

**TOWN OF
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting held on the 24th of July 2007

Board members present: Tedd Petro, Sherry Fiske, John Kieley

Call to Order by Petro at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of prior minutes: Motion made by Fiske to approve the 7/10/07 minutes as amended, second by Petro and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Motion made by Petro to approve the 7/18/07 minutes as written, second by Fiske and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

1. Subject: Town Hall addition bids. Fiske had spoken by phone with attorney Drescher regarding two issues of concern with the bids received. Fiske related the receipt of a late bid was not felt to be problematic, as no bids had yet been opened and all bids were reviewed at the same time. As far as the lack of a bid bond with one bid, Drescher said he would take the matter under advisement. He also suggested the BOS seek recommendations from the Friends of Temple Town Hall and architect Rick Monahon. Petro said he would like Drescher's opinion in writing. Fiske replied the board would have to meet with Drescher and further discuss the issue in order to get a written opinion. Kieley said in reviewing the bids he noted Bill Harper's (W. Rindge Builders) was also lacking references. He questioned what documents had been provided to attorney Drescher to base his opinion on, and said the bid specifications were quite clear as to what documentation should have been included in the bids. Petro said he would look into setting up a meeting with Drescher, if necessary, otherwise requesting a written opinion. Connie Kieley mentioned the current invoice from Monahon should go through the HUD process for payment, and asked if an alternative signer other than the town's AA was available. Petro said his name should be all set up to handle this.

2. Subject: Dorothea Guy and Jack Parker were in to discuss their timber tax. They had applied for a tax abatement, and their mill slips had been supplied to own forester Allan Oxman for review. Petro told Guy and Parker and the board that Oxman had dropped off the slips and a written letter of recommendation just prior to the meeting. He briefly explained Oxman's review and reasoning presented in the letter, which recommended an abatement of \$1308. Parker felt the abatement amount was still too low, and stated they wanted to pay 10% of what they had received. Fiske stated when land she owned was logged, the timber tax ended up being more than 10%. Petro reminded Fiske that in her case, mill slips had been requested but were not presented for Oxman to go over. There was further discussion of several issues, including how the initial taxable amount of \$91,904.10 for Guy and

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Parker was estimated, apparent discrepancies in the quality and pricing of the oak, and how Oxman had arrived at a lower taxable amount of \$71,930.91. Petro suggested Oxman could come in to the next BOS meeting to provide more details. Guy said Oxman had had ample time to do his report, and they would like a waiver on interest until the matter was settled. Kieley said he would like to speak to Oxman at some point to hopefully prevent similar discrepancies and problems in the future. Kieley made a motion to abate Guy and Parker's timber tax by the amount necessary to bring the total to 10% of \$71,930.91, second by Petro, and voted Kieley and Petro in favor, with Fiske opposed. Petro handed the mill slips back to Guy, who upon request turned them over to Fiske for review. Guy stated she would be come in to see the tax collector the next morning.

3. Subject: Memorial Drive bridge. Road agent Tim Fiske came in to update the board on the status of rebuilding the bridge. He said the wetlands permit from DES had been received and was good for five years. He also had received a letter from the NH Division of Historical Resources indicating they had no problem with pending bridge work. T. Fiske stated he was expecting two more bids to come in, and that both contractors wished to dismantle the current bridge remains and start over. T. Fiske said the work would involve building a new arch and two headwalls. Also, if the bridge is dismantled, new footings would have to be installed. He also said finding a source of stone for the headwalls might be an issue. Petro asked T. Fiske how he would like to proceed. T. Fiske said repair estimates might range from \$124,000 to \$150,000, and FEMA funds for the bridge will likely cover around \$42,000. He said the town would need to think about how to obtain the additional funds. Both Kieley and Petro questioned if the board has the authority to get and spend the necessary money. T. Fiske suggested a special town meeting might be necessary. He also said that voters approved \$30,000 last year for general bridge work, which was not designated for a specific bridge. T. Fiske said he is just waiting to get the numbers in. Kieley asked T. Fiske if the project could be completed this year, and T. Fiske answered that the open time period to be able to start and complete the project this season was closing. Kieley asked T. Fiske to bring the numbers in to the next BOS meeting, and the board will look into what is needed for a special town meeting. S. Fiske suggested the town could petition the DRA. T. Fiske said if the project cannot begin by September, he may have to wait until next year and keep the road closed. If this is the case, he suggested the remaining stone work be marked and dismantled for safety reasons. The board agreed this would be a good idea. T. Fiske said he will keep the board updated.

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4. Subject: Green Committee. The board reviewed two letters of interest for appointment to the Green Committee. Move by Kieley to nominate Chris Mackensen and Robb Wills to the Green Committee for a two-year term ending March 2009, second by Fiske, and voted in the unanimous affirmative.
5. Subject: Ambulance contract. Fiske updated the board on changes to the draft agreement, including language related to Capital Reserve Funds. She said the contract will cover service only, and Wilton will buy and own the ambulances. She stated Lyndeborough may not want to sign a 5-year contract. Kieley asked if Temple should change its mind and pull out, would there be some pro-rata share back of funds paid in. Fiske reiterated that the contract is for service only.
6. Subject: Recycling center. Fiske updated the board on upcoming changes. The existing incinerator must cease use in the year 2010. The cost for a new incinerator is approximately 3 million dollars, with \$600,000 per year in operational costs. Wilton wants to go to landfill and pay-by-bag programs.
7. Subject: Review of paperwork. Signed vouchers. Kieley questioned one FD voucher and said he would not sign off until further documentation was provided. Petro said he would speak to one of the fire engineers.

Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Fiske. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry