

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019**

**Town Hall Annex**

**6:30 PM**

Select Board members present: George Willard, Bill Ezell, and Ken Caisse

Meeting called to order by Ezell at 6:30 PM and said the Select Board would be meeting in non-public session after the public comment under NH RSA 91-A:3II(a).

- **Public Comment:**
  - **Christine Robidoux said she had been contacted by Abbe Hamilton at the Monadnock Ledger Transcript about doing a story on broadband internet service and wanted to talk about specific issues in her and Ezell's neighborhoods; an article will be coming out in a few weeks. She noted that the USDA representative has indicated they would like to discuss the topic with local people and she wondered about the best way to approach the ConVal School Board Select Board Advisory Committee. Willard asked her to make arrangements and to reach out to John Jordan in Hancock, who is chair of the ConVal Select Board Advisory Committee, which meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month.**
  
- **Non-Public Session**
  - **Ezell motioned to enter non-public session at 6:36 p.m., under the provisions of NH RSA 91-A:3II(a) to meet with Road Agent Kent Perry, second by Caisse, all in favor.**
  - **Non-Public session minutes are on file and not sealed.**
  
- **Return to Public Session**
  - **Select Board reconvened the public session at 6:54 p.m., minutes recorded by Ezell.**
  
- **Old Business:**
  - **Cell phones for Highway Department**
    - **Select Board asked Clifton-Waite to talk with Verizon Wireless about turning former Road Agent Tim Fiske's cell phone number over to him for private use and have it removed from the current cellphone bill. Also, Select Board requested the vendor be asked about phone upgrades. Road Agent Kent Perry and laborer Steve Harling to keep phones they have in meantime.**
  
  - **Tree Cutting on Hadley Highway**
    - **Select Board reviewed \$1,000 bid from Dan Masterson Tree Care for removal of trees on town land adjacent to Benotti property on Hadley Highway. Discussion of budget line item for expenditure. Ezell motioned to approve**

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**\$1,000 expenditure for tree cutting by Dan Masterson Tree Care on Hadley Highway from account no. 4194651 (Government Buildings and Other Property Repairs and Maintenance), Caisse second, all in favor.**

- Tree Cutting at North Cemetery
  - **Caisse reported no new developments.**
  
- Trees on the Town Common
  - **Connie Kieley reported to the Select Board there are no new developments. Select Board instructed Clifton-Waite to remove item from future agendas.**
  
- Employee manual review
  - **Select Board received redline comparison of draft changes to town employee manual to existing employee manual and will review ahead of the next meeting.**
  
- New Phone System for Municipal Building
  - **Ezell said he would stop by Municipal Building next week to discuss new phone system with staff.**
  
- Cemetery Funding
  - **Caisse reported that the matter is still with the Budget Advisory Committee and that a warrant article is likely to be needed. Budget Advisory Committee member Christine Robidoux said they had discussed the matter with Road Agent Kent Perry and he is returning with a budget estimate.**
  
- Marsh Litigation
  - **Select Board reported no new developments.**
  
- Kullgren Road property auction
  - **Ezell reported that the bank foreclosure auction had been postponed until October 18.**
  
- Glen Nutting/114 Mansfield Road property tax card size correction request
  - **Caisse asked about contacting the town's previous tax card firm about why the acreage had changed. Clifton-Waite reported that it's not clear which firm handled the change in the late 1970s to early 1980s; tax map creator from 1980s had been contacted. Discussion of the decision by the Nutting family to place the land in a trust in 2012 with the 11.75 acres delineated as the acreage and that the issue should have been raised then. Ezell motioned for the Select Board to issue a statement to Glen Nutting for the entire Board to sign telling him that based upon town research and stated policies and procedures from**

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**Avitar and the New Hampshire Dept. of Revenue Administration that the town cannot make any changes to the tax cards for 114 Mansfield Road and a northerly parcel (M5A/L109 and M7B/L26) without a new survey.**

- Municipal Building Repairs
  - **Caisse said he is still waiting to put information on the town website ahead of a request for a public bid on the work, previously discussed by the Select Board.**
  
- Town payroll check date change and direct deposit
  - **Ezell explained that the Select Board is waiting for certain clarification from town Treasurer Peter Allen, who is scheduled to meet with the town's accountant, Brenda Wiley. Discussion of costs of using direct deposit for town employee payroll. Ezell said several employees had reportedly not been asked about the possible change. Select Board conceded that any change would have to wait until after Town Meeting because of the need for additional funds.**
  
- **New Business:**
  - Building permit application (solar) for Hagen and Jeannine Wegmueller, 16 Tainter Lane.
    - **Review of application for a roof-top mounted solar array. Select Board signed off, contingent upon approval by Building Inspector Will Wildes.**
  
  - Execution of Tax Warrants per Avitar LUCT recommendations – James Gates, Kendall Road, and Helen S. Davis Revocable Trust, Kendall Road.
    - **Select Board reviewed recommendations, town Tax Warrants and state form A-5 and signed the warrants and A-5 for parcels Map 8B/Lot 20-6 and 8B/20-5.**
  
  - Execution of revised MS-535
    - **Select Board reviewed and executed revised state MS-535 form to be submitted to the state Dept. of Revenue Administration.**
  
  - Committee Reports
    - **Willard reported that the ConVal School District Select Board Advisory Committee had met on Sept. 26, and that John Jordan of Hancock will be retiring soon as chairman, and that the committee is looking into broadband service delivery for the ConVal district towns. Willard noted state Senate Bill 105 that authorizes towns to coordinate for broadband internet service and that Temple should do some preliminary mapping as the first step.**
  
    - **Ezell said the police board had met and that the police department is in danger of losing some additional senior officers due to more competitive pay**

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in other towns. He said Greenville is acknowledging the problem, and that Temple needs to keep this in mind for its highway staff and develop equitable pay.

- Caisse said he had met the new director of the Wilton Recycling Center, Carol Burgess, and that the center will be making some changes to hours, elimination of the swap shed, and some cost savings measures and equipment improvements. He said the scale price for weighed demolition material will be increasing. Clifton-Waite to contact the town webmaster about linking up town website to the recycling center. Caisse said he and Fire Chief George Clark had inspected the state surplus fire engine mentioned at the Oct. 1 meeting and that it needs new front tires and is awaiting a pump test.
- Minutes
  - Select Board discussed the Sept. 24 and Oct. 1 minutes. Caisse motioned to accept the minutes from the Sept. 24 meeting as amended, Willard second, all in favor. Caisse motioned to accept the minutes from the Oct. 1 meeting as amended, Willard second, all in favor.
- Vouchers
  - Select Board circulated vouchers for signature.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:05 PM. Motioned by Caisse, Willard second, all in favor.

**Next Select Board Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Annex.  
Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Clifton-Waite, Assistant to the Select Board.