

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

*Tuesday December 12, 2023*

**Town Hall**

**6:30 PM**

**Select Board members present:** George Willard, Bill Ezell, and Ken Caisse

**Other Attendees:** Vivian Wills, Rob Wills, Gail Cromwell, Rose Lowry & Kent Perry

Meeting called to order by Ezell at 6:30 PM.

***Public Hearing to accept State grant money began at 6:31. Ezell moved to approve all the State grant money received to date. Willard seconded, all were in favor.***

Ezell moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II at 6:32pm. All were in favor.

Ezell moved to reconvene the public session at 6:48pm. Willard seconded, all were in favor.

**Chairman Comments:** *Ezell updated that the Marsh case is going to the supreme court which could take at least a year to schedule.*

**Selectmen Caisse Comments:** *Caisse commented that he is saddened to hear of the passing of Reverend Olivia Holmes and would like a dedication included in the annual town report.*

**Public Comment:** *Rob Wills updated that there has been one public hearing on the community power initiative noting 6 people attended with another 8 online. Wills noted there is another hearing on Thursday. Wills provided a sample warrant article and noted he should have the final draft by the next meeting. Ezell stated the committee can submit the warrant article and move forward.*

**Old Business:**

1. **Code Enforcement Officer, Parking/Zoning Fee structure update** – *Caisse noted this needs to be a warrant article.*
2. **Investment Policy update** – *No Update*
3. **Radar Signs** - *Ezell noted that the police do not want to be involved with this for enforcement. The chief also does not believe radar signs are very effective.*

**New Business:**

- **Recreation Commission Update:**

- \* *Vivian Wills thanked the fire department for coming through with bringing Santa to their holiday party at the elementary school.*

- \* *Wills also discussed a warrant article regarding the revolving fund. Wills is working on samples to run by legal.*

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*\* Wills asked the board if the tennis court repairs have been approved as a capital expense and can they move forward? Cromwell asked if they have provided quotes. Wills stated yes.*

*\* Wills also mentioned that the recreation members will be completing the background checks in the next few weeks.*

*\* Wills asked the board what the rules were around putting up signs in the common. Ezell noted committees can put up signs as long as they are not up too long.*

*\* Wills also noted there are some expired items in the town hall kitchen and tons of sugar packets that can probably be removed noting she would offer to assist if anyone wants her too.*

*\* Wills asked the board if a recreation commission email address could be created for the group. Ezell noted he can set up a google group for them.*

- **Letter to MilliporeSigma re: Speeding:** Ezell stated that Lilliane LeBel drafted a letter to Millipore in Jaffrey from the select board, regarding complying with Temple's speed limits and asking if they can forward the letter to their employees. Ezell stated they have been advised not to send such a letter. Lowry confirmed the problem stating the traffic on West road is terrifying. People do not even slow down when horses are on the road. Willard moved to send the letter to MilliporeSigma. There was no second, therefore the motion did not pass. The letter will not be sent.
- **Conval Consolidation Report:** Cromwell presented a letter she submitted to the Monadnock Ledger regarding the Prismatic school closing recommendations and her observations. Cromwell also went over the cooperative District Apportionment and budgetary fund balance retention (see attachment), pointing out the inadequacies with the apportionment. Cromwell noted years ago the school had to give back the entire surplus to the towns. A few years ago, people unknowingly voted that the school can keep up to 5% of the money. Therefore, Conval could be giving all of the surplus of 2.8 million back to the towns but decided to keep over 1 million. Cromwell noted they already have over 5 million in their trust funds so they are not hurting and they are not informing the district of these numbers. Gail noted the district voters need to vote down the school budget since they are misleading the public. Willard noted that the proposal by prismatic to close schools has to go on a warrant article and win by a 2/3 vote. Willard noted 80% of the questions and comments at the SAC meeting were against the closing of the schools. Therefore, if the small towns all get out to vote against closing the schools, they wont close. Cromwell will be advocating this to the towns. Lowry noted closing the elementary school will not bring in younger families to the town and these studies do not talk about what happens to a town when you lose a school. Ezell believes this is all a sham and was pre-decided.
- **Town Report Quote:** Rose Lowry discussed the price increase for printing and her wish to change printing companies due to issues with the current company. Lowry noted she checked several vendors and the pricing is consistent. Lowry has also worked with this vendor in the past and is pleased with them. The board felt Lowry was justified with recommending the printer change and the increase in pricing. Caisse moved to approve the town report quote of \$3910.00. Willard seconded, all were in favor.
- **Motion detection light for rear town hall area:** Ezell noted the CAC committee noticed the lighting behind the town hall is poor and they are recommending motion detection lighting be placed. Ezell felt this makes sense. Caisse will get some quotes and they will need to add this to the budget.

