

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
February 24, 2015  
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Gail Cromwell, George Willard

Call to order by Cromwell at 5:30 p.m.

Wheelands donation to Fire Department: Steve Andersen of Wheelands, Mark Salisbury, Will Wildes and Luke Peterson, Fire Engineers, met with the Board to request acceptance of the donation of labor for the work done to create a cabinet on the rescue truck to house the generator to run the compressor for the cascade system. Move by Cromwell to thank Steve Andersen for his donation of labor to the Fire Department for the adaption of the rescue truck to accommodate the installation of the generator/compressor for the SCBA bottles. The Board makes no verification of the value of the labor, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

The Board also thanked Steve Andersen for his many years of service to the town through the Budget Advisory Committee.

Fire Department: Cromwell asked the Fire Engineers if they had any comments on the proposed employee manual and also requested copies of the Fire Department by-laws and standard operating guidelines (SOGs). The Engineers stated that the Fire Chief has been out of town on business and they all have questions on the employee manual that they want to discuss together before making any comments, the by-laws and SOGs have not been voted on by the Department, upon acceptance by the Department copies will be made available to the Board. The Fire Chief and the Engineers will meet when the FC returns.

Will Wildes asked the Board when the lights in the Fire Department will be replaced and who will be doing the work. Cromwell stated that the Board is waiting for a second quote to have the work done. Wildes showed the Board a new exterior light for the Municipal Building/Fire Station to replace the lights that are not working. Wildes informed the Board that these lights cost about \$135.00 each and suggested that they be installed at the same time the interior lights are replaced.

There was discussion about the 2014 warrant article for the "jaws-of-life". The Fire Department is concerned that the CIP Committee is recommending ½ of the set in 2014 (the cutters) and the second ½ for 2015 (the spreaders). Cromwell asked how many times in the last five years the jaws have been used, and stated that she has identified 3 times in the last five years. Luke Peterson stated that the jaws have been used many times, but the Engineers would have to look through the records to give an exact number. Cromwell asked if new jaws are really needed based upon the usage. Peterson stated that the jaws are used in emergency situations, that there is time factor involved that can impact a victim's quality of life. Peterson also stated that the spreader unit is obsolete and the FD is keeping it running on used parts. Neither of the current cutters or spreaders would be effective with the newer metals used today. Willard went on record as never having been brought into the discussion and thought the total amount should be requested. Cromwell apologized to Willard for not having brought the discussion forward in a BOS meeting.

Minutes: The 2/10/15 minutes and the 2/17/15 public hearing minutes will be held to the 3/10/15 meeting.

Paperwork: Signed vouchers.

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Loader: Tim Fiske, Road Agent, informed the Board that he had gone to Reading, MA to look at the smaller CAT loader. Fiske stated that this model appears to be about the same size as the current loader and would probably be the model that he would get if the warrant article passes at the 2014 Town Meeting. The cost of the smaller loader is approximately \$129,000.

Converse Road Bridge: Tim Fiske, Road Agent, informed the Board that an invoice has been received from Dubois & King for engineering services on the Converse Road Bridge. There are charges in the amount of \$2,227 for "outside consultants". Fiske thinks the outside consultant charges are a result of the issue Dubois & King had with the pre-cast arches being stored outside at the manufacturers facility and does not think the town should pay this cost. Fiske said he would contact Bob Durfee to try and determine what these charges are, but also suggested that the town may need to contact the State of NH-DOT and get the State involved.

Miscellaneous: Ken Sullivan spoke to the Board about the natural gas pipeline proposed to go through neighboring towns. Cromwell said she had spoken to Bev Edwards, chair of TEEC about this. Sullivan spoke about the State of NH Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) and the Federal Environmental Regulation Committee (FERC) both having jurisdiction on the pipeline. Sullivan thinks that under the SEC rules the Town of Temple may have certain rights as an abutting town. Sullivan suggested adding money to the legal budget and hiring Attorney Justin Richardson, who represented Temple and New Ipswich on the wind farm issue, to represent Temple on the pipeline issue. Sullivan believes that Temple's worry is what impact the proposed compressor station has on the town. There was discussion about how to find out what the towns people think about the propose pipeline and compressor station. Sullivan does not feel there is enough accurate information available at this time to hold a forum or post on the town website.

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 pm by Cromwell, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling

*~ Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 5:30 pm ~*