

**TOWN OF  
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2008**

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

BAC members present: Mike Darnell, George Willard, Shawn Smith, Ben Tirey,  
John Pierce

Call to Order by Petro at 7:01 p.m.

1. Subject: Petro explained that this meeting had been called to discuss the memo from the BAC to the Board of Selectmen received Thursday, March 13, 2008. The memo stated that the BAC would be proposing an amendment to the budget to cut \$60,000.00 from the proposed 2008 budget. Smith informed the Board that the BAC had been reviewing data in the last two months and were concerned about the budget.

Smith stated that the BAC felt that the Country is going into a recession. The BAC reviewed the money that had been returned to surplus during the last seven years and determined that on average \$80,000.00 was returned to the general fund. Tirey stated that the amount returned to the general fund during the seven-year period ranged from \$4,000 to \$113,000. Kieley stated that if 2008 were a year when a small amount was returned to the general fund and \$60,000 had been cut the town will be generating a deficit contrary to State law.

Tirey estimated that this cut would save about .44 on the tax rate. Tirey stated that the decrease in estimated revenue would add about .61 on the tax rate. Tirey informed the Board that there appeared to be about a dozen changes in the proposed budget that accounted for about \$22,000.00.

Kieley spoke about the components of the budget and informed the BAC that many of these components are contractual and the Board has no control regarding the amounts. Petro asked the BAC if they had any specific recommendation on where to cut. Petro and Kieley stated that they felt the proposed budget fairly reflected the amount of money needed to run the Town in 2008. Both Petro and Kieley asked the BAC what services they would recommend cutting and which personnel they would recommend laying off if the money was removed from the budget. Fiske stated that the Board could make the budget work with a \$60,000 cut.

There was discussion about the money warrant articles. John Pierce of the BAC recommended that the BAC and Board collaborate more in 2008 to analyze the budget and continue to look for savings. The Board agreed to state at the Town Meeting that they would make every effort to save money in 2008 and the BAC agreed it would not move to reduce the budget.

2. Subject: Smith gave the Board a draft financial policy manual for their review.
3. Subject: Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Petro. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant

*Items in italics are action items*

**Items in Bold are for discussion at a future meeting.**