

## **TEMPLE TOWN MEETING**

**JUNE 12, 2021**

MODERATOR, Bruce Kullgren Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:29 am, after welcoming everyone. The meeting then stood for the pledge of allegiance. Pastor Brent Charles then said a prayer for the meeting. Kullgren read the list of the newly elected officials and swore them in.

Article 1: Election of Officers: To cast your ballots for the election of all officers required to be elected to serve the Town of Temple for the ensuing term.

Selectman for three years: Ken Caisse

Trustee of the trust fund for three years: Phillip Lauriat

Trustee of the trust fund for two years: Constance Rinaldo

Cemetery trustee for two years: Maggie Heck

Library trustee for three years: Donald McElreavy, Constance Rinaldo

Fire engineer for three years Michael Connolly

Planning Board for three years: Keith Carlton, Bruce Kullgren

Planning Board for two years: Alan Fox

Budget Advisory Committee for three years: Michael Darnell, Gary Scholl

The moderator read the rules of the meeting.

Article 2: Broadband expansion

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million eight hundred sixty two thousand five hundred forty three dollars (\$1,862,543) for the purpose of furnishing, constructing, and installing facilities and equipment to make a Fiber Optic Broadband Network available in the Town of Temple with seven hundred ten thousand four hundred thirty five dollars (\$710,435) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and, with one million one hundred fifty two thousand one hundred eight dollars (\$1,152,108) of such sum as a donation from the broadband provider; furthermore, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state, or other aid, gifts, and donations, if any, which may

be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon, and the maturity and other terms thereof; and furthermore to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. 3/5 ballot vote required. (Select Board Recommend)

Moved by Bill Ezell, Seconded by George Willard

Start of Article: 10:43. Voting by Ballot Started at 11:08. Stopped at 12:19. Counting started at 12:20.

Stopped at 12: 30

**Article Passed by: 213 yes 9 no**

#### ARTICLE 03: Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million two hundred thirty thousand five hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$1,230,558) for town charges as the operating budget and other necessary maintenance and operating expenditures. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Select Board Recommends)

Moved by George Willard, Second by Bill Ezell

Motion by Ken Caisse, Second by Phillip Lauriat to waive the reading of the budget.

Motion passed by voice vote.

**Article 03 passed by unanimous voice vote.**

Motion by Ken Caisse, Second by Mary Amsden to move Article 10 up to now.

#### ARTICLE 10: Election of RSA 40:13

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 SB2 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the town on the second Tuesday of June, 2021 (By petition) (3/5 majority required)

Motion by George Willard, Second by Ken Caisse

Amendment Proposed by Ken Caisse, Seconded by George Willard

To move that we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the town of Temple, NH on the second Tuesday of March.

Passed by voice vote.

**Article 10 as amended failed by ballot vote 85 yes 147 no**

#### ARTICLE 04: PAVING

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty six thousand dollars (\$126,000) for the Highway Department paving projects planned for 2021. (Select Board Recommends) (CIP Committee Recommends)

Moved by Ken Caisse, Second by George Willard

**Article 04 passed by unanimous voice vote**

#### Article 05: Renew Joint Police Department Agreement

To see if the town will enter into a one (1) year inter-municipal agreement for the provision of police services pursuant to RSA 53-A between the towns of Greenville and Temple on such terms and conditions as specified in the contract. This article is contingent upon passage of a similar warrant article by the Town of Greenville. (Select Board Recommends)

Moved by Bill Ezell, Second by Ken Caisse

**Article 05 passed by voice vote.**

#### ARTICLE 06: New Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars (\$14,820) as the Town's share (39%) of the cost to purchase and equip a police cruiser, fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$58,000) being the total cost. Twenty-three thousand one hundred eighty (\$23,180) representing Greenville's 61% share shall come from the Police Cruiser Expendable Trust Fund, and an additional expenditure from Police Detail Revolving Fund of \$20,000 will be used to complete the purchase. This article is contingent upon passage of a similar warrant article by the Town of Greenville for the remaining cost of the cruiser. (Select Board Recommends) (CIP Committee Recommends)

Moved by Ken Caisse, Second by George Willard

**Article 06 passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 07: Final payment on the Highway Department Backhoe Lease

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-eight thousand, three hundred eighty-six (\$38,386) for the third and final payment on the Highway Department backhoe lease-purchase authorized by Article 5 at the 2019 Town meeting. (Select Board Recommends) (CIP Committee Recommends)

Moved by George Willard, Second by Bill Ezell

Amendment proposed by Ken Caisse, Second by Bill Ezell

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-eight thousand, three hundred eighty-six dollars (\$38, 382.48) for the third and final payment on the Highway Department backhoe lease-purchase authorized by Article 5 at the 2019 Town Meeting.

