

**TOWN OF  
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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

Hearing held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2013

Board members present: J. Kieley, M. Darnell, G. Cromwell-Board of Selectmen  
Budget Advisory Committee - None.  
Connie Kieley-Capital Improvements Program Committee

Call to Order by J. Kieley at 10:05 a.m.

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

**Budget Hearing**

1. Subject: Kieley opened the budget and warrant article hearing, welcomed the public and thanked them for attending. Kieley explained that this hearing was to review the 2014 budget and money warrant articles. A powerpoint presentation showed the categories and Kieley explained the differences between 2013 and 2014. Kieley stated that the Board has tried to maintain a flat budget. Ted Petro questioned the 1 ½% wage increase and explained that full-time employees receive health insurance but do not receive any other benefits such as retirement, dental, long or short term disability. Petro suggested a 2 ½% or 3% increase stating that 1 ½% does not give the employees enough to put any money away for retirement.

Questions were asked regarding assessments, tax rates and school costs. Kieley spoke about the Information Systems and informed the public that money has been added for a website. Petro asked about the cost of paying someone to maintain the computers if Darnell is no longer available to volunteer to maintain the systems. Ken Sullivan asked how many volunteer hours Darnell has given annually. Darnell did not have an exact number.

The hearing on money warrant articles was started at 10:50 am. Kieley discussed the Fire Department air packs. Kieley explained that financing the air packs is "up in the air". A grant has been applied for, but the status of the grant is unknown at this time. The warrant article is written to allow the Board to finance and spread the costs out if the grant is not awarded.

The ambulance warrant article is for Temple's share of Wilton's new ambulance.

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The warrant article to add money to the asphalt trust is to cover rebuilding a portion of Hadley Highway and Boutwell Hill.

The warrant article to start a Culvert and Bridge Expendable Trust to put money away to do work on culverts and bridges.

Ken Sullivan explained the petition warrant article for the Fairpoint expansion. This warrant article is to expand access to “high speed” DSL for 54 households. Sullivan explained that there are 18 households “un-served” and 36 households “under-served” at the current time.

The Budget and warrant article hearing was closed at 11:15 pm.

2. At 11:15 am Dave Martz, School Board Representative, introduced Brendan Minnihan, School Superintendent and Marian Alese, School Business Administrator to discuss the Conval School budget. The public asked questions regarding the school budget and process. This portion was closed at 12:15 pm.
3. The Board reopened the budget hearing at 12:15 pm to vote on Board recommendations for the money warrant articles. Warrant article #3 – SCBA move by Kieley to recommend warrant article #3, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Warrant article #4 – Budget, move by Kieley to recommend warrant article #4, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Warrant article #5 – Ambulance, move by Kieley to recommend warrant article #5, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Warrant article #6 – Asphalt and Paving Expendable Trust, move by Kieley to recommend warrant article #6, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Warrant article #7 – Culvert and Bridge Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust, move by Kieley to recommend warrant article #7, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Warrant article #8 – Fairpoint Expansion, move by Kieley to recommend warrant article #8, second by Cromwell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
4. Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Darnell. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant.