

**TOWN OF
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Board of Selectmen

Special Meeting Hearing held on the 23rd day of April 2019

Board members present: B. Ezell, George Willard K. Caisse

Call to Order by: Ezell at 6:30 pm

Approximately 11 Members of the public in attendance

- Ezell explained that the Select Board is being required to call a special meeting, a procedural defect meeting, as the state calls it, to cure a posting requirement deficiency. That posting had been done at the Town Hall, General Store and Municipal Building, but not at Temple Elementary School where the annual Town Meeting was held. The state Department of Revenue requires towns that fail to notice properly to legitimize the results. That the special meeting would take about 5-10 minutes for the adoption of a single warrant article – to confirm the results of the Town Meeting.

- Public comments:

Gail Cromwell noted that the town had done a special meeting after the 2017 elections, which had been postponed voting due to a snowstorm. Reading from a statement, she said the person who had complained about the notice requirements should have alerted the town to the defect rather than protesting the deficiency to the state Department of Revenue Administration.

Ezell explained that the special meeting is purely procedural, and he hopes that people approve the single warrant article so the town can raise and appropriate funds. He said he hopes town's people are supportive and approve the article so the town can raise and appropriate funds.

Christine Robidoux asked about what state form is involved. Ezell clarified MS-232 is involved, and that is where the state approves the town's appropriations. The majority of the voters present will pass the article.

Ezell said notice would be posted of the special meeting, and that the town moderator, town clerk and supervisors of the checklist would be there. This happens to a number of municipalities and about 50 towns a year run into similar procedural problem.

Nicole Concordia asked that the SB clarify what the town is voting on. Ezell said just the results – one warrant article – to approve the votes made at the Town Meeting as legitimate. He said the estimated cost is a few hundred dollars. He said the procedure would be a little more complicated had any secret ballots been involved. Connie Kieley confirmed that 144 voters had been present for the Town Meeting.

Caisse commented that the SB now knows that this posting procedure will have to be done in the future.

Clifton-Waite said that May 10 is proposed for the special meeting, due to scheduling conflicts at Town Hall, individual calendar conflicts, and posting requirements. Brief discussion on time for the meeting.

Ezell motioned to approve the warrant as read for the special meeting on May 10 at 6:30 p.m., Willard second, all in favor.

SB members signed the warrant and posting certification.

Caisse motioned to adjourn the hearing, Willard second, all in favor.

Hearing Closed: 6:42 pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Clifton-Waite, Assistant to the Select Board.