**Article 07 as amended passed by voice vote.**

Article 08: Purchase 6-Wheel Truck

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-three thousand dollars (\$93,000) to purchase a six-wheel dump truck, and to further authorize the disposal of an existing truck as best serves the town. (Select Board Recommends) (CIP Committee Recommends)

Moved by Ken Caisse, Second by Bill Ezell

**Article 08 passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 09: Highway Dept. study expendable capital reserve fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Highway Department Study Expendable Capital Reserve Fund, under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of studying the relocation of the Highway Department to the Town owned property, formerly known as the Holt and Skladany properties (Temple Tax Maps 7A-36-1, as well as 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? Furthermore to authorize the Select Board would to 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. (Select Board recommends) (CIP Committee Recommends)

Moved by Bill Ezell, Second by Ken Caisse

Article 09 was petitioned by five voters to be by ballot.

**Article 09 passed by ballot 127 yes, 73 no**

## ARTICLE 11: Lot Line Adjustments

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) for two lot line adjustments:

- A) To merge Map 2B-75-3 and Map 2B-75-4 into one lot for the purpose of selling it as a single house lot.
- B) To adjust the lot line between Map 2B-75-1 and Map 2B-75-2 so that the southern lot is 50' wide. This southern lot would be retained by the Town subject to a conservation easement and would serve as a trail head for an established trail easement to the west. The Town would sell the other larger parcel as a single house lot. (Selectboard Recommends 2 yes 1 no)

Moved by Ken Caisse Seconded by Bell Ezell

Article 11 proposed by Tim Fiske, Seconded by Honey Hastings

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) for two possible lot line adjustments. Note that the original version says Map 2B-75-3 and Map 2B-75-4 (so they are spelled differently in the book). Also, in part B) again, Map 2B-75-1 is spelled differently from Map 2B-lot75-2.

- A. To possibly merge Map 2b-75-3 and Map 2B-75-4 (note the spelling of the two Maps is different the original) into one lot for the purpose of selling it as a single house lot.

All of the rest of the article remains as written in the book:

- B. To adjust the lot line between Map 2B-75-1 and Map 2B-lot 75-2 so that the southern lot is 50' wide. This southern lot would be retained by the Town subject to a conservation easement and would serve as a trail head for an established trail easement to the west. The Town would sell the other larger parcel as a single house lot.

**Article 11 as amended passed by voice vote.**

## ARTICLE 12: Conservation Easement

To see if the town will vote to consider the placement of a conservation easement on that portion of Map 7A-25 (16.44 Acres) and 7A-35-1 north of the existing stone wall.

Moved by Bill Ezell, Second by George Willard

**Article 12 passed unanimous by voice vote**

#### ARTICLE 13: Veterans Credit Increase

Shall the Town vote to modify the optional "All Veteran's property tax credit" under the provisions of RSA 72:28-b in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) (currently \$100). If adopted, the credit will be available to any qualifying resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any qualifying resident, if the person is a resident of this state who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a nation guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35.

Moved by Ken Caisse, Second by Bill Ezell

Amendment proposed by Ken Caisse, Second by Bill Ezell

Shall the town vote to modify the optional veteran's property tax credit under the provisions of RSA 72:28 and all veteran's property tax credit under the provisions of RSA 72:28b in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) (currently \$100)

**Article 13 as amended passed by voice vote.**

#### ARTICLE 14 Modify Exemption for the Elderly

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from a property tax in the town of Temple based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 year of age up to 75 years, \$25,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$25,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined income of less than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 if single and \$75,000 if married excluding the value of the person's residence. (Select Board Recommends)

Moved by Ken Caisse, Seconded by George Willard

**Article 14 passed by unanimous voice vote.**

#### ARTICLE 15: Exemption for the Disabled

Shall the Town vote to adopt an Exemption for the Disabled under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b from property tax in the Town of Temple based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: reduction of assessed property value in the amount of \$25,000.00 to qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XV of the Federal Social Security Act, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, must occupy the property as his principal

place of abode, must own the property individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five consecutive years ha in the calendar year preceding April 1 a net income from all sources of not more than \$15,000.00 if single and \$25,000.00 if married, and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000, excluding the value of the actual residence and up to 2 acres o the minimum single-family residential lot size specified in the local Zoning ordinance; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board Recommends)

Moved by Bill Ezell, Second by Ken Caisse

**Article 15 passed unanimously by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 16: New Radios for the Fire Department

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000 for the purpose of purchasing vehicle radios, to be expended only if a FEMA grand is secured. (Select Board Recommends)

Moved by George Willard, Seconded by Mary Amsden

**Article 16 passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Motion to adjourn by Keith Charlton, second by Gail Cromwell

Town Meeting was adjourned, June12, 2021 at 2:20 pm.

Town Clerk

Joyce Kullgren