

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019

Town Hall Annex

6:30 PM

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

Meeting called to order by Ezell at 6:30 PM

- **Public Comment**

- **Christine Robidoux asked if the topic of broadband would be discussed. Ezell confirmed that it would, most likely during committee reports.**
- **Connie Kieley thanked the Select Board and staff for the updated town website calendar.**
- **Charlene Eddy said she has concerns about the town common and the wiring project there. She asked if the Select Board had approved. Ezell said the Select Board had seen the plans; the project received Town Meeting approval. Eddy also voiced concerns about the use of tent stakes on the common and impact on tree roots. Ezell noted that the wiring diagrams are not 100% accurate. Ezell said trees on the common would be discussed later in the meeting. Connie Kieley clarified that the wiring project did not originate with the Village Green Committee. Carol Mamczak said the Village Green Committee signed off on the concept. Mamczak reported that soil tests of the town common are in process of being done. Kieley underscored that use of heavy vehicles on the common is an issue and that the public could be educated about avoiding this.**
- **Dan Cournoyer spoke against cutting down a large sugar maple on the town common.**
- **Caisse said the wiring plan has room for change and that the use of large tent stakes for the Harvest Festival would be taken into consideration.**

- **Old Business**

- **Tree Cutting – Hadley Highway**
 - **Caisse reported a written estimate had been received for removal trees on town land adjacent to Richard and Sandra Benotti's 82 Hadley Highway property and that it is being reviewed by Road Agent Kent Perry. Item to be kept on the agenda.**

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- Tree Cutting – North Cemetery
 - **Caisse said the work obtaining a bid remains underway.**

- Trees on the Town Common
 - **Ezell explained that three trees had been recommended for replacement, including the large one across from the Congregational Church that has rotted and is now a town liability. He noted an arborist report that stated the other two nearby trees are not thriving and are not appropriate for their proximity to Route 45 and that the state forester had agreed; the arborist had recommended 5-6 varieties as replacements. Connie Kieley said the Princeton Elm is a good choice given its resistance to disease and insects. Ezell said that the tree work needs to proceed. Caisse motion to remove any tree on the town common that is rotting, Ezell second, and 2-0 in favor with Willard abstaining. Discussion of timing of work and possible stump removal. Kieley said the Village Green Committee is pursuing a grant for the tree replacement and that the Select Board needs to approve the tree replacement to permit the grant application. Ezell motion to authorize the Village Green Committee to arrange for removal of the two trees in question to be replaced with two new trees, subject to approval by the Select Board of the location and type of tree, Willard second, all in favor.**

- Employee Manual review
 - **SB noted their Oct. 1 work session to review and update the town employee manual.**

- National Flood Insurance Program application
 - **Clifton-Waite distributed the draft application and resolution from the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives (NH OSI). Ezell explained the application as a means to allow residents to obtain flood insurance and that the initiative has no cost to the town and no requirement other than adopting floodplain management regulations. Ezell motion to authorize the application to the federal Department of Homeland Security (Federal Emergency Management Agency), Caisse second, all in favor. Brief discussion of supporting resolution prepared by the NH OSI. Ezell motion to approve the resolution as prepared, Willard second, all in favor.**

- Municipal Building telephone system update
 - **Ezell said he would visit the municipal building next week to discuss with town office personnel.**

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- Cemetery Funding
 - **SB to discuss at Oct. 8 meeting.**

- Marsh litigation
 - **Ezell reported that the Hillsborough County Superior Court had granted a 30-day extension to the Marshes to respond to the town's complaint; the town had assented to their request.**

- Kullgren Road
 - **SB to report at their Oct. 8 meeting about the scheduled bank foreclosure auction of 69 Kullgren Road property of Travis Woodbury.**

- Approval of new financial forms
 - **New payroll and vendor payment forms in use.**

- Glen Nutting request for revised tax card acreage
 - **Clifton-Waite directed to ask Avitar Associates' Mark Stetson about whether his firm can be directed to change the current tax cards (without a survey) given that the town had previously used tax cards for Mansfield Road parcels (M5A L109 and M7B L26) that reflected the aggregate 14 acres +/- as reflected on the deed for the parcels. Clifton-Waite reported on research showing a tax map change in 1984 changed the parcel acreages to the current one; tax cards from 1980-83 show 4 acres and 9 acres. Clifton-Waite said he would further review town files for the original current use application and inquire with the state about the same. Glen Nutting reiterated his request that the town change the tax cards (now 4 acres for the house lot and 7.75 acres for the unmanaged lot).**

- Municipal Building repairs
 - **Caisse suggested that a public bid be pursued for certain upgrades at the municipal building, which could be given to the Budget Advisory Committee. Discussion of the use of a Facebook post and town website notice to attract bids.**

- Creation of Trust Fund for Recreation Commission and vote to correct 2010 Warrant Article establishing Recreation Commission
 - **Discussion of a draft motion to correct the incorrect use of the words "donations" in the 2010 Warrant Article for the recreation commission. Ezell motion that having learned that the 2010 Warrant Article No. 10 (the "Article"), passed by voters on a voice vote at the March 13, 2010 Town Meeting, incorrectly listed "donations" as one type of money to be received**

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by and accumulated in the Recreation Revolving Fund (the "Revolving Fund") established by that Article pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II, the Select board hereby directs the Recreation Commission to neither collect nor accept any "donations" for use by that Revolving Fund, Willard second, all in favor.

- **New Business**

- Reimbursement request for Temple Community Planning Committee registration fees
 - **Christine Robidoux explained that several members of the Temple Community Planning Committee had planned to attend a specific housing and development conference and requested that the \$60 per person registration fee be reimbursed. Discussion of proper account for payment. Caisse motion to accept the \$180 reimbursement request from the Temple Community Planning Committee from an account to be determined, Ezell second, all in favor. Robidoux directed to have receipts submitted to the town bookkeeper.**
- Creation of line item in 2020 town budget for Temple Community Planning Committee training and seminars
 - **Robidoux said a \$200 line item would be in order. Robidoux directed to discuss with the Budget Advisory Committee and return for further discussion.**
- Building Permits
 - **SB signed off on a Building Permit application from Benjamin Reed, 93 Route 101 (8A 7-4), for a 700 square feet building remodel (kitchen and restrooms) and two Building Permit applications from William McDonnell, 79 Mansfield Road (7B 27), for a 70-foot ham radio antenna tower and a 1,659 foot garage, porch and deck.**
- Committee Reports
 - **Willard noted a ConVal School Board's Selectmen's Advisory Committee held a public forum about broadband access for the area on Sept. 18 at the Lucy Hurlin Theater at ConVal High School. He said the Selectmen's Advisory Committee will meet again on Sept. 25. Ezell discussed that he and Willard attended the SAC broadband forum, which several broadband representatives in attendance, though not from TDS or Comcast. He said Dublin is soliciting its own bids for town wireless. He noted that the lack of broadband service impacts the town's ability to attract new residents. Robidoux mentioned a USDA reconnect program that she is investigating.**
 - **Caisse said he will be meeting the new director of the Wilton Recycling Center later in the week. He also reported an effort by the Town of Wilton to take**

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possession of the ambulance association building and that a legal dispute has begun.

- Minutes
 - **SB discussed the Sept. 10 minutes. Caisse motioned to accept the minutes from the Sept. 10 SB meeting as amended, Willard second, all in favor.**
- **Other Business**
 - Zoning Board of Adjustment membership
 - **Discussion of the need to fill two recently created vacancies on the Zoning Board of Adjustment due to resignations. Discussion of appointments of Ezell and Gail Cromwell. Caisse motion to appoint Bill Ezell to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three-year term, Willard second, 2-0 in favor with Ezell abstaining. Ezell motion to appointment Gail Cromwell to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Willard second, 2-0 in favor with Caisse abstaining. Willard motion that Ezell be made a full member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with Cromwell as an alternate, Caisse second, all in favor.**
 - Opioid Class Action Lawsuit notice
 - **Clifton-Waite distributed a notice of a class action lawsuit from the U.S. District Court for Northern District of Ohio and asked if the Select Board wanted to exclude themselves from the class. Discussion of matter. Ezell motion to exclude the town as a member of the class for the class action lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Caisse second, all in favor.**
 - Vouchers
 - **SB circulated vouchers for signature.**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13 PM. Motioned by Caisse, Willard second, all in favor.

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Annex (following Work Session on Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex).

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Clifton-Waite, Assistant to the Select Board.