

**Budget Advisory Committee**  
**Town of Temple**  
December 13, 2006 meeting minutes

BAC members attending: Mike Darnell, Grinnell More, Ben Tirey, John Pierce  
Also attending: Allan Oxman

Meeting convened 7:05 p.m. by Darnell, Chair

Allan Oxman presented the Town Forester's budget: "\$1,200 + Social Security + Medicare". Grinnell asked what the job entails. Allan said he administers timber taxes. A potential 3% salary increase was discussed. (Mike said that BAC is to develop salary increase recommendations but not include them in BAC budget spreadsheet.) Allan described his proposed forestry management for the former Skladany land. White pine thinning could generate \$20,000 to \$30,000. Mechanized operations would be limited to appropriate weather conditions, dry or cold. Mike mentioned that Temple might form a committee to study the property. Allan believes that the Skladany land was thinned in the early 90's and the Town Forest was thinned in the late 70's, but has little commercial timber.

The Board of Selectmen made the following revisions to the budget spreadsheet:

Health insurance increase: 14.6%

Abatements: \$15,000

Police \$150,580 (38%)

Recreation: reduce \$2,000 (mowing and lawn care for Rte 45 ball field moved to ball field line item)

Welfare Vendor Payments: \$30,000

Library Alarm Maintenance: \$0.00

Library heating comments: combined propane w/ Highway Dept.

Library Maintenance: \$1,700

Salary increases were discussed. Selectmen, Selectmen's Office Assist., Moderator, Town Clerk Dep., Tax Collector Dep., Supervisors of Checklist, Election Workers, Census Taker, Treasurer, Planning Board & ZBA Meeting Minutes Recorders, Cemetery Supervisor, Town Forester, Building Inspector, Welfare Officer, Animal Control Officer, Librarian and Librarian Assist. positions are paid without health insurance or other benefits. Admin. Assist., Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Highway Department personnel are positions with paid benefits. Police Department personnel, under the Temple-Greenville Police Cooperative, have paid benefits. Police Dept. has asked for a zero pay increase for 2007. There was discussion of changing the policy of the town paying the deductible amount on employee medical insurance to the employee paying it. The BAC voted to recommend a 3% wage/salary increase for all Temple employees.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Ben Tirey, BAC temp. minute taker