

**TOWN OF
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting held on the 23rd of April 2013

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

Call to Order by J. Kieley at 5:32 p.m.

1. Subject: Connie Kieley for the Temple Town Hall Advisory Committee (TTHAC) reviewed with the Board a change to the committee's mission statement which allows for a BOS "ex-officio" member or a TTHAC member being designated as the committee's liaison to the BOS.

C. Kieley informed the BOS that TTHAC recommended re-appointments for Richard Benotti, Richard Keuper and Ted Petro. Move by J. Kieley to re-appoint Richard Benotti, Richard Keuper and Ted Petro to the Temple Town Hall Advisory Committee for three year terms each, ending March 31, 2016, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

C. Kieley informed the Board that TTHAC was recommending to the BOS that the piano in the Main Hall, which had originally been donated by Martha Scott, be removed. One leg is broken and Gene Faxon, a piano tuner living in town, has informed the committee that it would be extremely expensive to repair the entire piano. The Board decided to put an article in the Temple Newsletter stating that the piano is available for free, as is to the first person who comes and takes it.

C. Kieley spoke to the Board about TTHAC's recommendation to have the floor in the Main Hall put on a schedule for buffing. The cost would be approximately \$800.00 per year. J. Kieley suggested that the BOS look at the floor before making a decision. This maintenance was included in the 2013 budget. Dick Benotti suggested that the BOS look at the floor in the spring so a decision could be made early enough to have the floor done during the summer. C. Kieley suggested that Benotti coordinate the work with the A.A. because the calendar for town hall usage is kept in the Selectmen's office.

Dick Benotti discussed janitorial supplies for the Town Hall. Supplies are kept at the Municipal Building and the cleaning person is responsible for taking supplies to the Town Hall. Benotti suggested that he purchase the Town Hall supplies and submit a slip for reimbursement. Any supplies purchased by Benotti will be stored at the Town Hall. The Board approved this idea.

There was discussion about items stored at the Town Hall. Move by Cromwell to send a letter to each group that has items stored at the Town Hall asking for information on what is stored there, how much storage space the group needs and the length of time the group actually needs storage space, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

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2. Subject: Will Wildes, Don Kraemer and Mark Salisbury, Fire Engineers met with the Board. Discussion regarding the re-installation of the kitchen in the Fire Station. The kitchen was dismantled to re-build the stairs to the second floor and to install a "fire wall" between the station and office area. Wildes explained that the Fire Department received donations for lumber, wire and electrical boxes; they were not able to get the drywall donated. The invoice for the drywall is \$230.00 the Engineers did not think there would be any further costs involved in re-installing the kitchen. Kieley asked the Engineers to contact the Board before making any purchases that have not been budgeted, the Engineers agreed.

Wildes informed the Board that the light fixtures in the Fire Station need to be replaced. Currently many lights are burnt out and these types of bulbs are being phased out. The Fire Department does not qualify for any grants to replace the fixtures due to the fact that their usage is so low. They have been in consultation with PSNH and will be receiving quotes for the replacement of the fixtures. Kieley requested that the Fire Engineers contact the Board with the information before committing to anything, the Fire Engineers agreed.

Wildes spoke to the Board about the damage done to the compartment door on the engine. The quote for a new door is \$1,000.00. The town's deductible is \$1,000.00 so the Fire Department did not think a claim should be made on the insurance, the Board agreed.

Wildes told the Board that the Fire Department will be starting a fundraiser. They will be selling granite "fire pits". They were able to obtain these from a granite place that went out of business in Milford.

3. Subject: Discussion about the junkyard license fee. Kieley stated that currently the town has one licensed junkyard and the fee has been \$25.00. The effort and cost of dealing with junkyards is much higher. The State allows up to \$250.00. Move by Kieley to increase the junkyard license fee to \$250.00 for any junkyard license applications received after April 1, 2013, second by Cromwell and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Kieley spoke about the criminal records check that needs to be done on the operator of the current junkyard. The RSA is not clear about whether the town should pay the fee or the applicant should pay the fee. The RSA does not preclude a policy that the applicant pays the fee. The Board determined that the town will pay the fee for 2013 and the increase in the junkyard license fee will cover the cost of the background check in the future.
4. Subject: Reviewed and signed the timber tax warrant.

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5. Subject: Review of prior minutes: Move by Kieley to approve the 4/9/13 minutes as written, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
6. Subject: Reviewed and signed vouchers.
7. Subject: Reviewed and signed a certificate of occupancy for Nathan Ball.
8. Subject: Reviewed the recommendation of Avitar Associates regarding the current use application for Krahenbuhl. Move by Kieley to approve the current use application for Krahenbuhl, second by Cromwell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
9. Subject: State Senator Andy Sanborn met with the Board to give updates on legislation at the NH State House. Kieley thanked Sanborn for his efforts on behalf of Temple and New Ipswich in regards to the Timbertop petition to the SEC on wind towers. Sanborn gave a brief update SB 195 which pertains to the wind tower issues. Sanborn also spoke about the grant money for water and sewer systems; the proposed increase in the state gas tax; the state budget and the implementation of the Affordable Health Care Act ("Obamacare"). Sanborn will be holding forums to help people understand what implementation will require.
10. Subject: Discussion about the Avitar recommendations on 2012 abatement applications. The Board determined that they would discuss this further at the May 14, 2013 meeting.
11. Subject: Kieley informed the Board that a letter of interest from Shawn Smith had been received to serve on any committee formed to review Temple's options regarding the Conval School District. There was discussion on how formation of such a committee might proceed. Kieley emphasized that education has to be the #1 priority. Tamora Grant spoke to the Board about the article that appeared in the Monadnock Ledger Transcript on April 11, 2013. Kieley explained to Grant that the BOS had discussed forming a citizen's committee to look at options, which could include a recommendation for withdrawal and that the Board fully understands that it is the citizen's decision. Cromwell stated that the Board was "blindsided" by the wording of the Ledger/Transcript article. Darnell also explained that the Board is looking for a citizens committee. Grant suggested a forum. The Board agreed that a forum would be a good idea. Kieley suggested that the Town Moderator, Steve Cullinan, moderate a forum. Grant will try to find out a good time for the Elementary School parents.
12. Subject: The Board reviewed equalization ratio information.

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13. Subject: The Board discussed the ambulance contract with Wilton. Kieley stated that some of the language seems to be outdated. There was discussion about the amount for the ambulance to be purchased in 2014. Darnell will speak to Gary Zirpolo, Ambulance Director, regarding the estimated cost of the new ambulance. The contract will be discussed at the May 14, 2013 meeting.
14. Subject: The A.A. provided the Board with copies of the special event regulations. The Board will review these for discussion at a later date.
15. Subject: The Board discussed the Mazza property on General Miller Hwy and Thomas Maynard Dr. Kieley suggested sending letters to Herta Mazza and Chet Mazza regarding the junk on the lots. Kieley will draft a letter for the Board's signatures.
16. Subject: Cromwell asked if the Board thought the Skladany land should be looked at with the possibility of cutting the timber on it. Kieley and Darnell thought this property had a timber harvest sometime in the 90's.
17. Subject: Move by Kieley to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) – Employee matters at 7:30 pm, second by Darnell and voted Kieley, Darnell and Cromwell in the affirmative. Out of non-public session at 7:47 pm.
18. Subject: Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Darnell. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant