse Road Bridge project: Tim Fiske, Road Agent, spoke to the Board about the engineering fees for the Converse Road Bridge project. Fiske requested clarification regarding the payment of Dubois & Kings sub-contractor fees. The Board clarified that the additional fees would be paid as long as Dubois & King stayed within the quoted construction engineering fee of \$52,000. Fiske also informed the Board that the area is still too wet as the present time to finish the work. Cold River Bridges should be able to start work again in about two weeks.

Cell Phone: Tim Fiske, Road Agent, informed the Board that he and the Fire Engineers have been discussing adding a line to the Highway Department cell phone contract for the Fire Chief. The cost would be approximately \$35.00 per month that would be paid for from the Fire Department's budget. The Fire Engineers are also looking at other alternatives for the Fire Chief and will meet with the Board when they have made a decision.

Home Business: Alan Marsh and Jack Jackson-Marsh met with the Board to discuss their plans for a business on their property. Marsh first explained that they collect antique construction equipment as a personal hobby. The 8 construction trailers currently on their property are not business related and hold parts and tools related to this hobby. These will be moved out of sight as soon as the weather allows. Marsh also owns 1 truck tractor a low bed trailer and a flat bed trailer. These three units are used in his freight hauling business, which he would like to continue. Marsh explained that he has no employees, there will be no freight coming in or out, no freight would be stored on the property. The only business aspect will be him driving the truck and trailer out when he leaves to pick up freight and the truck and trailer coming in after he delivers the freight and comes home. The barn will be used for repairs of both the equipment kept for their hobby and repairs to the truck and trailers. There will be no work done for any other individuals. The Board felt that the business described meets the requirements for the "home business III" category. The Administrative Assistant will compose a letter to the State of NH for Marsh for the Board's approval and signatures.

Ambulance Association: Ken Caisse gave the Board information on the Ambulance Association meeting held 4/7/15. Caisse stated that the Association needs approval from the towns of Wilton, Lyndeborough and Temple to upgrade the building. Move by Cromwell to approve the ambulance bay upgrades, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

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Minutes: Move by Willard to approve the 3/24/15 minutes as corrected, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative.

Appointments: Move by Cromwell to re-appoint Honey Hastings and David Repak to the Conservation Commission for three years terms ending March 31, 2018, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative.

Natural Gas Pipeline: The Board signed letters to Senators Shaheen and Ayotte, Representatives Kuster and Guinta and Governor Hassan in opposition to the proposed Kinder-Morgan natural gas pipeline. These letters also contain the signatures of almost 100 townspeople. Move by Crowell that the Temple Board of Selectmen go on record as opposing the Kinder-Morgan pipeline, second by Caisse and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Cromwell told the Board that she has been attending meetings of a coalition of Town Selectmen and Town Administrators who oppose the K-M pipeline. This coalition is proposing the hiring of an Attorney to represent the various towns in front of SEC and FERC. There will be a meeting of the coalition on May 5 to interview attorneys. Cromwell then suggested forming an ad-hoc committee to deal with information regarding the pipeline, suggestions made for committee members were Bev Edwards, George Stolz, Connie or John Kieley. Move by Willard to delegate Cromwell to put an ad-hoc committee together to deal with pipeline information and to keep the BOS updated on the status, second by Cromwell and voted in the affirmative.

Mazza Property: Heidi and Paul Jordan showed up at the BOS meeting, Cromwell asked if they were there for a reason or just as members of the public as they did not appear on the agenda. Mrs. Jordan stated that she wished to inform the Board that she has run into a "road block" in accessing records as she has been asked to leave the office after a certain amount of time. Cromwell informed Mrs. Jordan that she has been made aware of the request for Jordan to leave and has spoken to the Town's Attorney. The Town Attorney stated that the office should require an appointment be made and the time should be limited to 30 minutes. Cromwell also stated that she thinks the office staff has been very accommodating to Jordan. Mrs. Jordan stated that she has a lot of research before the next ZBA hearing on April 30 because of the actions of the Board in "going after her mother" after 30 years and that it is difficult because of prior years' records not being available. The Administrative Assistant informed the Board that Jordan has been asked to not walk into the office area on her own and has been requested to leave after 3 hours as she is showing up at least every other day, if not every day. The A.A. stated that having someone in the office for two to three hours at a time on an almost daily basis is a disruption to the workings of the office as someone needs to be aware at all times of the records being reviewed, where they are and how they are being used, which takes away from the work that needs to be done. The A.A. asked the Board how much time they felt is fair to allow public access to the records and get the work of the town done. The Board suggested that Mrs. Jordan make appointments and she will be limited to one hour per day. The Jordans stated that they will speak to their Attorney regarding the towns' refusal to allow them to access records. Cromwell stated the town is not refusing access, but is setting "reasonable" limits on that access so as not to disrupt the actual work that needs to be done.

There was discussion about the need for the Board to inspect the property. A new permission form will need to be signed by Herta Mazza as there is a new Select board member. Mrs. Jordan stated that only Willard and Caisse will be allowed on the property as the family does not think that Cromwell has been fair to them.

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Miscellaneous: Cromwell informed the Board that the tax exemption request from Jetta Grove has been received. The deadline for filing a tax exemption request is April 15, so this application is timely filed. Cromwell has asked the attorney for Jetta Grove, Tom Hanna, for proof that Jetta Grove is recognized as a regular and constituted denomination. Jetta Grove is proposing a 25% PILOT, and the office is waiting for further information for the Board to review.

The Board reviewed information on the Primex "CAP" program, which caps increases for workers compensation if the town signs on for two years of coverage. Move by Willard to sign onto the Primex "CAP" program, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative. Cromwell signed the paperwork as Chairman.

Ken Sullivan spoke to the Board about the portion of the town that receives phone service from TDS. TDS is currently installing fiber but has stopped at the Temple line. Sullivan spoke to TDS and they informed him that this is because Temple has a franchise agreement with Comcast for cable. The Board requested that Sullivan review the Comcast contract and advise them on the need for renewing, this advise may include how to keep those with TDS distinct. The A.A. will forward the Comcast contract to Sullivan.

Board Committee Assignments: Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) – Willard.
Capital Improvement Committee (CIP) – Caisse.

Motion to adjourn at 8:19pm by Cromwell, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling

~ Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 6:30 pm, Town Hall Annex ~