

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday February 5, 2019**

**Town Hall Annex**

**6:30 PM**

Select Board members present: G. Cromwell, B. Ezell, and K. Caisse

Meeting called to order by Ezell at 6:30 PM

- **Old Business**

- Draft Warrant

- **SB discussed draft warrant. Cromwell reported that she had heard from the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration that if the backhoe contract has an escape clause, then only 50 percent approval is needed. The warrant article will still need town counsel review. SB discussed the proposals to place \$10,000 into the capital reserve fund, \$15,000 into the maintenance and repair fund, \$4,000 for the Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund, and \$8,250 for three new sets of PPEs. Ezell said he would discuss with the Planning Board the possible adoption of RSA 674. SB discussed a proposal under RSA 72:28V that allows municipalities to grant residents who have been a POW for 30 days or longer one free vehicle registration. SB chose to add to the warrant the proposal as Article 13, followed by the petitioned warrant article as Article 14. Cromwell motioned to adopt the warrant as amended, Caisse seconded, all in favor. Cromwell motioned that the SB recommend for approval for Warrant Articles except Article 14, Caisse seconded, all in favor.**

- Proposed 2019 Budget

- **BAC Chairman Gary Scholl reviewed the proposed 2019 Budget and the BAC recommendations. He noted that an additional \$500 is missing for travel reimbursement under the Town Clerk section totaling \$24,941. Scholl noted the major budget increases as the Fairpoint Settlement that involves a \$22,000 payment this year, the same next year and a smaller amount the third year. He noted that asphalt paving is up from \$122,000 to \$155,000 and that Road Agent Tim Fiske has agreed to take \$15,000 out of the asphalt trust fund to trim the budget increase to \$140,000 in this line item. Other increases include the SB recommended 1.5 percent town salary increases and a \$1,200 audit for the tax collector office. Scholl said the BAC will continue to monitor the ambulance department budget. He noted the police department budget has decreased because of the 2018 unexpended budget item for payroll, while the fire department is purchasing five protective gear sets – two in the budget,**

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another three through a warrant article. Large increases in the roads budget are due to gravel requirements and some large paving projects. He suggested that the backhoe warrant article be addressed first at the Town Meeting so that if it passes, the budget can be amended lower by \$5,000. Other costs are a \$4,000 increase in welfare costs and a deputy tax collector salary increase of \$500. Comparing 2018 to 2019 budgets, the increase is \$46,500. The warrant items increase totals \$43,801 for a total warrant increase of \$90,301 over 2018. Cromwell complimented the BAC on its work on the budget and warrant. The SB will finalize the budget at its meeting the following Tuesday after the budget hearing.

- **Minutes**
  - Cromwell motioned to accept SB minutes from 1/29/19 as amended. Caisse seconded the motion, all in favor.
- **Public Comment**
  - There was no input from the public in attendance.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:05 PM. Motioned by Cromwell seconded by Caisse, all in favor.

**Next Select Board Meeting:** Tuesday, February 12 2019, at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Annex.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Clifton-Waite, Assistant to the Select Board.