

**Minutes of Meeting
Templeton Board of Selectmen
690 Patriots Road
December 2, 2013
6:30 p.m.**

Present: Board of Selectmen: Jeff Bennett, Doug Morrison, Kenn Robinson and Julie Farrell, and Town Coordinator, Jeff Ritter.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge

Approve Minutes

Ms. Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes of 11.25.13. Mr. Robinson seconded the Motion. The vote was 4 yes.

Building Inspector, Larry Brandt

Larry spoke regarding the hours that were voted at a prior meeting and set for him. He was not able to attend the meeting and was notified that he had to increase his hours from 25 to 30 hours by the following Monday and also work different hours, including a long day on Tuesday. Bill Harris stated that Larry is one of the best inspectors in the state and he urges the Board to keep him in that position and allow him to keep his current hours. Larry asked to be restored back to his current 25 hour schedule.

Tax Classification Hearing

Mr. Robinson made a motion to begin the Tax Classification Hearing. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

Ms. Farrell made a motion that a single tax rate classification be adopted with a tax rate factor of 1.0000, and that there be no residential exemption, no commercial exemption, and no open space discount. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

Mr. Morrison made a motion to close the hearing. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes. Hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

Continue, Larry Brandt, Building Inspector

Larry Brandt stated that he made it known in January, 2013, to Wil Spring and Jeff when talking about the budget that he did not want the additional 5 hours and he thought that would be sufficient. Mr. Morrison stated that he believes that since Donna can cover the late night in the office, he can understand Larry not working that extra night & that Donna being there would maintain the consistency of hours. Mr. Robinson stated that he believes the building inspector has a unique position in that contractors would prefer to use his services in the early morning and not late at night. Mr. Morrison made a motion to set the building inspectors hours at 5:45 am to 10:45 am Monday through Thursday and the assistants hours will remain at what they are. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The vote was 3 yes. Ms. Farrell abstained.

Discuss the duties of the Town Coordinator

Mr. Bennett spoke about how there are issues that need to be dealt with daily and that they need to include the authority to deal with daily issues in the job description. After much discussion, the board decided to take this under advisement and continue discussion at the meeting on December 16, 2013.

Discuss wording for non-binding questions on Special Election ballot concerning Acts of 2000 and elementary school funding

Mr. Bennett read the proposed non-binding questions for the ballot. After much discussion, Mr. Morrison made a motion that the Board not place the non-binding ballot question #1 on the election warrant. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to place the non-binding ballot question #2 on the election warrant as written. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

Discuss sending 2nd letter to DOR on concerning Water Department classification, Enterprise Fund under GL 53 ½ or c 164, and why it was removed from town books

After discussion, Ms. Farrell made a motion to send another letter to Commissioner Pitter of the DOR and cc: Secretary of Administration and Finance and the Governor of the Commonwealth regarding Water Department classification. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

Discuss water rates and customer billing fee

After discussion and Ms. Farrell reading the letter she drafted, Mr. Morrison made a motion to send the letter regarding the water rates and customer billing fee, as addressed, to the Inspector General, and that it be signed by all members of the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

Action on Liquor Licensing

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the list of liquor licenses as follows: American Legion, Baldwinville Pizza, Baldwinville Station, Bubba's Marker, Candlelite, J.K. Crossroads, Kamaloht, Otter River Sportsmans, Patriots Package, Royalston Fish and Game, Sandbaggers, Templeton Fish & Game, Templeton Spirit, Templewood Golf, Thirsty Turtle, and Village Liquor & Mini Mart. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

After discussion, Ms. Farrell made a motion to approve the liquor license for Otter River Hotel pending inspection and taxed paid through December 30, 2012. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

Action on Class II and Class III Licenses

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the Class II & Class III Licenses for 2014 pending inspections as read. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

Action on Automatic Amusements

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the automatic amusement licenses as read pending inspections and tax payment. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

Action on Live Entertainment Licenses

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the live entertainment licenses as read pending inspection and tax payments. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

Action on Common Victualler's Licenses

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the common victuallers licenses as read pending inspection and tax payments. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes.

9:20 p.m. meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Myers
Recording Secretary

Doug Morrison, Clerk