

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 28, 2015
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Gail Cromwell, John Kieley, George Willard

Call to order by Cromwell at 5:00 p.m.

2015 Highway Department Budget: Tim Fiske, Road Agent, met with the Board to discuss the 2015 Highway Department budget. The Board reviewed the 2015 Highway budget request with Fiske. Fiske would like to increase the vehicle maintenance and repair line item to cover the \$3,000 cost of the 2000 hour maintenance service on the grader. Fiske explained that he thought this cost would be covered under the extended warranty, but has found out that the town needs to pay this amount. There was a brief discussion about replenishing the expendable trusts for the Highway Department.

The Board asked about the research on the costs of a new loader. Fiske stated that he has looked at a smaller CAT loader which is \$129,000. If the town received a trade-in value of \$30,000 the cost of the smaller loader would be \$99,000. Fiske would need to determine if the smaller loader would meet the needs of the Highway Department. Willard spoke about the BAC meeting held 1/22/15. The BAC would like the purchase of a new loader delayed for one year. The BAC would also like the asphalt and paving line item reduced and to remove money from the asphalt and paving expendable trust if needed. The Board questioned Fiske on what it might cost to repair the loader if it is kept for another year. Fiske stated that some of the issues he knows about might cost a few thousand dollars, but he doesn't know what the cost would be if something major happened. Fiske told the Board that there has been a vibration in the transmission for a few years. CAT has not determined what the sound is. There have been tests done on the transmission fluid and Fiske will have the fluid tested again. If the transmission were to blow apart it could cost up to \$30,000. The Board asked Fiske his opinion about a backhoe/loader, Fiske stated that there are times when the Highway Department needs two pieces of equipment and Kieley added that the cost to rent Fiske's backhoe averages \$5,000/year. C. Kieley, Chair of the CIP Committee, stated that this decision is not under the purview of the BAC and asked Fiske what jobs the loader is used for. Fiske replied that it is used to move dirt, move snow, take trees down, move wood, load trucks, etc. Fiske reiterated that the Highway Department needs two machines available in case a machine breaks down, so the town would need to find someone who has a machine and would have it available to the town within an hour. Fiske stated that most Highway Departments have both a loader and a backhoe.

The Board discussed removing the West Road project from the budget and putting it into a warrant article. Fiske stated that the issue could be people who don't travel West Road might vote no because it is not a road they drive on. Fiske suggested putting \$3,000 to \$5,000 in the highway vehicle maintenance and repair expendable trust and if the loader fails before town meeting add another \$30,000 to the budget. Fiske and the Board discussed adding \$10,000 to the culvert and bridge repair expendable trust, no decision was made on this.

Minutes: Move by Kieley to approve the 1/13/15 minutes as amended, second by Willard and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Paperwork: Signed the SchoolCare medical rate acceptance letter for 2015-2016.

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Signed vouchers.

Signed yield tax warrants for Holt, Martin and Walker.

Miscellaneous: The Board set public hearing dates for the following:

The Hazard Mitigation Plan update acceptance: Feb 10, 2015 at 5:30 pm (regular Board meeting).

Bond Hearing for the loader purchase: Tuesday, Feb 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm

SB-2 Hearing: Tuesday, Feb 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

The Board decided to send a copy of the new employee manual to George Clark, Fire Chief, for his review and comments. Cromwell will email the employee manual to Clark. Clark will also be reminded that the Board needs copies of the Fire Department rules and procedures, including the standard operating guidelines (SOGs).

The Board will meet on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 5:30 pm for a 2015 budget work session.

Motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm by Kieley, second by Willard and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling

~ Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 5:30 pm ~