

**TOWN OF
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting held on the 14th of June 2011**

Board members present: J. Kieley, T. Petro, M. Darnell

Call to Order by J. Kieley at 7:02 p.m.

1. Subject: Phil Waterman met with the Board to discuss the letter sent out with the 2011 1st billing property tax bills regarding driveway plowing. Waterman read from a prepared statement which is attached to these minutes. Kieley spoke about how the Board of Selectmen support driveway plowing and explained that there is both a driveway plowing issue and a budget issue. The DRA has disallowed the \$40,000.00 added to the budget at the March 2011 Town Meeting for driveway plowing. As of this date \$75,000 has been spent, which is \$25,000 over the amount originally budgeted. The Board has to cover this additional \$25,000 and find approximately \$15,000 for Nov. and Dec. Kieley also explained that the Board sent the letter because they felt they owed it to the taxpayers to let them know there is an issue. The Board will do what it can to continue the practice. Kieley then stated that letters and newspaper articles do not help the issue and the Board does not want the Town to get into a legal battle with the State. The Board does not want to be in a position to have to tell people in Nov. that they will need to find an alternative. Darnell and Petro both stated that they are in favor of the practice of plowing driveways. Waterman stated that he is looking to the Board to correct the "misimpression" that driveway plowing is at risk. Kieley informed Waterman that it is at risk and the Board wanted taxpayers to be aware of the risk. The Board will not voluntarily stop this practice, but may be told by the State to stop. Steve Andersen, BAC Chair, stated that the BAC will continue to budget for driveway plowing, but may need to put more money in this line item up front. No further action was taken at this time.
2. Subject: Jeanne Whitcomb, Tax Collector, met with the Board to present the list of properties scheduled for deeding in 2011. The Board asked Whitcomb if there was any reason not to deed any of the properties. Whitcomb was not aware of any reasons. The Board will review the properties.
3. Subject: Kieley signed the health insurance renewal contract as Chairman.
4. Subject: The Board reviewed a quote for cleaning services from Immaculate Maids. Petro will speak to Lisa Northrup to determine why she dropped the Town as a client for cleaning.
5. Subject: The board reviewed a donation from NH Signman. Move by Kieley to accept the donation of signage from NH Signman at a value of \$50.00, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

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6. Subject: Reviewed an application for an Elderly Exemption. The applicant has income and assets over the limits set by the Town. Move by Kieley to deny the Elderly Exemption, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
7. Subject: The Board will review Avitar's abatement recommendations at the 6/28/11 meeting.
8. Subject: Kieley updated the Board on the RGGI grant and status of the air conditioning for the office. There is approximately \$13,000 left to install the air conditioning, with approximately \$1,338 to cover the electrical. Kieley also informed the Board that there had been a recommendation not to insulate the south crawl space under the Library. It is now being recommended that this crawl space be insulated. At this time there are no funds for this work and Kieley recommended that this be budgeted in 2012.
9. Subject: The Administrative Assistant updated the Board on the 6/14/11 Conval Region Towns collaborative meeting. The majority of discussion centered on which towns would be involved in the contract for heating oil. There was discussion from towns with pellet burners on collaborating on the purchase of pellets. Rodney Bartlett of Peterborough updated those attending on the success of the contract with Constellation Energy.
10. Subject: The Board signed a letter to the DRA indicating that the town would not be using inventory forms in 2012.
11. Subject: The Board reviewed the cost of extending the warranty on the computers. The cost will be \$839.00 to cover all 5 computers. The 3 year warranty which covered the computers has expired. The Board approved extending the warranty.
12. Subject: Move by Kieley to move to non-public session under RSA 91A:3, II (e) litigation at 8:10 pm, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Out of non-public session at 8:18 pm with the notation that the minutes had been sealed.
13. Subject: Reviewed and signed vouchers.
14. Subject: Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Petro. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.