

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
MINUTES OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

**Thursday February 11, 2021
Via Zoom Call
7:00 PM**

Select Board members on the call: George Willard, Bill Ezell, and Ken Caisse

Meeting called to order by Caisse at 7:00 PM.

Caisse reminded participants that the meeting was being held electronically pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8, Emergency Order #12, Section 3.

- **Reading of the Town Budget**

Caisse read the town budget as proposed. No changes were made.

- **Reading of Town Warrant Articles**

Caisse read all town warrant articles as approved by the select board in the meeting of February 9th.

Ezell explained the bonding called for in article 2, with additional input by the Temple broadband advisory subcommittee.

By request of public attendees, the meaning of articles 13, 14, and 15, exemptions for veteran's credits, exemption for the elderly, and exemptions for the disabled was explained by the board.

Gary Scholl, chair of the budget advisory committee, requested an impact study of the same articles to determine the effect on town revenues.

- **Reading of the School Budget**

Ezell read the school budget as provided by the school district.

Gail Cromwell asked about a proposed expenditure of \$600,000 for the construction of pavilions. Nikki McGettigan, school board representative for Temple, explained that the expenditure had not yet been decided.

Cromwell also commented on the magnitude of several budget items.

- **Reading of the School Warrant**

Ezell read the school warrant.

Cromwell stated that article 12, fund balance retention, was not appropriate and should not be approved. McGettigan explained that the intent was to provide a reserve for future unexpected events. Scholl pointed out that the funds currently are returned to the towns.

- **Vote to approve Budget**

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Motion to accept the budget as proposed by Ezell, seconded by Willard.
Roll call vote, unanimously voted in the affirmative.

- **Motion to adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Ezell, seconded by Willard.
Roll call vote, unanimously voted in the affirmative.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.