

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 26, 2016
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

Town Hall Committee: Ron Pulos, Chair of the Temple Town Hall Advisory Committee (TTHAC), met with the Board to discuss several items. Pulos submitted a letter from Dick Benotti requesting re-appointment to TTHAC and informed the Board that the Committee would like to have Benotti re-appointed. Move by Cromwell to re-appoint Dick Benotti to TTHAC for a 3 year term ending March 31, 2019, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative.

Pulos submitted a revised quote for the town hall painting that is to be done this spring. The south side of the annex does not need to be painted, however the back facing section of the main hall corner board on the south side needs to have work done. The quote has been revised to reflect these two items. The new estimated cost for the town hall painting is \$1,950.

Pulos spoke about the framed poster of old ballot boxes made by the Secretary of State's office. TTHAC is suggesting that this be hung in the entry way where the "donor" plaque currently hangs. The "donor" plaque could be moved to the same wall as the "dedication" plaque. TTHAC also suggested that the old map Cromwell found and donated a map to be framed in a similar frame to the "dance poster" donated by Ken Carpenter and hung in the hallway between the annex and main hall on the wall across from the "dance poster". It is estimated that framing the old map would be similar to the \$413.00 cost of framing the "dance poster". There should be approximately \$295.00 left from the town hall painting. Cromwell stated she would donate the balance of money needed to frame the old map. Pulos explained that TTHAC had discussed the possibility of hanging items in the main hall, but felt that was not a good idea. Move by Willard to approve hanging the ballot box poster in the area recommended by TTHAC and hanging the old map in the area recommended by TTHAC, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative.

Cleaning: C. Kieley informed the Board that she had received a phone call from a resident about the refrigerator in the Town Hall. Kieley suggested putting a notice in the refrigerator stating "carry in/carry out, do not leave food here". Discussion about groups leaving food and not cleaning after use of the hall. It was determined that a letter will be sent to groups that use the hall on a regular basis regarding clean up.

Storage: Pulos and Kieley stated that groups are still looking for storage space. The Recreation Commission has suggested laying plywood across the attic area to provide additional storage, however, the only access is a "ladder" that doesn't provide safe access. The Temple Band currently uses one of the upstairs annex rooms, and the closet under the stairs. Move by Willard to have the Administrative Assistant write a letter regarding storage and to keep this item on the agenda, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative. Move by Cromwell that plywood not be installed in the attic due to safety reasons, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

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Paperwork: Reviewed a letter from George Willard requesting an extension for his intent to cut to June 30, 2016. Move by Caisse to approve the extension on the Willard intent to cut to June 30, 2016, second by Cromwell and voted Caisse and Cromwell – yes; Willard recused himself.

Reviewed and signed a letter to DRED regarding federally owned land.

Reviewed an email from Mark Stetson of Avitar Associates regarding the Jeta Grove land. Cromwell addressed the question raised about the forest land, stating, that she felt the forest land was an integral part of the Monk's religious beliefs and suggested that the other Board members review the information submitted in 2015.

Reviewed and signed a building permit application for Jeremy Judkins, Hudson Road.

Reviewed information for a Veteran's Credit for Lorden, does not meet the criteria of RSA 72:28 – denied.

The Administrative Assistant informed the Board that they had received copies of the equalized value from the DRA and copies had been forwarded to Mark Stetson of Avitar Associates.

Signed vouchers.

Prior Minutes: 4/7/16 minutes: Move by Caisse to approve the 4/7/16 minutes as amended, second by Willard and voted Willard and Caisse in the affirmative, Cromwell abstained.

4/12/16 minutes: Move by Willard to approve the 4/12/16 minutes as written, second by Cromwell and voted in the affirmative.

4/21/16 minutes: Move by Willard to approve the 4/21/16 minutes as amended, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative.

400 NH RT 45: Demolition on the house at 400 NH RT 45 is complete. Willard suggested sending a letter to Bruce Heck thanking him for donating the time and labor for the amount over his estimate. Cromwell said that the Board should not put a dollar value on this. Willard will draft a letter to Heck and circulate it for the Board's review.

Non-public minutes: There was discussion of sealed non-public minutes from prior years. Willard informed the Board that he had contacted the NHMA via email. Willard read his inquiry and the response. Cromwell stated that there had been a precedent set by prior Selectmen regarding review of seal minutes, and that she has spoken to previous Selectmen regarding this. Willard stated that NHMA is suggesting a policy be established regarding sealed non-public minutes. Cromwell stated that she does not agree with the response from the NHMA. Cromwell has reviewed sealed non-public minutes and so have previous Board members. Cromwell also stated that different towns have different methods of dealing with sealed non-public minutes.

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Move by Willard that from April 26, 2016 forward any sealed non-public minutes are to be reviewed by the entire Board of Selectmen in a non-public session, second by Caisse and voted Willard and Caisse in the affirmative, Cromwell in the negative. Caisse did not think that the Board needed to review these minutes. Move by Cromwell that the Board of Selectmen discover how many sealed non-public minutes there are and begin a process of reviewing those minutes in a non-public session, second by Willard and voted Willard and Cromwell in the affirmative, Caisse in the negative.

Miscellaneous: Willard submitted a draft of a "Code of Conduct" for the Board's review. Cromwell submitted a draft "Code of Conduct" also. Cromwell suggested the Board review both drafts and discuss this at a future meeting.

Heidi Jordan submitted a copy of a NH Supreme Court case regarding access to public records under the right-to-know law (RTK) and requested that she not be limited to 3 hours per week so that she could have better access to town records. Cromwell summarized the reason that Jordan had been limited to 3 hours per week. Cromwell explained that the Board needs to balance Jordan's right to access records with the rights of the office staff to work. Willard asked Jordan if there had been any restriction to her access to records besides the time limit, Jordan's response was no. There was discussion about limiting access and all agreed that Jordan is entitled to look at the records, but there should be reasonable limits. Wendy Drouin state that for historical records access should be during the Town Clerk's hours, but it needs to be reasonable because if the Town Clerk is busy with regular business the person requesting access may not be able to be accommodated. The Administrative Assistant will make copies of the Supreme Court case for the Board. Cromwell suggested consulting Attorney Drescher about this issue. Move by Willard to allow Jordan to access historical records during the Town Clerk's regular hours with the exception of Tuesdays pending review by Attorney Drescher, second by Cromwell and voted Willard and Cromwell in the affirmative, Caisse in the negative.

Discussion of the stale check policy drafted by the Treasurer. Move by Cromwell to send letters to the people with stale checks advising them on how to obtain a new check.

Cromwell mentioned that the town has a form for zoning complaints, but does not have a form for any other type of complaints. Caisse thought there was some type of grievance form and will check into this.

Willard informed the Board that he had sent an email inquiry to the NHMA about how to pay for mediation. Willard read his inquiry and the response, which states that the BOS has transfer authority. Cromwell said that Willard should copy the entire Board when requesting information.

Committee Reports: Pipeline Committee – Cromwell reported that the Committee celebrated the news about the NED pipeline suspension. The Committee is suggesting that people get their wells tested and the Conservation Commission will take the lead in sponsoring a low cost program.

Planning Board – Willard reported that the PB will begin the process of reviewing the driveway regulations. References to driveway plowing will be redacted and other aspects of the regulations will be reviewed.

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Public Comment: Willard opened the floor to public comments: Connie Kieley stated that she felt a total lack of respect for Cromwell had been shown during the meeting and she found that appalling. Betsy Perry stated that she thought C. Kieley was out of line making comments like this and Perry feels that everyone needs to be respectful.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm by Cromwell, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling