

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 19, 2014
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Gail Cromwell, John Kieley, George Willard
Also present: Shannon Kelley, Treasurer.

Call to order by Cromwell at 4:04 p.m.

2014 Tax Rate: The Board reviewed the new DRA tax rate worksheet. The Administrative Assistant had sent a revised revenue estimate to the DRA which reduced the preliminary tax rate by twenty cents. The Board reviewed the estimated expenditures to the year end.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of fund balance. The Board had used \$75,000.00 of fund balance in 2013 to reduce taxes. Cromwell suggested bringing fund balance down to approximately 8% and using \$150,000.00, citing the DRA recommendations of retaining 8% to 17% of regular general fund operating expenditures. The Board and Kelley discussed the amount that should be left in fund balance and the effect the fund balance amount has on the cash perspective. Kieley suggested using \$100,000.00 of the fund balance to reduce taxes, Willard agreed to \$100,000.00. Cromwell did not agree and felt this amount is too low. Kieley proposed a compromise and use of \$125,000.00 of fund balance and Willard concurred. Cromwell did not agree on this amount. Kieley proposed use of \$130,000.00 of fund balance and Cromwell agreed to this amount. Move by Kieley to use \$130,000.00 of fund balance to reduce 2014 taxes, second by Cromwell and voted Cromwell and Kieley in the affirmative, Willard in the negative, stating that he would have voted for \$125,000 but did not agree with a higher amount than that.

Signs: Cromwell informed the Board that she has been researching sign ordinances in area towns. Cromwell has found that most towns require a permitting process with fees. The Board discussed sending letters regarding signs in violation of the sign ordinance to Ben Fisk, the Connollys, Ken Caisse, the Temple Store and the Birchwood Inn. Cromwell questioned whether the sign at Wheeland's Auto may be in violation as well. Cromwell will draft letter for review at the November 25, 2014 meeting.

Move by Cromwell to adjourn, second by Kieley, and so voted at 5:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling

~ Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 5:30 pm ~