

**TOWN OF
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting held on the 9th of February 2008

Board members present: T. Petro, J. Kieley, S. Fiske-Board of Selectmen
M. Darnell, B. Tirey, S. Smith, G. Willard-Budget Advisory Committee.

Call to Order by T. Petro at 10:05 a.m.

3 Department Heads present
26 members of the public were present.

Budget Hearing

1. Subject: Petro welcomed the public. Kieley informed the public that the 2008 is up about 4%. Petro proceeded to read the budget line items. Kieley explained that wages would be increased 3%. The Administrative Assistant explained the proposal for new computers. Honey Hastings asked about high-speed internet access. The A.A. and Kieley explained that all office employees would have internet access. Petro explained the "Other General Government" category and the addition of the line items for the Quarter Millennium Celebration (QM), Historic District Commission (HDC) and the Temple Economical Energy Committee (TEEC). Honey Hastings stated that the QM Committee would be trying to generate some income to offset the appropriation. Kieley explained the increase in the Police Co-Op budget. Wil Wildes, Building Inspector, recommended lowering the Building Inspection wages to \$1,000.00 due to the slow down in building. Kieley and the A.A. explained the Emergency Management item. Petro and Kieley spoke about the Highway budget and the April 2007 flood damage. Honey Hastings questioned the length of the contract for the Wilton Recycling Center. Questions about the Library wages, the A.A. explained the change in Librarians.

Review of money warrant articles: Sydney Thomas explained the \$150,000.00 request for the Town Hall. Thomas informed the public about the \$250,000.00 LCHIP grant. Thomas also informed the public that the addition is 98% complete and the plans for the historic portion of the Town Hall would be sent to the State of NH for approval within the next week. Leo Turini asked if this money was necessary. Thomas explained that the Friends of Temple Town Hall (FTTH) had raised \$720,403, if this warrant article were to pass the Town of Temple would have contributed approximately 24%. Bruce Kantner asked if a more thorough presentation could be made at Town Meeting.

Tim Fiske, Road Agent, explained to the public that the \$30,000.00 for the Bridge CRF would allow the town to start the engineering for the Powers Road Bridge and at this time the Town is on the State bridge aid list for

Items in italics are action items

Items in Bold are for discussion at a future meeting.

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2013 for this bridge.

Petro reviewed the articles for the Municipal Building roof \$28,000.00 and the Library roof \$6,000.00. It was explained that the library article was for the older portion of the Library roof.

Steve Andersen spoke about his petition warrant article to make an additional payment on the Skladany land note. Andersen spoke about budget increases and fund balance accumulation. A question was asked about the interest rate on the note as compared to the interest rate the town receives on its investments, at the present time the rates on investments are slightly greater than the rate on the note.

Gail Cromwell, School Board Representative, spoke briefly about the school budget. Cromwell stated that the 2008-2009 school budget is relatively flat. Cromwell also spoke about the teachers contract and the fact-finders report.

Petro informed the public that there is a petition warrant article regarding driveway plowing. Kieley mentioned that there would be a public hearing regarding the SB-2 petition on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Move by Fiske to adjourn the 2008 Budget hearing, second by Petro voted in the affirmative.

The hearing was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant.