

Town of Temple
Temple Land Use Committee
January 28, 2021 Meeting
Final Minutes

Chair Tim Fiske called the meeting to order at 5:03. T. Fiske read the required language regarding the ability to hold the meeting electronically.

T. Fiske asked members present to confirm their attendance and whether they were alone. The following members so confirmed: Tim Fiske, Kathy Boot, Honey Hastings, Christine Robidoux, Connie Kieley, and Scott Hecker.

Allan Pickman subsequently joined the meeting.

Members absent: Deb Harling, George Willard, and Lilliane LeBel

Non-members in attendance: Gail Cromwell and John Kieley (note taker).

The minutes of January 21, 2021 were discussed and one amendment made. It was agreed that voting on the minutes would be deferred until later in the meeting in case more members joined.

Tim explained that the most recent warrant article revision approved by the CIP combines and simplifies our proposed articles 1 and 2 (as numbered in our report) and concludes that we should support this revision:

“To see if the Town will vote to further study the relocation of the Highway Department to the Town owned, former Holt and Skladany properties (maps 7A-36-1 & 7A-36) and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for related engineering, survey, architectural and other preliminary work that will assist in this study. This appropriation would be held in a new Highway Department Study Expendable Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1. The Select Board would serve as agents for this Fund. When completed this study would result in a report to voters including estimated costs and financing, timing and aesthetics.”

Tim summarized recent conversations he had with Ken Caisse and Bill Ezell who were up in the air about whether the SB would (1) postpone the town meeting or (2) approve the Committee’s recommendations as warrant articles. The Governor’s Emergency Order allowing towns to postpone town meeting for resident safety were discussed. Tim also reported on the CIP and BAC work to assure that the tax rate wouldn’t be impacted by the committee’s proposed warrant articles.

Tim confirmed that the SB is now meeting on Monday, February 1st. However, it is still unknown what decisions or if any decisions will be made regarding postponing town meeting and/or including the Committee’s warrant articles. To be on the safe side, Tim suggested having the highway department study petition warrant article ready to submit on Tuesday, February 2, which is the deadline if Town meeting is not postponed.

Comments from Committee members included:

- We did what voters asked us to do last year and they deserve to now make the decision as to whether to proceed.
- If SB votes not to include our warrant article, we need to be prepared.
- CIP/BAC working to assure \$45,000 won't impact the tax rate.
- \$45,000 can be amended and reduced at town meeting. If further research shows we don't need that much, we can amend at Town Meeting.
- Voters in 2022 will want pictures of what this would look like and it takes money to do that.
- Should do petition to be prepared. Be sure to explain project to signers.
- Don't submit petition on Tuesday if SB votes to include.
- Should Committee also submit the other warrant articles? Agreed that should focus on the highway department this year unless SB agrees to include all.
- Strong concern that the public gets educated. Ideas were forums, mailer, alert system, Facebook (?) etc. If town meeting is postponed we will have more time for forums, mailings, etc.
- Need to be sensitive to tax rate given economic conditions. Must coordinate with CIP/BAC.
- Residents want to see pictures. Allan could do drawings with input from Kent and Tim. Could allow a reduction in the \$45,000 at town meeting.

Tim called for a motion and roll call vote on doing a petition warrant article. Motion by Honey:

"Move to collect signatures on the petition as drafted and be ready to submit such petition on Tuesday February 2, 2021 in case the Select Board doesn't approve the Committee's warrant articles or votes not to defer town meeting at their Monday February 1, 2021 meeting."

Second by Connie and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Committee members asked to collect signatures and drop at Tim's house on Monday.

Motion by Connie, second by Honey to approve the January 21, 2021 minutes as amended. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Motion by Connie, second by Honey to adjourn at 5:52. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Minutes taken by John Kieley
Submitted by Connie Kieley