TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING BOARD OF SELECTMEN Meeting held on the 12th of July 2011

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

Call to Order by J. Kieley at 7:02 p.m.

- <u>Subject</u>: The Board met with Army SPC Joseph Canavan. Kieley, as Board Chairman, thanked SPC Canavan for his service to his Country and Town and congratulated him on being awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal with "Valor" device. Kieley read the inscriptions on the certificates that SPC Canavan had been given with receipt of his medals for the public.
- 2. <u>Subject:</u> Steve Andersen, Chair of the BAC, met with the Board to inform them that he had spoken to Petro about putting numbers together regarding the cost of driveway plowing. After speaking to BAC members the consensus was that putting numbers together is premature. The BAC felt that the BOS should hold the forum on driveway plowing and determine what is going to happen.
- 3. <u>Subject:</u> Signed the abatement forms for Wish and Mindeman. The abatements were approved at the 6/28/11 meeting.
- 4. Subject: Deb Deieso of Maplewood Dr. asked the Board to explain the issues regarding driveway. Kieley explained that NH case law states that it is unconstitutional to plow private driveways. When the State DRA reviewed the 2011 Town Meeting mintutes it noted the \$40,000 increase for driveway plowing. The BOS received a letter from the DRA, which put the Town on notice. The Town Attorney informed the BOS that if something is outside of the legal duties of the Town the Town cannot be sued, but the Selectmen are liable and can be sued and possibly the Road Agent. The BOS cannot be indemnified. Kieley also explained that the BOS will hold a forum to inform residents what the status is on this issue. Petro suggested that TEEC might work on this issue with their contacts. Move by Petro that the letter to the Representatives inviting them to meet with the BOS be sent as drafted, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative. The BOS discussed the date for the forum and it was determined that the forum will be held on August 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Move by Kieley to send the letter to residents regarding the forum as drafted with the exception of the date change, second by Petro and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
- 5. <u>Subject:</u> The Board reviewed a letter from Town Forester Allan Oxman regarding a request for abatement on yield taxes made by Robert Treadwell. Move by Kieley to approve the abatement of yield taxed for Robert Treadwell at the amount suggested by the Town Forester, second by Petro and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

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- <u>Subject:</u> Jeanne Whitcomb, Tax Collector, informed the Board that as of 7/12/11 the 2011 1st property tax billing collection is at 92% paid, which is similar to the collection rate for the 1st billing in 2010.
- 7. <u>Subject:</u> Review of the 6/28/11 minutes. Move by Kieley to approve the 6/28/11 minutes as amended, second by Petro and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
- 8. <u>Subject:</u> Jim Lewis of Old Revolutionary Rd asked the Board to explain the insurance issue regarding driveway plowing. Lewis stated that in previous years the BOS had said that there were no insurance issues. Kieley explained that due to the NH-DRA's stance on driveway plowing being unconstitutional there would be no insurance coverage for the Town.
- 9. <u>Subject:</u> Reviewed and signed vouchers.
- 10. <u>Subject:</u> Move by Petro to adjourn, second by Kieley. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant