TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING BOARD OF SELECTMEN Meeting held on the 14th of February 2012

Board members present: T. Petro, M. Darnell

Call to Order by T. Petro at 7:08 p.m.

- 1. Subject: Converse Road residents Bill Walker, Margaret Robbins, Aaron Robbins and Jamie Jones were in attendance after receipt of the Board's letter regarding the bridges. Darnell explained to the residents about the review of the two bridges and some of the issues concerning these bridges. Petro explained the warrant articles for 2012. There is an article for \$12,500.00 to pour a concrete abutment for the second bridge on Converse Road. There is an article for \$86,000.00 for engineering studies for the first bridge on Converse Road. Tim Fiske, Road Agent, explained some of the issues for the first bridge. The first bridge is a steel arch sitting on cement footings. The footings have deteriorated. In response to a guestion from A. Robbins it was explained that it would not be cost effective to repair the footings as it cannot be determined how long such a fix would last. Fiske would like to put a pre-cast cement box culvert. Fiske would also like to move the road over about 10" to the left hand side which would straighten the road out. Fiske will be speaking to John Barry about the possibility of increasing the right-of-way in order to do this. Fiske also explained that this might alleviate the need for a temporary bridge, which would cost approximately \$150,000.00. The engineering work would be done and the project would be put out to bid in 2012. There would be a warrant article in 2013 to request the money to do the bridge construction which is currently estimated at \$400,000.00. This project would be under the State of NH bridge aid program so 80% of the costs would be reimbursed by the State. The residents present asked for approximate costs if the Town did the bridges without getting the State involved and having to meet all the bridge aid program requirements. Fiske explained that if Temple didn't get the money under this program another Town would get it. Fiske also explained that due to the environmental requirements that have to be met it probably would not be much less expensive.
- 2. <u>Subject:</u> Reviewed and signed vouchers.
- 3. <u>Subject:</u> Reviewed and signed a letter to Senator Bob O'Dell stating the Board would support the designation of the former Temple Mountain Ski Area as a State Historic Site.
- 4. <u>Subject:</u> Petro informed Darnell that Hagen Wegmueller had requested a copy of the Attorney's letter regarding the 2012 warrant articles. Wegmueller is interested in the Attorney's comments regarding the petition warrant article to discontinue seven roads. Petro also informed Darnell that Kieley is recusing himself from any discussions regarding this

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- 4. <u>Subject:</u> (cont) petition warrant article as he is an effected abutter. Darnell stated that he is not in favor of releasing the letter from Attorney Sowerby as this letter also deals with other warrant articles.
- 5. <u>Subject:</u> Move by Petro to adjourn, second by Darnell. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant