

Moderator Philip Lauriat called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. The meeting stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. A prayer was offered by Reverend Olivia Holmes. Lauriat stated that elections had been postponed because of weather and would take place at the Town Hall, March 28th 2023, 7am-7pm. The Moderator then read the rules of the meeting.

Article 1: Election of Officers

To cast your ballots for the election of all officers required to be elected to serve the Town of Temple for the ensuing term.

Elected on March 28th, 2023:

Select Board for 3 years	William Ezell
Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years	William Letendre
Trustee of the Trust Funds for 1 year	Lilliane Lebel
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years	Vivian Wills
Cemetery Trustee for 1 year	Vanessa Quinn VanHoogen
Budget Advisory for 3 years	Timothy Fiske
Budget Advisory for 3 years	Peter Allen
Planning Board for 3 years	Christine Robidoux
Planning Board for 3 years	Carter Sartell
Library Trustee for 3 years	Nicole Concordia
Library Trustee for 3 years	David Repak
Library Trustee for 1 year	Lori Sherburne
Fire Engineer for 3 years	Luke Peterson

Article 2: Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million three hundred sixty-two thousand four hundred twenty dollars (\$1,362,420) for town charges as the operating budget and other necessary maintenance and operating expenditures. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Select Board Recommends)

Moved By Bill Ezell, Second by Ken Caisse

Motion by Bill Ezell, Second by Ken Caisse to waive the reading of the budget.

Motion to waive passed by voice vote.

Article 2: Amendment - Proposed by Gary Scholl, Second by Bill Ezell:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a total sum of one million four hundred and seven thousand three hundred and thirty-six dollars (\$1,407,336) for town charges.

One million three hundred and sixty-two thousand six hundred and sixty dollars (\$1,362,660) of the total sum will be applied to the operating budget and other necessary maintenance and operating expenditures. Forty-four thousand six hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$44,676) of the total sum will

be applied to the town's bond payments. The amount of the bond payments will be fully offset by revenues received from: Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.

This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Amendment passed by voice vote.

Article 2 passed as amended by voice vote.

- **A Motion was presented, to move discussion of Articles 9 & 13 ahead of Article 3.** Motion by Bill Ezell, Second by Ken Caisse.

Motion failed by voice vote.

- **A Motion was presented, to move discussion of Article 9 ahead of Article 3.** Motion by Bill Ezell, Second by Ann Lunt.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 9: Highway Department Land

To see if the town will vote to approve a 5-acre portion of the 65-acre town-owned lot 7A-36 (known as the Skladany Land) that is behind but abuts lot 7A-36-1 (known as the Holt property) as the new location for the Highway Department. Access to the new location will be from Route 45 through lot 7A-36-1 (Select board Recommends 2 yes 1 no)

Moved by Bill Ezell, Second by George Willard

Article 9 was petitioned by 5 voters to be by secret ballot.

Article 9 passed by secret ballot: 78 = YES 49 = NO

Article 3: Asphalt and Paving Expendable Trust

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be placed in the Asphalt and Paving Expendable Trust, previously established at the 2010 Town Meeting, for paving projects in 2023 and future years. (Select Board Recommends) (CIP Committee Recommends)

Moved By George Willard, Second by Ken Caisse

Article 3 passed by voice vote.

Article 4: Brush Truck

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) for the purpose of reconfiguring the F550 Brush Truck as the official Rescue Truck, with the present Grumman Rescue Truck to be disposed of. (CIP Committee Recommends) (Select Board Recommends)

Moved By Ken Caisse, Second by Bill Ezell

Article 4 passed by voice vote.

Article 5: Repairs

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund, previously established at the 2010 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19a. (Select Board Recommends) (CIP Committee Recommends)

Moved by Ken Caisse, Second by Bill Ezell

Article 5 passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 6: Highway Garage Repairs

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the replacement of one overhead garage door on the Highway Garage, including as appropriate the widening of the door opening, to facilitate the indoor storage of highway vehicles. (Select Board Recommends) (CIP Committee Recommends)

Moved by George Willard, Second by Ken Caisse

Article 6 passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 7: New Flagpole

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to replace the existing town flagpole. (Select Board Recommends 2 yes 1 no) (CIP Committee Recommends)

Moved by Ken Caisse, Second by Bill Ezell

Article 7 Failed by voice vote.

Article 8: Alarm System

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the replacement of the alarm system in certain municipal buildings. (Select Board Recommends) (CIP Committee Recommends)

Moved by Ken Caisse, Second by Bill Ezell

Article 8 Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Bill Ezell, Second by Ken Caisse to reconsider Article 8.

Motion to reconsider passed by voice vote.

Article 8 Amendment proposed by Bill Ezell, Second by George Willard

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-one thousand dollars (\$31,000) for the replacement of the alarm systems in municipal buildings.

Amendment passed by voice vote.

Article 8 passed as amended by voice vote.

Article 10: Conservation Easement

To see if the Town will vote to permanently protect the portion of Tax Lot 7A-35 located northerly of the stone wall and bounded by Senator Tobey Highway and Hadley Highway, to be known as Schoolhouse Meadow, by placing a conservation easement on the land, with such easement to exclude the areas immediately surrounding the schoolhouse, parking lot and driveway, with the easement to be held by the Monadnock Conservancy or other qualified non-profit land conservation organization and to provide for guaranteed public access, agriculture, recreation, and other provisions negotiated by the Select Board, with management of the area, including permitted uses and agreed upon restrictions, to be under the supervision of the Conservation Commission, with all costs of the easement transaction to be met through the Town's Conservation Fund, and with final decisions on the foregoing issues to be made by the Select Board following a public hearing process. (Select Board Recommends)

Moved by George Willard, Second by Bill Ezell

Article 10 passed by voice vote.

Article 11: Readopt standard and optional tax credits RSA 72:2

STANDARD AND OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT (RSA 72:28)

Shall the town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, Optional Veterans' Tax Credit? If readopted, the credit will apply to every resident of this state who is any person who is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50, and served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in this section, and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that training for active duty by a member of the national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this subparagraph; (b) Every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) The surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death. If readopted, the credit granted will remain \$500, which is the amount adopted by the town in 2021.

NOTE: This article is required because the legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. If not readopted, the Veterans credit amount will revert back to the minimum amount of \$50. (Select Board Recommends)

Moved By George Willard, Second by Ken Caisse

Article 11 passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 12: Readopt All veterans tax credit RSA 72:28-b

ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT (RSA 72:28-b)

Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veteran's Tax Credit? If readopted, the credit will be available to any resident who is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50, and served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that training for active duty or state active duty by a member of the national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If readopted, the credit granted will remain \$500, the same amount as the optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

NOTE: This article is required because the legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. If not readopted, the Veterans credit amount will revert back to the minimum amount of \$50. (Select Board Recommends)

Moved By Ken Caisse, Second by George Willard

Article 12 passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 13: Discontinue funding of the Highway dept bldg


To see if the Town will vote to discontinue funding of the Highway Department Building and Construction Expendable Capital Reserve Fund (Fund), under the provisions of RSA 35:16-a. All monies remaining in said Fund shall be placed into the Town of Temple General Fund.

Moved By George Willard, Second by Steve Andersen

Article 13 failed by voice vote.

Motion to Adjourn by Debra Harling, Second by Will Wildes
Town Meeting was adjourned, March 18, 2023 at 12:25 pm.

Minutes of the Town of Temple Annual Meeting, March 18th, 2023
Respectfully Submitted,



Wendy R. Drouin
Temple Town Clerk