

**TOWN OF
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting held on the 8th of November 2011

Board members present: J. Kieley, T. Petro, M. Darnell

Call to Order by J. Kieley at 7:00 p.m.

1. Subject: Darnell informed the Board that he had spoken to George Clark, Deputy Fire Chief regarding radios. The two new radios purchased were given to the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief. These radios are compatible with the five radios received through a State of NH grant, all of which have a feature to send and receive a special signal in the event the Firefighter carrying the radio goes down. The questions not answered were – if there are already five of these radios, why did the Fire Dept need two more? Radios had been requested on the grant submitted by the Fire Dept, so why were two additional radios needed? Darnell has also researched the requirement for new radios to meet the FCC bandwidth changes. Darnell informed the Board that all Motorola radios certified since 1997 are capable of being re-programmed to meet the new standards. Petro informed the Board that the Fire Dept is scheduled to attend the 11/14/11 CIP meeting. The Board of Selectmen will try to attend this meeting as well.
2. Subject: Jennifer Rheume met with the Board regarding the Animal Control position. Rheume informed the Board that she had spoken to Police Chief McTague about this position and has a good understanding of what the position requires. Move by Kieley to hire Jennifer Rheume for the Animal Control position at the same rate of pay as in the past after Rheume has a full discussion with Chief McTague, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
3. Subject: Steve Harling spoke to the board regarding the placement of flags on Veteran's graves. Harling is currently the person placing the flags at Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, etc. Harling requested that \$2,400.00 be placed in the 2012 budget to purchase grave markers that would hold the flags. The present cost is \$14.95 each, at present 137 markers would need to be purchased and Harling did not know what the shipping charges would be, if there are any. The Board thanked Harling and will consider this request, it was suggested that Harling look into grants.
4. Subject: Mike Barrett came in to speak to the Board about the status of Vinton Lane. Barrett stated that Vinton Lane is a "Class VI" road, but has been maintained by the Town and therefore should be converted to "Class V". Barrett questioned the plowing of this "road". Kieley will speak to the Road Agent and Betsy Perry, Office Assistant will be asked to research the status of Vinton Lane.

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5. Subject: Jennifer Daler, Congressional Representative, informed the Board that the snow plowing legislation has gone through the legislative service request. The text should be out by the end of November 2011.
6. Subject: Discussion of setting the 2011 tax rate. All information has been received from the State of NH-DRA. The unofficial tax rate worksheet from the DRA was reviewed. Petro suggested using enough fund balance to keep the town portion of the tax rate the same as 2010. Kieley suggested offsetting a portion of the school increase. Treasurer Shannon Kelley reviewed the cash with the Board, and after discussion asked the Board to consider an estimated dollar amount cash threshold that the Town will not go below. Kieley suggested using \$141,000 of fund balance to set a rate of \$21.90. Darnell would not vote on that amount and suggested \$130,000. Move by Petro to use \$135,000 of fund balance and set the 2011 tax rate at \$21.94, second by Darnell and voted in the affirmative.

There was discussion of re-financing the Skladany land note and the grader note. Kieley has research this and did not find significant savings in interest payments. There would also be the cost of the bond Attorney. Kieley agreed to research this idea again.

7. Subject: Move by Kieley to approve the 10/25/11 minutes as written, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Move by Kieley to approve the 10/15/11 non-public minutes as written, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
8. Subject: Reviewed and signed vouchers. The Board requested that the Fire Dept invoice for radios be held again until further clarification has been received regarding this purchase.
9. Subject: Darnell informed the Board that he has communicated with ComCast and a representative is willing to meet with the Board.
10. Subject: Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Petro. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.