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- **Change payment method Greenville Police share from check to ACH:** Ezell noted our treasurer wants to change to ACH method. Ezell noted the treasurer is working on confirming this with the Greenville treasurer. Ezell moved to approve the letter changing the payment method from check to ACH payment pending Greenville's approval. Caisse seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.
- **Review & Approve Occupancy permit – Sullivan – 76 Moran:** Caisse moved to sign the occupancy permit for 76 Moran Rd. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes November 28, 2023:** Caisse moved to approve the select board minutes from November 28, 2023 as amended. Willard seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

**Other Business:**

**1.) Veterans credit approval - Gorigliano.** – Caisse noted Avitar has recommended the board approve this application. Ezell moved to approve the application as recommended by Avitar. Willard seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

**2.) Approve Fire Station building repair work ARPA Funds** – Ezell noted the board needed to vote on spending ARPA funds for the repair work at the fire station building. Caisse moved to approve spending \$7100 from the ARPA fund for repairs at the fire station. Ezell seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

**3.) Schoolcare to allow Bennington back into the group** – Ezell moved to allow Bennington to re-join the schoolcare group. Caisse seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

**Committee Updates:**

- **SAC** – Willard noted at the last meeting they discussed the consolidation and reconfiguration of the Conval schools. Willard said that a 1/2 to ¾ of the attendees were against the closing of the 4 schools.
- **Police** – Ezell said they just reviewed the police budget which will be going up next year due to a new officer.

**Non-Public Session** : Kent Perry Highway

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Caisse, second by Willard, Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

**Next Select Board Meeting:** The next select board meeting will be held on **Wednesday December 27** at the Town Hall main room at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais

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*ATTACHMENT*NH Department of Education  
Office of School FinanceFY2024 Cooperative District Apportionment  
731-6514

October 25, 2023

## Contoocook Valley

|                               |                  |            |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Amount to Apportion (MS-24)   |                  | 51,457,966 |
| State Education Tax           | 4,178,500        |            |
| Equitable Education Grants    | <u>7,957,151</u> |            |
|                               | 12,135,651       |            |
| To be raised from local taxes |                  | 39,322,315 |

## Apportionment of Local Taxes:

|              | Apportioned      | Less State Aid | Local Tax Assessment |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Antrim       | 7,016,601        | 2,642,534      | 4,374,067            |
| Bennington   | 3,998,640        | 1,581,624      | 2,417,016            |
| Dublin       | 4,753,261        | 686,133        | 4,067,128            |
| Francestown  | 4,589,034        | 847,810        | 3,741,224            |
| Greenfield   | 4,585,243        | 1,284,535      | 3,300,708            |
| Hancock      | 4,844,245        | 808,965        | 4,035,280            |
| Peterborough | 17,379,376       | 3,528,583      | 13,850,793           |
| Sharon       | 1,094,665        | 220,038        | 874,627              |
| Temple       | <u>3,196,901</u> | <u>535,429</u> | <u>2,661,472</u>     |
|              | 51,457,966       | 12,135,651     | 39,322,315           |

Approved by:

Brian Cisneros

Brian Cisneros (Oct 25, 2023 15:52 EDT)

Business Administrator

Oct 25, 2023

Date

Prepared by:

Matthew Welch

Matthew Welch (Oct 25, 2023 16:02 EDT)

Financial Analyst

Oct 25, 2023

Date

Reviewed by:

Mark Manganiello

Bureau Administrator

Oct 26, 2023

Date

Samuel T. Casanova  
Director, Division of Municipal Services  
NH Department of Revenue Administration

10/26/23

Date

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FY2024 Cooperative Apportionment

Bureau of School Finance  
NH Dept. of Ed

| Contooscook Valley          |  | 2023-2024    |  | Current Expenses 50% on most recent ADM - most recent 50% on Eq. Val |  | Change to formula effective - 7-1-2010. ADM is the finalized |             |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------|--|--|--|--|-------------|
|                             |  |              |  |  |  |  |             |
| Budget (MS22 & 24)          |  | 57,106,282   |  |  |  |  |             |
| Less Local Rev & Cr (MS24)  |  | 5,648,316    |  |  |  |  |             |
| Total to Apportion (MS24)   |  | 51,457,966   |  |  |  |  |             |
| Town Specific MS24 Rev      |  | -36          |  |  |  |  |             |
| Curr. Expenses to Apportion |  | 51,457,930   |  |  |  |  |             |
| State Aid                   |  | EE           |  | EE   |  | Town Specific Revenues<br>or<br>Town Specific<br>Impact Fees |             |
|                             |  | Retained Tax |  | Grant  |  | Totals   |             |
| Antrim                      |  | 497,520      |  | 2,145,014  |  | 48   | 48          |
| Bennington                  |  | 253,502      |  | 1,328,122  |  | 27   | 27          |
| Dublin                      |  | 460,734      |  | 225,399  |  | 11   | 11          |
| Francestown                 |  | 395,709      |  | 452,101  |  | 10   | 10          |
| Greenfield                  |  | 321,509      |  | 963,026  |  | (110)  | (110)       |
| Hancock                     |  | 453,494      |  | 355,471  |  | 5  | 5           |
| Peterborough                |  | 1,397,813    |  | 2,130,770  |  | (27)   | (27)        |
| Sharon                      |  | 92,118       |  | 127,920  |  | -  | -           |
| Temple                      |  | 306,101      |  | 229,328  |  | -  | -           |
| Total                       |  | 4,178,500    |  | 7,957,151  |  | (36)   | (36)        |
| Published                   |  |              |  |  |  |  |             |
| ADM - 21-22                 |  |              |  |  |  |  |             |
| As Reported                 |  | 3/7/2023     |  | ADM %  |  | Equal Val  |             |
|                             |  |              |  |  |  | 2022   |             |
|                             |  |              |  |  |  | Equal Val  |             |
| Antrim                      |  | 299.93       |  | 0.14965400   |  | 451,787,666  | 0.123160000 |
| Bennington                  |  | 206.80       |  | 0.10311600   |  | 191,849,775  | 0.052299000 |
| Dublin                      |  | 134.14       |  | 0.06688600   |  | 432,340,433  | 0.117858000 |
| Francestown                 |  | 160.18       |  | 0.07987000   |  | 361,293,670  | 0.098491000 |
| Greenfield                  |  | 203.05       |  | 0.10124700   |  | 282,320,505  | 0.076962000 |
| Hancock                     |  | 149.31       |  | 0.07445000   |  | 417,563,199  | 0.113830000 |
| Peterborough                |  | 695.15       |  | 0.34662200   |  | 1,206,344,158  | 0.328858000 |
| Sharon                      |  | 41.87        |  | 0.02087800   |  | 79,484,240   | 0.021668000 |
| Temple                      |  | 115.07       |  | 0.05737700   |  | 245,319,768  | 0.066876000 |
| Total                       |  | 2,005.50     |  | 1.00000000   |  | 3,668,303,414  | 1.000000000 |
| Current Expenditures        |  |              |  | Less MS24  |  | Total  |             |
|                             |  |              |  |  |  | Less Final   |             |
|                             |  |              |  |  |  | Local Tax  |             |

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NH Department of Revenue Administration  
Municipal and Property Division  
P.O. Box 487  
Concord, NH 03302-0487  
(603) 230-5090

SCHOOL: Conval Regional

Advisor's Initials: JD

Date: 10/23/2023

**BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE RETENTION**

Completing this form indicates that the School District has adopted Fund Balance Retention under RSA 198:4-b II

RSA 198:4-b II. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school district by a vote of the legislative body may authorize, indefinitely until specific rescission, the school district to retain any unused portion of the year-end unassigned general funds, from the preceding fiscal year in subsequent fiscal years, provided that the total amount of year-end unassigned general funds does not exceed, in any fiscal year, 5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment under RSA 198:5.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Prior Year amount retained:                 | 0 |
| Less Emergency Expenditure approved by DOE: | 0 |
| Retained amount available for Current Year: | 0 |

|  |             |
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| Your District's calculated 5% of Net Assessment amount is: | \$2,018,677 |
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| Unassigned fund balance from the MS-25 form: | \$3,866,262 |
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| Amount voted from surplus: | \$1,000,000 |
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| Amount used for RSA 32:11 emergency appropriation: | \$0 |
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| Amount to reduce taxes: | \$1,856,924 |
|-------------------------|-------------|

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Amount to be retained: | \$1,009,338 |
|------------------------|-------------|

Amount retained cannot be greater than the 5% of the net assessment amount listed above.

"I certify under the pains and penalties of perjury, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that all information contained in this document is true, accurate and complete." Per RSA 198:4-d

Signature of school official: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10/23/23

Title of school official: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Administrator

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