

**TOWN OF
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting held on the 26th of March 2013**

Board members present: J. Kieley, M. Darnell, G. Cromwell

Call to Order by J. Kieley at 7:00 p.m.

1. Subject: Kieley welcomed Gail Cromwell as the new Selectperson.
2. Subject: Discussion of the Chairman position for the Board of Selectmen. Both Kieley and Darnell offered to Chair the Board. Darnell stated that he thought it was time for new leadership of the Board. Move by Kieley to appoint Kieley as Chair of the Board of Selectmen, second by Cromwell and voted Kieley and Cromwell yea, Darnell nay.
3. Subject: Discussion of the 3/12/13 minutes. Darnell felt that the draft minutes were incomplete and did not reflect discussions that had occurred at that meeting. Kieley suggested that Darnell amend the minutes and forward the amended minutes to the Board for review.
4. Subject: Discussion of the MS-2 Statement of Appropriations. The MS-2 is due at the State of NH-DRA by 4/5/13. Kieley requested that the MS-2 be forwarded by email to Darnell and Cromwell for their review. Kieley has the MS-2. The Board will meet on 4/1/13 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building to sign the MS-2.
5. Subject: Darnell stated that he doesn't think there is enough time during meetings to sufficiently review the vouchers and receive responses to questions if there are questions. After discussion it was determined that the Administrative Assistant will speak to all Departments and request that all vouchers be in the office by noon on Mondays. The Administrative Assistant will process the vouchers on Monday. The Board members will stop at the office before Tuesday meetings to review vouchers and ask questions if they have any.
6. Subject: The Board discussed the school system and the impact of the school taxes. Question – What can be done? Kieley suggested moving the revaluation of properties up one year, which would change the equalization ratio. Darnell suggested forming a committee to look at what Temple's other options might be. Cromwell stated that Greenfield has talked about leaving the school district; there may be other towns that may look into leaving.

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7. Subject: Ken Sullivan met with the Board to discuss his 2010 abatement application. The Select Board had originally denied the abatement and Sullivan had appealed to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA). Sullivan asked the Board to reconsider this abatement application. Sullivan also gave Cromwell an explanation of why he had filed an abatement application, explaining the \$75,000.00 additional assessment on the Stonegate lots. Kieley explained that the \$75,000.00 assessment was to reflect the sale prices of the Stonegate lots. Sullivan spoke about the relationship between Stonegate Farm and the Timberdoodle Club. Sullivan stated that residents of Stonegate Farm cannot use portions of the open space land due to covenants allowing Timberdoodle Club the use of that land. Kieley stated that the assessments reflect the history of the sales of the lots. Kieley agreed that there have been no sales recently and that market values have gone down, but stated that is universal.

Sullivan spoke about meeting with the Board in July 2010 and some of the comments made at that time. Sullivan presented data he had compiled and explained his reasoning regarding the data. Sullivan stated that the additional assessment does not make sense; the logic is incoherent and unfair. Sullivan would like the Board to remove the assessment. Kieley asked Sullivan if he would be a proponent of moving a town-wide revaluation up one year. Sullivan stated that he is not a proponent of a town-wide revaluation; he would like the Board to re-adjust his properties. Kieley reminded Sullivan that one property had an assessed value of \$177,000.00; Sullivan purchased for \$150,000.00 and thought he had a good deal. Kieley then stated that no property in Temple is worth the assessed value due to the current market conditions.

Darnell asked Sullivan how a motion for reconsideration by the Selectmen would affect the case at the BTLA. Sullivan thought it would put the case on hold at the BTLA. The Board felt they needed more time to review information before answering Sullivan on whether they would reconsider. Sullivan asked the board if they would write a letter to the BTLA informing the BTLA that they are reviewing the abatement application again. Cromwell asked Sullivan why he does not want to carry through with the BTLA. Sullivan stated that he would prefer to have the Select Board reconsider the contested issue.

8. Subject: Ted Petro met with the Board and asked to continue on the Town Hall Advisory Committee and the CIP Committee, if the other committee members agreed. The Board suggested that Petro write a letters of interest to the committees and copy the Select Board. Petro also requested that the Board allow him to continue cleaning out old records at the Municipal Building. The Board agreed.

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9. Subject: Discussion about the disposal of the 8 year old copier. Ted Petro had asked if the Town could donate the copier to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Move by Kieley to donate the 8 year old Konica-Minolta copier to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, second by Cromwell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
10. Subject: Approved and signed a permit for the Lions Club Mother's Day raffle.
11. Subject: The Board discussed the Yetman 2012 abatement application. Yetman mailed a letter to Cromwell that stated he had reviewed the Avitar recommendation and agreed with the recommendation. Kieley stated that he did not feel that an abatement was in order due to the fact that in the years Yetman has owned the property he has discovered "deficiencies in construction". Kieley said that any property owner could probably discover deficiencies in construction, but that shouldn't rise to cause for abatement. Darnell and Cromwell did not agree. Move by Darnell to abate the amount of \$19,200 on the Yetman property for a revised assessment of \$146,600.00, second by Cromwell and voted Darnell and Cromwell – yea, Kieley – nay.
12. Subject: Review of the Doug Guy, Jr. junkyard license renewal application. Move by Kieley to approve the Guy junkyard renewal application subject to the background check, second by Cromwell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
13. Subject: Discussion of meeting with the Converse Road Bridge Engineers, Dubois & King. Kieley asked Darnell when he might be able to meet with the engineers. Darnell stated Monday or Tuesday at 8:00 am. Kieley will contact Tim Fiske, Road Agent, and Dubois and King to set up a meeting.
14. Subject: Discussion of Board committee assignments. Darnell will stay on as the Budget Advisory liaison and will also become the representative to the Wilton Ambulance and Wilton Recycling Center. Cromwell and Kieley will be the TGPD Board representatives. Kieley will remain on the Conval Selectmen's Advisory Committee. Cromwell will become the Capital Improvements Committee representative. Discussion about the Planning Board Ex-Officio member, Darnell would be interested in this position. The A.A. will check the Planning Board RSAs.
15. Subject: Move by Kieley to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 (a) employee matters at 8:40 pm, second by Cromwell and voted Kieley – yea; Darnell – yea; Cromwell – yea. Out of non-public at 9:20 pm. Move by Kieley to seal the minutes of the non-public, second by Cromwell and

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15. Subject: (cont) voted in the unanimous affirmative.
16. Subject: Signed vouchers.
17. Subject: Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Darnell. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant