

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
December 22, 2015
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

Forestry Grant: George Clark, Fire Chief, met with the Board to request approval of a Forestry Grant that the Fire Department has been awarded. Clark explained that the grant is \$1,750.00 and is a 50/50 grant, so the town must expend \$3,500.00. The Fire Department's share of \$1,750.00 will be paid out of their 2016 budget. The department intends to purchase 300' of forestry hose to replace the hose destroyed at the White Ledges brush fire in the summer of 2015. The department will also purchase a new pump and new hand tools. Move by Caisse to accept and expend money from the 2016 Volunteer Fire Assistance grant, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Pipeline: Cromwell asked the Board to approve the completion of an application from the Town of Temple to act as an Intervenor with FERC regarding the NED Pipeline, and to approve her signing the application as Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Move by Cromwell that the Town of Temple file a petition with FERC to be an intervenor in the NED Pipeline docket #CP16-21-000, and to allow Cromwell to sign the application as Chair of the Board of Selectmen, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative.

Cromwell also noted that the Pipeline Committee has set up an email account, through Gmail, for pipeline related activity. This will keep the large volume of emails regarding the pipeline from clogging the town's business email.

Prior Minutes: Move by Cromwell to approve the 12/8/15 minutes as corrected, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Paperwork: Reviewed the 2016 contract with Total Notice for conducting lien and deed searches for the Tax Collector on properties that are scheduled for tax lien or tax deed. Move by Cromwell to accept the proposal from Total Notice for conduction lien and deed searches, second by Caisse, and voted in the affirmative.

Cromwell signed the contract as Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

Reviewed an intent to cut from Willard for Map 02 Lots 031 and 031-1, signed by Cromwell and Caisse, with Willard recusing himself.

Reviewed an application for a special event for the Souhegan Lions Club for their annual January 1st "Fun Run". Move by Cromwell to approve the Souhegan Lions Club "Fun Run" to be held January 1, 2016, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Reviewed pictures of the columns replaced at the Town Hall in 2015 to be placed as an addendum to the annual LCHIP report. Move by Cromwell to approve the pictures as an addendum to the LCHIIP report, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Signed vouchers.

250th Anniversary Fund: Reviewed the recommendation from the 250th Anniversary Fund Committee to award \$1,000.00 grant to the Cemetery Trustees for the repair of some of the old headstones in East Cemetery and/or Mothers and Wives Cemetery. Move by Cromwell to approve the 250th Anniversary Fund

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Committee's recommendation on the award of \$1,000.00 grant to the Cemetery Trustees, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Property-Liability Insurance for 2016: The Board reviewed a quote from Primex for property-liability insurance. Move by Cromwell to accept the Primex quote for property-liability insurance, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative.

Pest Control: The Board reviewed quotes from J. P. Chemical for the Municipal Building, Town Hall, and Library, for pest control. 2016 costs would be \$940.00 for the Municipal Building; \$888.00 for the Town Hall; and \$806.00 for the Library, for a total 2016 cost of \$2,634.00 in the first year. Estimated cost in subsequent years would be \$1,780.00, plus any increase. Cromwell suggested forwarding this information to the BAC for their input. Willard and Caisse both felt that the quotes should be accepted and the costs forwarded to the BAC for inclusion in the budget.

Committee Reports: Police Board – the latest 2016 police budget was reviewed. Cromwell informed the Board that the Temple representatives had suggested changing the percentage Temple pays from 39% to 35% based upon call volume and population.

Planning Board – Willard informed the Board that the PB is working on the noise ordinance before the 2nd public hearing. It is also looking at making a change to the sign ordinance regarding “neon” signs.

Miscellaneous: The Board discussed the Town Clerk's request for funding for record preservation. Cromwell suggested a special warrant article for the total amount with work being spread out over a set number of years. The Administrative Assistant will research the possibility of an expendable trust.

The Board discussed acceptance of credit cards for town business. Move by Willard to allow the Town Clerk to have the ability to accept credit cards for on-line transaction for Town Clerk fees, and to contract with Interware in 2016 to provide the services needed to accept credit cards, with the possibility to expand acceptance at a later date to include property taxes, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative.

The Board asked the Administrative Assistant to request more information from the Town Clerk regarding the subscription to the “Red Book” for motor vehicle data.

The Board discussed four town owned lots on NH RT 45. Cromwell informed the Board that Kathy Boot had given a market analysis with a value of \$50,000 to \$60,000 for the lots. Caisse asked if there was any compelling reason to sell these lots. Willard stated that, in his opinion, the town should only own property for conservation purposes and municipal purposes, and it doesn't need to own excess property. Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm by Caisse, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling

~ Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm, Town Hall Annex ~