

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
February 7, 2017
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: George Willard, Ken Caisse, and Gail Cromwell

Call to order by Willard at 6:30 p.m.

Cromwell announced she would be recording the meeting.

Budget Worksheet: Cromwell spoke of an impending snowstorm for Thursday the 9th and suggested the board consider postponing the budget hearing to Saturday the 11th. Gary Scholl of the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) and Connie Kieley of the Capital Improvements Committee (CIP both said they would be unable to attend on Saturday. It was decided to wait until Wednesday to decide if the date of the hearing should be moved.

Gary Scholl said he would like to see gross budgeting for each line item on the worksheet, as some items will have revenue coming from other sources. He gave an example of showing the \$2,000 coming from the Cemetery Trust Funds against the Cemetery Repairs and Supplies line item of \$4,600.

Willard stated he wanted to go through the BOS budget worksheet line by line. He was told the BAC had already gone over each line item, and was asked to explain the difference between the BAC and BOS figures. Willard said he wished to propose modifications to some amounts, most of which involved rounding of numbers, as well as revisions to funding in a few categories. Changes with any ensuing discussion as follows:

Under Board of Selectmen, rounding changes to amounts for Social Security, Medicare, and total amount were approved.

Under Town Administration, rounding changes to wages for Administrative Assistant and Part Time Office Assistant, Overtime, Social Security, Medicare, and increases in Training & Seminars, and Books & Periodicals were proposed. There was discussion about the allocating funds under Town Administration/Books and Periodicals to purchase annual printed updates of RSA's. Motion by Willard to approve the increase, second by Caisse, voted Willard and Caisse in favor, with Cromwell opposed.

Under Town Meeting, proposed change in Moderator Wages. There discussion this line item being shown under Town Meeting rather than Elections. Willard made a motion to approve an increase in Moderator Wages from \$100 to \$250. There was no second, and the motion failed.

Under Town Clerk, discussion of modifying salary, plus rounding of Social Security and Medicare amounts. Motion by Willard to accept changes as proposed by Scholl, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Under Tax Collecting, rounding changes to salary, Social Security, Medicare, and total amount. Motion by Willard to approve the changes, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Under Treasury, rounding changes to Social Security, Medicare, and total amount. Motion by Willard to approve the changes, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Under Information Systems, motion by Cromwell to approve amount shown, second by Willard, and voted all in favor.

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Under Budget Advisory Committee, motion by Willard to approve amount shown, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Under Legal Expenses, motion by Willard to approve amount shown, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Under Personnel Administration/Benefits Not Allocated Other, motion by Willard to approve amount shown, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor. Cromwell and Scholl criticized the current method of computing sick time and vacation hours, and indicated the auditors agreed it should be shown as Accrued Benefits Payable.

Under Planning Board, rounding changes to Social Security and Medicare, and increase in Tax Map Updates. Motion by Willard to approve the changes, second by Caisse, and voted all in favor.

Under Zoning Board, rounding changes to Medicare and total amount. Motion by Willard to approve the changes, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Under General Government Buildings/Maintenance & Repairs, motion by Willard to approve amount shown, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Under Cemetery Maintenance, rounding changes to Social Security, Medicare, and total amount. Motion by Willard to approve the changes, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Under Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated, motion by Willard to approve the amount shown, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Under Advertising & Regional Associations, motion by Willard to approve the amount shown, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Under Other General Government, rounding changes to Social Security and Medicare for Town Forester, and total amount. Motion by Willard to approve the changes, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Under Police Department, motion by Willard to approve revised amount as provided by Town of Greenville, second by Cromwell, and so voted.

Under Ambulance, rounding change to total amount. Motion by Willard to approve the changes, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Under Fire Department, rounding changes to Social Security, Medicare, and Total Amount, plus increase in Telephone/Internet. Motion by Willard to approve the changes, second by Cromwell, and voted all in favor.

Scholl will update the BAC budget spreadsheet with the new figures.

Warrant Articles: Cromwell said she had spoken with Bill Drescher regarding whether there is a need to have a warrant article to change Town Clerk compensation. Board members read copies of notes regarding the
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conversation, which included suggested warrant article language. Discussion followed about past handling of compensation regarding salary/fees, and what is needed now for clarification and to meet legal requirements. The article is currently listed as article #4 on the town Warrant.

Connie Kieley asked the board if they would consider adding another warrant article in the amount of \$2,000 for Christmas lights on the Common, and said the Village Green Committee would be involved. Discussion followed about “wants” vs. “needs”, and Kieley urged the board to make the offer and let the town decide. Willard said he appreciated the interest but thought the board should defer for now. Cromwell made a motion for a warrant article for up to \$2,000 for Christmas lights. There was no second, and the motion failed.

BOS annual report: Willard presented copies of a revised report he had written. Cromwell had not yet seen this version, and discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Other: Brief conversation about what is needed to get ready for budget hearing, including finalized budget total, need for Bill Drescher and DRA to review and approve, and warrants.

Motion to adjourn made by Cromwell, second by Willard, and so voted at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry