

TOWN OF TEMPLE NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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Special Meeting, January 10th, 2018  
Town Hall Annex

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Ezell

Present: Wilton Town Administrator Scott Butcher, Wilton Ambulance Chief Steve Desrosiers, Temple BOS Ken Caisse, Bill Ezell, Gail Cromwell, representatives from the Temple CIP and BAC, Connie Kieley, Ted Petro, Mary Beth Ayvazian, Gary Scholl, representatives from the Temple Fire Dept. Chief George Clark, Will Wildes, Luke Peterson, representatives from Lyndeborough, Town Administrator Russell Boland, Select Board Chairman Fred Douglas, Selectman Mark Chamberlain.

- The preliminary numbers on our budget costs for both Ambulance and Recycling are encouraging. The Ambulance is possibly down and Recycling may stay the same. These numbers will be established at the Wilton budget meetings next week, Monday and Thursday, which we should attend.
- Information was provided about new purchases needed for the ambulance service. The Ambulance cost is tentatively \$45,133 for 2018. This would be a decrease from the present \$51,239. However, the new Ambulance Chief has lined up a lease purchase arrangement for the replacement of the 2007 Ambulance. Wilton will pick up the entire cost of the lease for 2018. The lease payment will be \$31,831/year, for 7 years at the end of which the purchase price is \$1. The lease does not include maintenance costs. Ambulances which have previously been on a 13-year replacement schedule will move to a 10-year schedule. Our cost of the lease would be 20% or \$8366. When would we start paying that? In 2019 would we pay for 2 years of the lease to catch up? It may have been said that Wilton would make the lease payments alone until 2020 which is when both the Towns of Temple and Lyndeborough have scheduled the purchase of a new ambulance (Temple: \$44,000). Do we expect then to pay 3 years' worth which would be  $8633 \times 3 = \$25,900$ ?
- Our CIP has \$8160 planned for a WA in 2018 for our share of a new cardiac monitor. Do we continue with that?
- Should we have a WA in 2018 for the 8160 plus 8366 for our share of the lease?
- The second ambulance, purchased in 2014 would move up to 2024.
- Chief Desrosiers also suggested that the present ambulance location would have to be changed with a new site and building in "10 years or so." It will be a 1-2 study process at an estimated cost of \$20 - \$30 thousand dollars.

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- Discussion about salary increases for the ambulance staff. The rates currently being paid are not competitive and is causing problems covering night and weekend shifts, as well as making it impossible to get new qualified personnel. All parties present agreed increases were justified and the new rates were approved by Temple BOS. An outstanding question is if the increases would be retroactive to Jan 1, effective after the Wilton town meeting, or phased in over the first half of this year. The Ambulance Chief seems to think phased-in is preferable. Temple is in favor of retroactive.
- Chief Desrosiers, was impressive in his command of what was needed to be improved in salaries/wages, purchase of new defibrillators, cardiac monitors and purchase or lease of an ambulance. He cited \$86,000 as new needed equipment.
- The budget for 2017 was reviewed and the proposed budget for 2018 was presented, and it was explained that even with higher expenditures, the budget would be lower for 2018 due to better billing procedures and changing to a new billing agency.
- The need for new radios was also discussed, but Wilton said they would cover the costs, as long as they were excluded from the sharing agreement.
- Scott Butcher spoke briefly on the Recycling budget but preferred to be more definitive next week. The key meetings are on Monday, Jan 15, and Thursday Jan 18, both at 6:30 in Wilton. Both Temple BOS and Lyndeborough plan to attend to back up the new Ambulance Chief.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes a combination of notes taken by G.Cromwell & B. Ezell