

**TOWN OF
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting held on the 3rd of April 2013**

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

Call to Order by J. Kieley at 8:01 a.m.

1. Subject: The Board reviewed the MS-2 Statement of Appropriations. Kieley had questions on two amounts. Move by Kieley to approve and sign the MS-2 upon review of two numbers, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
2. Subject: The Board met with Tim Fiske, Road Agent, to discuss the Converse Road Bridge. Before speaking about the bridge Kieley told Fiske that the Board had received an email from a resident of Fish Road about the conditions of this road. Fiske stated that the Highway Department has done a lot of work on Fish Road over the years. Some years it blows apart and other years it does well. Fiske explained that Fish Road is a good example of a road with traffic volumes on the brink to consider paving the road. Before Fish Road could be paved it would need a lot of work, culverts would need to be replaced and other significant issues. Fiske estimated it could cost between \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00 to pave this road from the intersection of Hill Road to Brown Road. The Highway Department will work on Fish Road some more this summer, they will probably put down a type of fabric that will help hold the road together and then more gravel. Fiske also informed the Board that he is working with Don Kraemer of NH Signman to have a sign made that he can change to inform motorists of different road closures or other notifications.
3. Subject: Fiske spoke to the Board about the Converse Road Bridge. He had originally thought that two box culverts could be laid side by side and one could be used as a temporary bridge while they worked on the other side. The Engineers have informed him that this idea would not be cheaper and they don't feel that the bridge can be removed safely without a temporary bridge. The Engineers have recommended a 24' span arch. Fiske said this is larger than the existing bridge because DES wants the footings and abutments away from the stream bed. Fiske would like to do the temporary bridge on the high side of the current bridge. Fiske informed the Board that he has spoken to Elizabeth Robbins about using her gravel pit to store materials during the bridge work; this would need to be finalized. Fiske also informed the Board that he has found nothing historic in that area. Kieley asked what would be done with the granite. Fiske is not sure; possibly it could be used as erosion control on the high side of the bridge. Kieley asked about guard rails. Fiske thought that ribbon railings would be best. Wood railing is more expensive and the DOT doesn't like them used.

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3. Subject: Fiske and the Board planned to meet with the Engineers at the bridge. Fiske informed the Board that they need to make a decision about what type of bridge they wanted installed. Fiske recommended the 24' arch.

Move by Kieley to accept the recommendation of Fiske and the engineers to go with a pre-stamped 24' arch bridge and ribbon rails, second by Cromwell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Fiske informed the Board that he will need to rent or buy jersey barriers. The work will probably start in August and go through September or October. Kieley suggested working the cash flow out with the State DOT and suppliers. Fiske told the Board that the State will pay 40% of the construction costs up front once the plans have been approved. The concrete and excavator will probably need to be bid out. The Highway Department will do as much of the work as possible, with some outside help.

4. Subject: The meeting was continued at the Converse Road Bridge site at 9:04 am.