
Minutes of the Town of Temple Annual Meeting March 12, 2016

Moderator, Steve Cullinan called the meeting to order at 10:10am. After welcoming everyone, he had members, past and present, of the military, stand to be recognized. The meeting then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Olivia Holmes then said a prayer for the meeting.

Cullinan read the list of newly elected candidates. (Townwide vote was held on Tuesday, March 8th.)

Article 1: To cast your ballots for the election of all officers required to be elected to serve the Town of Temple for the ensuing year.

Election Results

Moderator – 2 year term Steven Cullinan
Selectman – 3 year term Gail Cromwell
Town Clerk – 3 year term Wendy Drouin
Tax Collector – 3 year term Jeanne Whitcomb
Treasurer – 3 year term Shannon Kelley
Road Agent – 3 year term Timothy Fiske
Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term Maureen B. Cullinan; Rebecca Van Dam
Library Trustee – 3 year term Camilla Lockwood
Library Trustee – 1 year term Rebecca Van Dam
Fire Engineer – 3 year term William S. Wildes
Planning Board – 3 year term Telford Sartell; Brian Kullgren
Budget Advisory – 3 year term Paul Jordan; Open Seat
Budget Advisory – 1 year term Christine Robidoux
Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 year term Mary Amsden

The Town Clerk swore in the Moderator and then the Moderator swore in the rest of the newly elected officials. Cullinan read the rules of the meeting and announced the results on Articles 2–4, from the Townwide vote on March 8th:

Article 2: To see if the Town of Temple, NH shall vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Temple, NH on the second Tuesday of March. (*3/5 majority vote needed*) (*By petition*).

Article 2 Did Not Pass 216 Yes votes 217 No votes

Article 3: To cast your ballots on the proposed amendment to the Temple Zoning Ordinance to add Section 31 “Commercial and Industrial Noise”.

Article 3 Passed 351 Yes votes 83 No votes

Article 4: To cast your ballots on the proposed amendment to the Temple Zoning Ordinance to Revise Section 17: Signs, paragraph e; delete existing paragraph e and replace with new language.

Article 4 Passed 292 Yes votes 140 No votes

The meeting then continued on through the articles under consideration.



Allan Pickman

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,330,816.00 for town charges as the operating budget and other necessary maintenance and operating expenditures. (*Selectmen recommend*)

Moved by George Willard, second by Ken Caisse.

Gail Cromwell moved to waive the reading of the Budget. Second by George Willard.

Amendment passed by card vote: Many yes's to 14 no's.

Budget discussion by Gail Cromwell, Select Chair.

Questions about website management and Animal control.

Amendment proposed by Jeanne Whitcomb, with a second by Cody Charron:

~Town Clerk Salary to include additional \$1.00 fee as increased in July 2015 per RSA 261:152.

After discussion the Amendment was not accepted by the Moderator as it did not contain a total dollar amount.

Article 5 passed by voice vote.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of removing asbestos and demolishing the building located at 400 NH RT 45 (taken by the Town of Temple by tax deed in 2015). (*Selectmen recommend*)

Moved by Ken Caisse, second by George Willard.

Amendment proposed by Ken Caisse, with a second by George Willard:

~To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) for the purpose of removing asbestos and demolishing the building located at 400 NH RT 45 (taken by the Town of Temple by tax deed in 2015).

Tim Fiske, Road Agent, spoke to the article and the amendment.

Amendment passed by voice vote.

Article 6 passed as amended, by voice vote.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of repairing the Hadley Highway Bridge. (*Selectmen recommend*)

Moved by George Willard, second by Gail Cromwell.

Tim Fiske spoke to the article.

Article 7 passed by voice vote.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) for the purpose of repairing old headstones in the town cemeteries, with \$10,000.00 coming from the Cemetery Lots Fund and \$1,000.00 from a grant approved by the 250th Anniversary Committee. (*Selectmen recommend*)

Moved by Gail Cromwell, second by Ken Caisse.

Maureen Cullinan spoke to the article.

Article 8 passed by voice vote.



Steve Harling

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Asphalt/Paving Expendable Trust Fund previously established by Article #4, March 12, 2010 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a. (*Selectmen recommend*)

Moved by George Willard, second by Ken Caisse.

Tim Fiske, spoke to the article.

Article 9 passed by voice vote.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Culvert and Bridge Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust previously established by Article #7, March 15, 2014 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a. (*Selectmen recommend*)

Moved by George Willard, second by Ken Caisse.

