

**TOWN OF  
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Hearing held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2017

**SB-2 Hearing**

Board members present: G. Willard, K. Caisse, G. Cromwell–Board of Selectmen

21 Members of the Public

Hearing opened at 7:00 pm by Willard.

Willard asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the petition warrant article for SB-2. There were no proponents for the petition warrant article. Cromwell spoke about the history of SB-2 and how the process is supposed to work. Cromwell described the deliberative session, voting at the polls, and requirement for a default budget as the main difference between SB-2 and a regular town meeting. Ken Sullivan questioned what a default budget was. Cromwell explained that it is the same as the previous year plus or minus any legal changes. Bill Ezell asked if anyone knew how towns that function under SB-2 like it. John Kieley spoke about the number of people who attend the Conval deliberative sessions, which is very small. Katherine Moore spoke about living in towns in other states that operate under an SB-2 type of government. K. Moore stated that one reason she moved to Temple was because of the town meeting form of government.

There was discussion about “secret” ballot votes at town meeting. Discussion about the deliberative session vs town meeting.

Hearing closed at 7:30 pm

**Budget Hearing**

Board members present: G. Willard, K. Caisse, G. Cromwell-Board of Selectmen  
Budget Advisory Committee – G. Scholl, K. Sullivan, J. Kieley, C. Robidoux

Hearing opened at 7:30 pm by Willard.

4 Department Heads present: J. McTague, Police Chief; T. Fiske, Road Agent; J. Whitcomb, Tax Collector;  
Members of the public present: 21

David Martz, School Board Representative, spoke about the school budget. Martz stated that he is in favor of the school budget. There is a slight decrease and the School Board anticipates use of fund balance to help offset the tax rate.

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There were questions regarding the use and replenishment of trust funds. G. Cromwell and J. Kieley questioned Martz about the use of fund balance to replenish the trust funds, both stating that this use raises the tax rate. Cromwell pointed out that there is 1.9 million and Conval is requesting 550,000 more.

Martz informed the public that Niki McGettigan, Teaching-Principal, and Marci Homan would both be retiring from the Temple School in June 2017. There will be a new Teaching-Principal and a new Teacher in the 2017-2018 school year.

Temple Budget:

Willard stated that the Board had been informed on Wednesday, 2/15/17, of an increase in the ambulance budget of \$1,507. The increase in the ambulance brings the general fund budget to \$1,325,140. The proposed warrant articles total \$49,800, for a total proposed expenditure of \$1,374,940.

Willard started reviewing sections of the proposed budget. J. Kieley asked about the \$500.00 budgeted for the hard copy updates to the State of NH RSAs. There was a question regarding the increase in the Town Clerk salary and the proposal for hours one Saturday per month.

Cromwell explained that the cemetery budget has money to continue the work on repairing/restoring headstones and that some of that will be reimbursed from a trust fund.

Cromwell explained that the insurance has increased due to the fact that 2016 was 6 months and 2017 will be at 12 months for property/liability insurance.

Chief McTague spoke about the Police budget and Cromwell explained how the prior year surplus in the police budget lowers Temple's payments to Greenville.

G. Scholl spoke about the ambulance budget. K. Caisse explained the salary increases in the ambulance budget.

T. Fiske, Road Agent, spoke about the Highway budget and explained the reason for the increase in the maintenance and repairs item.

There was some discussion about the recycling center.

Willard reviewed the money warrant articles: \$30,000 to the Bridge & Culvert Main & Repair Expend Trst; \$7,000 to the FD Vehicle Main & Repair Expend Trst; \$12,300 for the Library storage addition; \$500 as a new funding request

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from the River Center. Total money requested in the 2017 warrant is \$1,374,940.

Move by Willard to accept and present the amended 2017 budget of \$1,325,140, second by Caisse and voted in the affirmative. The Board signed the 2017 warrant. The amendment was made due to the late addition of \$1,537.00 to the ambulance budget.

Move by Caisse to have the Board members sign the MS-636 upon completion, second by Willard and voted in the affirmative.

Hearing closed at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant.