

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
May 12, 2015  
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Call to order by Cromwell at 6:30 p.m.

Paperwork: Approved building permit application for Bruce Kullgren, M 07 L 037 – 30' x 60' barn. Kullgren presented a letter from the Monadnock Conservancy stating that the barn is not within the easement area. Building permit application from Ben Fisk – hold pending further information.

Signed vouchers.

Shaun O'Connor application for Veteran's Credit – hold pending further information.

Highway Department: Tim Fiske, Road Agent, met with the Board for several items. Fiske informed the Board that the Converse Road Bridge is almost finished. The Board is invited to view the bridge on Friday, May15, 2015 at 8:00 am. Dubois and King, the engineers, will forward their approval to the State of NH after inspection.

The Administrative Assistant spoke to an attorney at the NHMA regarding the Class VI road to the North Cemetery. NHMA has recommended declaring the portion up to the cemetery, approximately 350', an "emergency lane". This will require a public hearing. The Administrative Assistant will review the notice requirements and schedule a public hearing during a Board meeting.

Fiske informed the Board that he has obtained quotes for the new loader from John Deere, Caterpillar, JCB and Hyundai. The Deere is about \$12,000 more than the other three but is still within the approved amount. Fiske would prefer the Deere or the Caterpillar. Deere brought a loader over for the Highway Department to test. Caterpillar has not had a loader available. Fiske will give Caterpillar another week and if they are unable to supply a loader to test Fiske will order the Deere.

Fiske has ordered the new lawn mower at a cost of \$10,777.00.

Fiske spoke to the Board about the propane tank that services the Library and Highway Garage. This tank is owned by Energy North and the town cannot purchase propane for it from any other company. Fiske explained that the town owns the propane tank at the Municipal Building and can shop around for pricing for that tank. The last bill from Energy North was \$4.089/gal, while the last bill for the Municipal Building was \$1.899/gal. Fiske suggested that the town look into purchasing the propane tank servicing the Library/Highway Garage. Move by Cromwell, second by Caisse to authorize Fiske to research options regarding the propane tank servicing the Library/Highway Garage and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Town Hall: Ron Pulos, Chair of the Town Hall Advisory Committee (TTHAC), met with the Board to request re-appointment to TTHAC for himself and Julie Middleton. Move by Willard, second by Cromwell to re-appoint Ron Pulos and Julie Middleton to the TTHAC for 3 year terms ending March 2018 and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

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Dick Benotti of TTHAC spoke to the Board about maintenance for the Town Hall. The front of the building (east side) needs to be painted and TTHAC would like to get a quote from Richard Reilly who painted the south side of the Town Hall in 2014. The floor in the main hall needs to be refinished and TTHAC has obtained a quote from Rodney Thompson in the amount of \$750.00. The north side of the building needs work on the columns, clapboard and a few other places. TTHAC had obtained a quote from Greg Ellis in the amount of \$575.00. Move by Caisse, second by Cromwell to authorize the work for the floor in the main hall and the work to the north side of the town hall and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Fire Department: Will Wildes and Luke Peterson, Fire Engineers, and George Clark, Fire Chief, spoke to the Board about the damage done to the brush truck during the brush fire of 5/6/15 through 5/7/15. Clark explained that he had taken the truck to the vendor it was purchased from for an estimate. A written estimate will be provided in a day or two but the vendor thought the cost would be \$25,000 to \$30,000. Cromwell asked why the estimate is so high and Peterson explained that structural damage had occurred. Peterson also explained that a lift kit and larger tires could be added to add additional clearance. Discussion will continue after the repair estimate has been received.

Cromwell gave the Fire Engineers information regarding the use of the hydrants at the elementary school and reservoir.

The Fire Engineers informed the Board that they had approved a monthly payment of \$35.00/ month for the use of his personal cell phone for fire department business. The Administrative Assistant has researched this payment to determine whether it would be taxable income to Chief Clark. Under IRS regulations this payment is not taxable income as long as Clark "maintains the type of cell phone coverage that is reasonably related to the needs of the employer's business, and the reimbursement is reasonably calculated so as not to exceed expenses the employee actually incurs in maintaining the cell phone." Clark's actual monthly payment is \$40.00/month and the majority of use is for fire department business.

Minutes: Move by Willard to approve the 4/28/15 minutes as written, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative.

Appointments: Move by Cromwell to appoint Robin Downes to a one-year appointment to the Village Green Committee ending March 2016, second by Caisse and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Move by Cromwell to appoint Carol Mamczak and Margaret Cournoyer to three-year appointments to the Village Green Committee ending March 2018, second by Caisse and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Move by Cromwell to appoint Chris Mackensen to the Ad-hoc Pipeline Committee, second by Willard and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Miscellaneous: The Administrative Assistant informed the Board that the criminal record check required for Douglas Guy's junk-yard license renewal has been received from the State of NH with the notation there are

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no records. The Board requested that the Administrative Assistant send Guy a letter requesting an appointment for an inspection as the next step in the renewal process.

The Board reviewed a letter from Peter and Carla Caswell regarding traffic on Colburn Road. The Board requested that the Administrative Assistant forward this letter to Police Chief Jim McTague.

The Administrative Assistant informed the Board that the toilet in the ladies room needs to be replaced. The Board approve purchase of a new toilet and Caisse said he would install it.

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm by Cromwell, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling

*~ Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:30 pm, Town Hall Annex ~*