

**TOWN OF
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting held on the 5th of February 2013

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

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

1. Subject: BAC members present: Gary Scholl and Steve Andersen. The Board reviewed the tentative 2013 budget. Kieley suggested that if a new copier is approved the copier maintenance and supply line item could be lowered.

The Board and BAC members discussed the software support line item. The Administrative Assistant was asked to provide a list of software support to determine the correct amount to budget.

Kieley suggested that the legal budget be increased to \$20,000.00 due to the Timber Top wind tower jurisdiction issue. Kieley gave the BAC members an explanation of the issue the Town is dealing with.

There were questions regarding the Town Hall heating oil item. The Administrative Assistant and Kieley will review this item.

Kieley questioned whether the Town Forester compensation should be salary or hourly, Petro suggested leaving this as a salary for 2013 and discussing the compensation with the Town Forester before budgeting in 2014.

The Board and BAC discussed the Police Co-op budget. The number for Temple has changed to \$213,511.00. Petro suggested that the Town form a committee to determine whether a joint police department is still cost effective. There was discussion about a "cross-over point" where a joint department is not cost effective, Scholl suggested that Temple is coming to that point. Kieley will forward a budget to the BAC that was compiled by Police Chief McTague that indicates what Temple's cost would be with its own department based on current coverage.

The Board and the BAC agreed to use the amount of \$23,500 for the diesel fuel line item.

The Highway budget was reviewed, some slight changes were made.

Kieley informed the BAC members that the Contractors line item needs enough to cover a survey of a portion of East Road for culvert work.

Animal Control budget was reviewed. Petro recommended increasing the "on-call" pay by \$800 to \$3200/year and increasing the hourly rate to \$25/hr. Petro explained that Jennifer Rheaume, the Animal Control Officer, has been working the past year to have a professional department. Rheaume uses her own vehicle, has put identification on the vehicle and has obtained identification for herself, in conjunction with the Police Department. Kieley suggested the hourly rate be \$20.00/hr, after further discussion the amount of \$25/hr was agreed upon with on-call time being increased to \$3200/yr. There was discussion of implementing an increasing fee structure for repeat offenders regarding animal calls and large animals.

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2. Subject: Ken Sullivan met with the Board to discuss a warrant article to investigate the build out for optical fiber infrastructure if a current bill in the House passes (HN286). Sullivan suggested that this would give a sense of where the town stands on high-speed internet access. Sullivan explained that this bill, if passed, would allow towns to use public financing for broad band infrastructure and would also allow towns to establish tariffs to cover the cost. Sullivan submitted a petition warrant article upon completion of his presentation.

3. Subject: Dave Repak, representing the Conservation Commission, with Honey Hastings and Sean Radcliffe met with the Board and requested that the Board support a warrant article to place a conservation easement on the Town Forest. Repak explained that the ConCom approached the Monadnock Conservancy to determine if the Conservancy would be willing to hold an easement on the Town Forest. The Conservancy looked at the property and liked it. The expenses for an easement held by the Monadnock Conservancy would be approximately \$7500 to be paid from the Conservation Fund. Repak also explained that the ConCom had asked Kieley to bring this item before the Selectmen for support rather than put together a petition warrant article. Petro stated that he is not comfortable supporting this type of warrant article at this time. Petro said that Kieley had mentioned this request at the 1/22/13 Board of Selectmen meeting, and his response was the same at that time. Petro also stated that he thinks it would have been smarter to speak about putting an easement on this property over the year so that voters were not surprised. Repak said that the ConCom wishes to protect the Town Forest and ensure that it is not sold by the Town. Petro reminded the ConCom members present that type of action would require a vote of the Town. Darnell agreed with most of Petro's comments and stated that the ConCom should build "grass roots" support for this type of action before requesting a warrant article.

4. Subject: The Board set a bond hearing for 2/19/2013 at 7:00 pm at the Annex for discussion of a proposed bond for the Highway dump truck.

5. Subject: Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Darnell. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm