

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 25, 2016
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

Cromwell stated that she would be recording the meeting.

Old Business: Records Preservation Committee

Jeta Grove LUCT – discussion of this is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

Paperwork: Signed abatement for M 07 L 036-1.

Signed cemetery deed for Benjamin Moore.

Signed certificate of occupancy for Chad Desmarais, M 05 L 053-5.

Reviewed a letter from Martin Connolly regarding plans for his property. Move by Caisse to reply to Connolly and remind him that his property is not exempt from obtaining required permits, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Reviewed a letter from the auditors, Melanson-Heath regarding a review of the Treasurer's books at 9/30/16 with a cost of \$500.00, Move by Cromwell to authorize the review of the Treasurer's books at 9/30/16 at the cost of \$500.00, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Signed vouchers.

Prior Minutes: Minutes of 10/11/16 – Caisse submitted a statement that he wished to have added to the minutes, Willard suggested accepting the statement without adding it to the minutes, Caisse agreed to Willard's suggestion. Move by Cromwell to approve the 10/11/16 minutes as amended, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative.

Preliminary Tax Rate Review: The Board reviewed the preliminary tax rate data submitted by the DRA, which came in at \$25.95, this is seven cents lower than the 2015 tax rate. Cromwell presented historical data she had compiled. There was discussion about the school district payment and use of fund balance. Move by Cromwell to use \$140,000 of fund balance to reduce the 2016 tax rate – no second. Discussion about actual cash vs fund balance. Move by Willard to use \$120,000 of fund balance to reduce the 2016 tax rate – no second. Discussion about taxpayers getting the benefit of the school district reduction. Caisse suggested a second meeting so that he could review the information presented. Move by Willard to use \$130,000 of fund balance to reduce the 2016 tax rate, second by Cromwell and voted Willard and Cromwell in the affirmative, Caisse abstained.

Other Business: Review the 250th Anniversary Committee recommendation to award \$1,000 to the Village Green Committee. Move by Cromwell to accept the 250th Anniversary Committee recommendation and to award \$1,000 to the VGC for work on the "island" at the Municipal Building, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

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Committee Reports: Cromwell – BAC – Cromwell stated that the BAC would like to have the other people from the town offices meet with them, and if they had any questions or requests regarding their budgets to let the BAC know.

Willard reported that he had contacted Attorney Drescher, per the Board's approval, but has not received any response yet.

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm by Cromwell, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Submitted by Debra Harling