

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 23, 2015
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

Paperwork: Signed demolition permits for the following: Caisse, M 02, L 036 – remove old mobile home; Herta Mazza, M 08 Lots 040 and 053 – remove 3 sheds.

Signed State of NH indicating no inventory forms will be used in 2016.

Signed State of NH form for PILOT on State Forest Land.

Signed special event application for the Fire Department Harvest Festival. Move by Willard to approve the special event application and waive fees, second by Cromwell and voted in the affirmative with Caisse recusing himself as the event coordinator.

Signed the civil forfeiture dog list for the Town Clerk.

Signed letter to Alan Marsh re: home business.

Signed 2015 junk yard license for Douglas Guy, Jr.

Signed timber tax warrant.

Signed letters to Martha Schaefer and Thomas Krapf regarding a report of cut not filed for the 2014-15 tax year.

Signed vouchers.

Fluvial Erosion Hazard Study: Lisa Murphy of Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) met with the Board to inform them of the results of a fluvial erosion hazard study that was funded by grants from FEMA and the NH-DES. The study was done on culverts and streams due to road wash-outs and rivers making new channels over the past few years. Murphy gave the town a map indicating areas that may need watching. There were no areas found to be of any alarm. One area near the dam at Timberdoodle should be watched as this area indicates a moderate threat. There was a suggestion to contact Randy Martin of Timberdoodle to review the information.

Jeta Grove Religious Tax Exemption Application: Tom Hanna, Attorney for Jeta Grove; Eric McCord and two of the monks met with the Board to discuss the Jeta Grove application for religious tax exemption. Cromwell explained that the Board is waiting for the information and an opinion from Avitar Associates after their inspection of the property and meeting with the Monks. Hanna stated that Jeta Grove is a religious organization and is exempt from taxation. The Administrative Assistant explained that Avitar has inspected the property will be forwarding a recommendation based upon that inspection to the Board. The exemption is based upon the status of the property as of April 1. If portions of the property are not used for the purpose of the organization then those portions are not exempt from taxation. The Board needs to have the information to make an informed decision. Hanna said that Jeta Grove has agreed to a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes). Cromwell reviewed the state laws in regard to the filing of the application. The Board was informed that the Kantner's occupied the house until June 10, but Hanna had the opinion that the Board could pro-rate for the use of the house from April 1 to June 10. It was agreed that the Board will meet on Monday, June 29, 2015 at 6:30 pm to make a final decision. The Administrative Assistant will contact Avitar for their inspection report. It was agreed that if a tax occurs due to the Kantner's residence after April 1 discussion of a PILOT would be

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for the 2016 tax year. It was explained that in order to get tax bills out Jeta Grove would be receiving bills on all the properties, but once a decision has been reached the Board would issue an abatement on any amounts deemed tax exempt.

Silver Lining Circus Camp: The Board reviewed a request from Silver Lining Circus Camp for use of the Town Hall for 4 weeks due to the elementary school not being available. Cromwell reviewed the prior use of the Town Hall by the Circus Camp. Cromwell informed the Board that she had spoken to Ron Pulos, Chair, and Connie Kieley, Vice Chair, of the Town Hall Advisory Committee (TTHAC). Both Pulos and Kieley recommended that the Board allow the use with conditions that TTHAC would draft. Cromwell suggested the Board request a \$500.00 security/cleaning deposit and review the prior rental cost. There is a question about whether the hall will be available the second week of August. Caisse suggested use of the Fire Station if the hall is not available. Move by Cromwell to allow Silver Lining Circus Camp to rent the Town Hall from July 13, 2015 through August 7, 2015 subject to a \$500.00 security deposit, proof of insurance and agreement of a rental fee, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Prior Minutes: 6/9/15 minutes: Cromwell submitted an amendment to the section "right-to-know". Move by Cromwell to approve the 6/9/15 minutes as amended, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.
6/16/15 minutes: Move by Cromwell to approve the 6/16/15 minutes as written, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Miscellaneous: Cromwell brought up the subject of a resident who has spent approximately 70 hours in the office since March researching past minutes with no specific request for information. Cromwell suggested limiting hours to two hours per week. Willard and Caisse were not in favor of limiting to two hours. Move by Cromwell that considering the fact that a town resident has spent over 70 hours since March 2015 reviewing minutes the hours be limited to 3 hours/week between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

The Board discussed the driveway permit from Map 08 Lot 040 onto Josiah Lane given to the Mazza's by the Road Agent. Cromwell spoke to Fiske regarding this and informed him about the ZBA decision and requirements of the decision. Fiske has agreed to withdraw his approval.

Willard informed the Board that he had been approached by Paul Quinn requesting a letter from the Board congratulating Ruth Quinn on her 90th birthday. The Board agreed to send a letter.

The Board reviewed the two quotes for bond counsel services in regards to the anticipated loan for the new loader. Devine Millimet quoted an amount of \$4,000 to \$6,000 for services. Drummond Wilson quoted \$2,400 fixed fee plus customary expenses.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm by Caisse, second by Cromwell and voted in the affirmative.
Minutes submitted by Debra Harling

~ Next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 29, 2015 at 6:30 pm, Town Hall Annex ~