

Temple Town Hall Advisory Committee (TTHAC)
Minutes, April 23, 2014 (Final Minutes)

Present: Tedd Petro, Dick Benotti, Dick Keuper, Ron Pulos, Julie Middleton, Connie Kieley, Sydney Thomas.

1. Based upon requests submitted by Connie Kieley and Sydney Thomas, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board of Selectmen reappoint each to serve on the TTHAC for another three year term, ending in 2017.
2. The Committee unanimously affirmed a motion by Julie that Ron Pulos continue as Chair of the TTHAC for another year, and that Connie Kieley and Sydney Thomas continue on as Vice-Chairman and Secretary, respectively, for another year.
3. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2013 TTHAC meeting, as amended by Ron.
4. Town Hall Locks and Keys. Ron returned to the issue of new locks and keys for the Town Hall raised by Deb Harling at the October 22, 2013 meeting (see TTHAC Minutes, October 22, 2013). Committee members agreed with Tedd and Dick B. that upon reflection the issue is moot. There appears to be no misuse of keys currently, and installing new locks is bound to be expensive. Also the distribution of new keys is unlikely to guarantee that no unidentified person will possess a key.
5. Bollinger Letter. Ron referred the Committee to Linda Bollinger's letter to the TTHAC alerting us to the fact that some who use the Town Hall fail to clean the tables properly after using them. The Committee agreed that we really don't know who is responsible for leaving the tables improperly cleaned since various groups and persons use the Hall. Tedd recommended that Deb Harling, who oversees the renting and scheduled use of the Hall, emphasize to those who rent or otherwise use the Hall that they must clean whatever tables, facilities, etc. they use. Ron has revised the sheet of instructions devised by Dick B. that specifies the responsibilities of all those who use the Hall, and will present it to the Select Board at their next meeting.
6. Exterior Painting. Ron inquired as to who would be contacting S & S Painting to give them the go-ahead to paint the southern exterior of the Town Hall. Dick B. agreed to contact them. However, Tedd cautioned that the Committee needs at least one other bid before signaling S & S. Julie offered the first name of a young painter who has worked for her, and said she would provide Dick B. with relevant information for contacting him. Ron, Tedd and Dick B. noted that there may be rot on the building's southern exterior that will need repairing before painting and wondered if S & S's estimate includes such repairs. Dick B. will contact S & S to determine precisely what their estimate covers. Do they address the rot issue? Also do they plan to pressure wash the building, prime and apply one coat of paint, or apply two coats? Tedd affirmed that the Town Buildings Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund has

a sufficient balance available, if needed, which the Select Board can use for this type of repair.

7. Amplification system for the Town Hall. Dick B. suggested to the Committee that we begin thinking about installing some type of amplification system in the Hall, noting that hearing-impaired people have a great difficulty hearing persons speaking in the meetings they attend. Dick K. concurred and recalled Will Moylen's observations regarding the worrisome acoustics in the Hall, with its very hard surfaces. Committee members agreed that we need to explore this issue, and when we have acquired the necessary information, we should place our recommendation for a suitable sound system as a warrant article at Town Meeting.
8. The meeting adjourned informally amidst a spirited discussion of the previous evening's meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
Sydney Thomas