Tim Fiske, spoke to the article.

Article 10 passed by voice vote.

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a propane tank for the Library/Highway Department heating needs. (*Selectmen recommend*)

Moved by Gail Cromwell, second by George Willard

Tim Fiske, spoke to the article.

Article 11 passed by voice vote.

At this point, Cullinan told the voters that Greenville had already voted to continue the joint Police Force. He then asked if Article 13 could be moved ahead of Article 12, since Article 13 pertains to the contract and Article 12 pertains to moving ahead with a single town police force. All were in favor.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 2 year inter-municipal agreement for provision of police services pursuant to RSA 53-A with the Town of Greenville on such terms and conditions as specified in a contract approved by the Attorney General's Office. This article is contingent upon passage of a similar warrant article by the Town of Greenville. (*Majority Ballot vote required*) (*Selectmen Recommend**) *Revised 3/1/16

Moved by Gail Cromwell, second by George Willard.

Chief Jim McTague spoke to this article and stressed the communications between the towns. He also spoke of Temple being able to end the contract mid-term should they so desire.

Article 13 passed by secret ballot: 118 Yes to 27 No

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand dollars (\$31,000.00) as additional funds to be added to the Police budget for the purpose of re-establishing a Police Department within the Town of Temple. This anticipates the expiration on March 31, 2016 of the Inter-municipal Agreement between the Towns of Temple and Greenville for the provision of Police Services. (*Selectmen recommend*)

Since Article 13 passed, Gary Scholl motioned to Table Article 12, second by George Willard.

Article 12 was tabled by voice vote.

Article 14: To see if the Town of Temple, NH will vote to oppose the installation of a natural gas pipeline as part of the Northeast Energy Direct project by Tennessee Gas Company LLC, a Kinder Morgan Company.

- a. Whereas, the release of contaminants from drilling will jeopardize our aquifers, drinking water and wetlands.
- b. Whereas, the known emissions of toxins related to the compressor station as well as, blow-downs will impact the health of town residents.
- c. Whereas, the proximity of the compressor station to Temple's Elementary School, also used as Temple's Emergency Shelter, will not only impact the health and safety of the students but in the event of a pipeline related catastrophe it will also impact the town's ability to provide an emergency shelter.

d. Whereas, the town's lack of equipment or personnel to respond to a pipeline explosion, leak or other malfunction emergency will endanger the safety of our residents.

e. Whereas, this project will negatively impact town property values.

The Northeast Energy Direct project threatens a healthy living atmosphere for both residents and wildlife and violates the Temple Master Plan to "protect the health, safety, security, and welfare of all inhabitants of Temple" (Town of Temple Master Plan 2003, p.89).

Moved by Gail Cromwell, second by Ken Caisse.

Sean Radcliffe, spoke to the article.

Article 14 passed by unanimous ballot card vote.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to cover air testing equipment and analysis to establish baseline air quality in the vicinity of the proposed compressor station for the Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's Northeast Energy Direct pipeline. (Selectmen recommend)

Moved by Gail Cromwell, second by Ken Caisse.

Sean Radcliffe, spoke to the article.

Amendment proposed by Peter VonSneidern, second by Camilla Lockwood:

~ "...vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)....."

VonSneidern, proposed the increase because he wanted to be sure there was enough money to do or buy whatever the committee felt was necessary to protect Temple.

Amendment passed by voice vote.

Article 15 passed as amended by voice vote.

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to dissolve the Budget Advisory Committee established by vote on article 21 of the March 16, 2002 Town Meeting. (By petition).

Moved by George Willard, second by Ken Caisse.

No one was present to speak to this petition article.

Article 16 failed by voice vote.

Article 17: To see if the town will urge: that the Congress and President, as well as the NH Legislature, take concrete steps to fight big money politics and restore government to the people, including the following measures:

1. Overturn Citizens United;
2. Ban Super PACs;
3. Require that all political donors' names be made public; and
4. Establish small-donor, citizen-funded elections.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the NH congressional delegation and to Temple's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote and again to those elected to office in November 2016. (By petition).

Moved by Ken Caisse, second by George Willard.

Honey Hastings, spoke to the Article.

Article 17 passed by voice vote.

Move to adjourn by Debra Harling, second by Cody Charron.

Town Meeting adjourned, March 12th, 2016 at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by

Wendy Drouin, *Temple Town Clerk*