

**TOWN OF
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Hearing held on the 11th of February 2012

Board members present: J. Kieley, T. Petro, M. Darnell-Board of Selectmen
M Davidson, G. Scholl - Budget Advisory Committee.
Connie Kieley-Capital Improvements Program Committee

Call to Order by J. Kieley at 10:03 a.m.

3 Department Heads present
22 members of the public were present.

Budget Hearing

1. Subject: Kieley opened the hearing, welcomed the public and requested a moment of silence for Bruce Kullgren, who passed away on Thursday, 2/9/12. Kieley informed those attending that handouts were available at the back of the room. Kieley reviewed the budget via a power point presentation and explained how the Board had looked at the prior year's budget and removed one-time items. Kieley reviewed the increases that had to be absorbed in the 2012 budget and then reviewed the expense categories. Charlene Eddy asked about the BOS training line item. Kieley explained that Board members have attended training and continue to attend training, however, they try to attend free trainings as much as possible.

Kieley reviewed the Police budget and explained that increases are due to increases in gasoline prices, insurance costs that have been added to the Police budget and raises for personnel. There were general questions asked of Police Chief McTague.

Kieley explained that the increase in the Fire Department budget is for rebuilding the pump on the engine. Kieley also explained that this increase is a one-time increase.

Tim Fiske, Road Agent, explained the Highway Department budget. There was a brief discussion regarding the Highway expendable trust.

Kieley informed the public that the base budget, without warrant articles is proposed at \$1,209,194.00.

The Budget hearing was closed at 11:28 am.

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2. The warrant article review was opened at 11:28 am. Kieley reviewed the warrant articles, which include the expendable trusts, Tim Fiske, Road Agent explained warrant articles 7 through 10.

Kieley asked Selectman Petro to explain warrant article 11, to discontinue 7 roads, as Kieley is an abutter to one of the roads and will recuse himself from any discussion. T. Fiske stated that the town spends very little money on these roads and that it is his understanding that abutters can petition the court for damages. Ron Pulos asked if these are the only roads in town that have one house on them. Fiske stated the abutters to these roads have frontage on other roads. Petro informed the public that people can petition for damages, but Petro and Darnell have determined not to increase the legal budget at this time due to all the unknown factors with this warrant article.

Kieley explained the intention of warrant articles 12 through 16. Articles 12 and 13 are for Fire Department requests for equipment. Article 12 costs would be offset with the Firefighters grant if the grant is received and article 13 would be disallowed. If the grant is not received article 13, if passed will be used to purchase radios and pagers that comply with FCC requirements. Article 14 is requesting authorization to make a pre-payment on the grader loan. Article 15 is non-monetary and was requested by the Library Trustees. Article 16 is non-monetary and asks the Town for permission to investigate re-instituting driveway plowing.

The hearing was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

3. Gail Cromwell, School Board Representative, reviewed the 2012-2013 School Budget and warrant. There is a bond request for \$4,000,000.00 to renovate the High School and meet ADA requirements. The elevator and bathrooms in the gym wing need to be ADA compliant and the locker rooms need to be renovated as they are 40 years old. The default budget is \$602,000 less that the proposed budget. This portion was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

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4. Petro and Kieley informed Darnell that they had both received phone calls from Bill Walker of Converse Road. Walker had re-arranged his schedule to attend the 2/14/12 meeting that the Board had set up and referred to in the letter to Converse Road residents. Walker had then received a phone call from Bruce Kantner informing him that the meeting would be changed. Walker had made arrangements to transport Margaret Robbins, another Converse Road resident to the 2/14/12 meeting. Darnell, Petro and Road Agent Fiske will keep the 2/14/12 scheduled meeting.
5. Hearing adjourned at 12:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant.