

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FEBRUARY 23, 2016
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

Town Clerk: Wendy Drouin, Town Clerk, met with the Board at the request of Chair Cromwell to discuss the \$1.00 fee increase on motor vehicle registrations which the state legislature voted effective July 2015. Cromwell gave a history of the Town Clerk compensation since 2011, reading from December 2010 minutes of the BAC and February 2011 minutes of the BOS. Wendy had asked the BAC to approve that her salary be changed from stipend plus fees to a known salary. The BAC did not pass this. The BOS did approve the idea at its February 2011 meeting. Since 2011 therefore the town clerk has been paid a salary which has increased each year the same % as other town employees. Drouin presented a letter outlining Town Clerk compensation. The letter stated that until 2008 Town Clerk compensation had included a 2-person health insurance plan. The comparison also noted that 2006 total compensation including the health insurance was \$18,308.00 and the 2015 total compensation without health insurance was \$17,028.00. Wendy became town clerk in 2008. Regarding the method of compensation, Cromwell said she had spoken to the NHMA regarding paying the town clerk a salary instead of stipend plus fees and had been informed that this change should have been voted on at Town Meeting. Apparently no one knew that at the time. It is too late to go to Town Meeting this year. Cromwell told Drouin that she does a terrific job as Town Clerk. Willard stated that adding the additional fees to her straight salary would bump the Town Clerk salary 15%. Wendy had been asked to calculate what her present compensation would be if no change had been voted in 2011. Her stipend would have increased from \$5,051 in 2010 to \$5,659 in 2015. She stated that her stipend plus fees, including the increase in fees by the legislature last summer, would have been \$16,249, less than the \$17,028 she received in salary for 2015. Cromwell suggested that she choose how she wished to be paid in 2016, that we could do either way, with a vote at town meeting in 2017. Move by Willard to offer the 1 ½% increase in salary to the Town Clerk for 2016 and address the salary and fee issue in 2017, second by Cromwell and voted in the affirmative.

400 NH RT 45: Tim Fiske, Road Agent, met with the Board to present 2 quotes received for asbestos removal at 400 NH RT. All State Abatement Professionals quoted \$16,000.00; Peniel Environmental quoted \$7,200.00. Fiske recommended the Board go with Peniel Environmental. Cromwell asked if all items on the list needed to be done and Fiske answered in the affirmative. Fiske also informed the Board that the company needs to notify the State of NH 10 days before any work is started. Move by Willard to accept the quote of \$7,200.00 from Peniel Environmental for asbestos removal from 400 NH RT 45, second by Cromwell and voted in the affirmative. Cromwell signed the acceptance letter as Chair. The Board discussed amending warrant article #6 down to \$17,000.00 at Town Meeting now that there is an amount for the asbestos removal. Fiske mentioned that there are some items in the house that might be worth saving and asked Caisse if the Fire Department would be interested in retrieving those items. Caisse will speak to the Fire Chief about this.

Town Hall: Fiske informed the Board that the pump on the second septic tank at the Town Hall had failed and had to be replaced. Fiske estimated the cost will be about \$1,000.00. Cromwell asked if the Church might be willing to share the cost. Steve Cullinan suggested that this could be discussed with the church.

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Roads: Fiske informed the Board that the State Forester had approved a clear-cut of the basal area on Mt. View Road. Some of the residents are upset, but this should help dry out the road.

Cemeteries: Reenie Cullinan met with the Board to review the recommendations for Gravestone Services of New England, the company to repair old headstones. Cullinan informed the Board that 4 out of the 5 people she had contacted responded and the four recommendations are good.

Prior Minutes: 2/7/16 minutes: Move by Caisse to approve the 2/7/16 minutes as written, second by Cromwell and voted in the affirmative.

2/9/16 minutes: Move by Caisse to approve the 2/9/16 minutes as amended, second by Cromwell and voted in the affirmative.

2/11/16 budget hearing minutes: These will be held until the 3/9/16 meeting.

2/16/16 SB-2 hearing minutes: Move by Cromwell to approve the 2/16/16 SB-2 hearing minutes as amended, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative.

2/16/16 minutes: Move by Willard to approve the 2/16/16 minutes as written, second by Cromwell and voted in the affirmative.

Paperwork: Signed vouchers.

Signed a letter to the State of NH-SEC regarding the pipeline.

Signed an application for Veteran's Credit for Pinna.

Miscellaneous: Reviewed a letter from the NHMA regarding files of legal inquires dated prior to 2010. Move by Caisse to request the files from NHMA prior to 2010 second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Reviewed a letter from a resident about land that is incorrectly posted "No Trespassing". There was discussion about whether this is an issue the BOS can deal with. A letter will be sent to the resident after an office review of the location and area of the properties.

Cromwell informed the Board that an employee of the Wilton Recycling Center had spoken to her about a "rumor" that Temple was pulling out of the recycling center. The Board agreed that Cromwell would send an email to the Wilton Selectmen informing them that Temple has no plans to withdraw from the Recycling Center.

Cromwell asked the Board to consider whether all four of the town owned lots on the west side of RT 45 should be sold. It was suggested that the property between the lots may be more attractive to a buyer if the buyer could purchase additional acreage to be eligible for current use assessment.

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Motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm by Caisse, second by Cromwell and voted in the affirmative.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling