

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, Aug. 12, 2019

Town Hall Annex

5:00 PM

Select Board members present: G. Willard, B. Ezell, and K. Caisse

Meeting called to order by Ezell at 5:00 PM

- **Public Comment**
 - **None.**

- **Old Business**
 - Municipal Building space revisions
 - **Clifton-Waite reported that town personnel had recorded with him the number of cabinet drawers they need for additional storage on the second floor of the Municipal Building. Arrangement and filling of those surplus filing cabinets will be done in the future as time permits. Caisse noted the availability of a locked closet on the second floor, previously used by the police department when housed in the building.**

 - Public Parking outside the Congregational Church
 - **Caisse said he had reviewed the parking situation several times and it appears space is being kept open in front of the Congregational Church. Willard said Ruth Quinn should be able to park in front of the church for easier access, and Caisse said the church should work to keep space open for her on Sundays. Willard and Caisse discussed the use of orange cones during Sunday services, which Caisse said the church had placed but aren't required. Willard said he would speak with a church member about removing the cones.**

 - Employee Manual
 - **Ezell said this matter would be dealt with another time.**

 - Kullgren Road
 - **Ezell reported that he had received email about the scheduled public foreclosure auction of 69 Kullgren Road on October 2 by the mortgagee, Federal National Mortgage Association. An audience member shared that items at the property had recently been moved closer to the house. Discussion of whether to ask the town attorney to draft a notice of violation to be sent to the bank, so that it is disclosed at time of sale. SB to ask Drescher to draft a notice of violation to be sent to the mortgagee.**

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- **New Business**
 - Appointments to the Temple Community Planning Committee
 - **Discussion of recommendations by Temple Community Planning Committee (TCPC) Chair Christine Robidoux for several appointments. Caisse motioned to appoint Jessica Hipp, Kathy Fedorka, Tedd Petro and Vivian Wills to the TCPC, Ezell second, all in favor.**

 - Conveyance of Non-Conforming Lots on East Road
 - **Pickman explained the request by Peterborough attorney Philip Runyon to have East Road parcels 6-30 and 6-32 (on the west side of East Road) conveyed to a potential buyer, the Scott family that owns all the contiguous lots on Tobey Lane, and without Planning Board approval. Pickman outlined the review of a tax map and deeds by himself and town attorney William Drescher (who was not present for the meeting) that showed this cannot be done as desired because both lots are attached to another parcel in a deed - lot 6-47. Pickman said a lot line adjustment could be done by the Planning Board in coming weeks. Runyon said he is representing Mark Scott, son of the late Martha Scott, and that Scott is looking to acquire some of the Lee properties on East Road (lots 6-30, 6-32 and 6-33), assuming an agreement can be reached. Runyon reiterated his request and noted the properties are already taxed separately. Ezell directed him to pursue a lot line adjustment. Brief discussion of whether a lot line adjustment would be needed for Scott to acquire lots 6-30 and 6-32. Pickman said the notice requirements necessitate that the matter not be addressed before the Sept. 4 Planning Board meeting. Runyon said he will stay in touch and that the matter may not come before the Planning Board until October.**

 - Additional Appointment to TCPC
 - **Discussion of additional appointment. Ezell motioned to appoint Steve Concordia to the TCPC, Willard second, all in favor.**

 - Proposal for 25 mph speed limit on West Road when horses present
 - **Rose Lowry presented her idea to promote slower car speed along West Road when horse riders are present. She had researched NH RSAs including 265:104 that provide some protection and rights to equestrians. However, Lowry noted that the idea of a lowered speed limit for the road is off the table, since it's already a posted 30 mph street and speeding remains an issue. She outlined the problem with the road – narrow sections, little or no shoulder, and blind corners. A regular horse rider, she said she knows that the problem also exists on Webster Highway by the Pony Farm and on General Miller Highway – and**

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for people including walkers and joggers. She asked that the issue of manure on roads, as noted on the Temple Facebook group, be handled separately. She suggested additional speed limit signs and additional traffic enforcement to address the issue of speeding. Lowry said she would love to have Temple be known for a reputation of having aggressive traffic enforcement. Ezell explained that the police department remains understaffed and, like other small towns, struggles with retention of officers who would provide resources for additional traffic enforcement. Connie Kieley noted that drinking and driving is also a problem on West Road, and she pointed out that the town does have an electronic speeding sign that could be placed there. Ezell said that West Road remains a main cut-through to Jaffrey for many people. A West Road resident said she has estimated traffic goes past her at up to 55 mph while she is running on the road. Ezell said he can bring up the issue of speeding at a police board meeting, but isn't certain whether more speed limit signs can be erected. Lowry said that one particular problem area is Spofford Gap and a reminder 30 mph sign there might be useful. A resident said additional signage is needed on Hadley Highway. Ezell said the next police board meeting is in 2-3 weeks. Lowry said an accident is bound to happen, and said letters to editor of the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript might be a useful tool. Caisse said even bright clothing doesn't seem to alert drivers to slow down.

- National Flood Insurance Program Application
 - Ezell said the SB is looking to join the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) so that residents can obtain flood insurance and that the town's application is the first step. He emphasized that there is no cost for the town joining the NFIP. Clifton-Waite said some preparations are still needed before he presents the draft application to the SB for execution. The application must outline the acreage, population and structures in suspected flood-prone areas.
- Intent to Deed Notices for 2016 levy from Tax Collector
 - SB reviewed a letter from Tax Collector Elizabeth Maxcy-Humphrey regarding a list of six properties scheduled to be taken by the town by tax deed if not redeemed by August 28. The Intent to Deed notices were mailed to property owners on Friday July 26.
- New Phone System for Municipal Building
 - SB discussed the idea of updating the phone system in the Municipal Building, which Ezell said has already received budget approval. Discussion of the number of lines for the six personnel in the office. Ezell said he would return at the next meeting with research on an out-of-the-box solution. Caisse noted

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that the second floor training room has had its new floor installed and is painted.

- Primex “Premium Holiday Distribution” notification
 - **SB discussed a pair of letters from insurer Primex regarding approximately \$1,047 in combined credit balances for the property and liability program and the workers’ compensation program. Primex has indicated the “Premium Holiday distribution” can be credited toward next year’s premiums or given the town as a refund. Caisse said he will speak with Budget Advisory Committee Chair Gary Scholl and advise Clifton-Waite of how to proceed.**

- Refund for Town Hall rental fee – Lisa Beaudoin fundraiser
 - **SB reviewed a request to refund the \$100 rental fee made on the Town Hall for the recent fundraiser for resident Lisa Beaudoin, where the Town Hall had been reserved as a rain location and a cancellation was made less than 24 hours after the cancellation deadline. Caisse motioned to refund the \$100 fee, Willard second, all in favor. Connie Kieley asked about having the town list the Town Hall rental reservations on the town website. Clifton-Waite said he would talk with the webmaster to arrange for that.**

- NH DAS application for surplus equipment for the fire department
 - **Caisse explained that the fire department would like to pursue surplus vehicles for forestry use, and that the application to the NH Dept. of Administrative Services would make the department eligible to buy surplus government vehicles. SB members signed the application.**

- Special Events Permit application for 2019 Harvest Festival
 - **Caisse presented an application for a special events permit for the Sept. 22 Temple Harvest Festival and asked that the SB waive the permit fee for the organizer, the Temple Volunteer Fire Dept. Caisse said the application still needs other signatures including health inspector Peter Caswell. Ezell motioned to approval the application – pending collection of additional signatures – and to waive the permit fee for the fire department, Willard second. Willard and Ezell in favor, with Caisse abstaining.**

- Committee Reports
 - **Ezell reported that the police board had met last Monday and appointed a new board chair. He said there is no big news from the police department, with the crime rate low and continued turnover due to staff moving onto other departments.**

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- Caisse reported that the ambulance advisory committee had met and discussed ongoing issues including that a budget shortfall due to a mistake in rental contributions. He said Temple is looking at approximately \$750 in additional payments, which might be able to be offset in next year's budget. Caisse said the building remains cramped and that the association is exploring financing for an additional two bays.
- **Other Business**
 - Public Comment
 - Paul Jordan asked about electrification of the Town Common. Caisse said he did not have a date and would check in with Rob Wills who is spearheading that project. Connie Kieley said Gail Cromwell would be checking in with Wills, at the request of the Village Green Committee.
 - Minutes
 - SB discussed the July 23 minutes. Caisse motioned to accept the minutes from the July 23 SB meeting as amended, Willard second, all in favor.
 - 2018 Audit Results
 - BAC member Christine Robidoux asked about the results of the 2018 audit by Melanson Heath. Clifton-Waite said those drafts had been circulated to the SB, and that he would double check to make sure the audit results were circulated to the BAC. Ezell noted that BAC Chair Gary Scholl had told him he is pleased with the cooperation of new town bookkeeper Julie Dean in generating reports the BAC needs.
 - Vouchers
 - SB circulated vouchers for signature.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:08 PM. Motioned by Caisse, Ezell second, all in favor.

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Annex.
Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Clifton-Waite, Assistant to the Select Board.