

Templeton Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes

Approved at 7.28.14 meeting

Meeting held at the KIVA, 464 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, Massachusetts

5.8.2014	Thursday	6:30 P.M.
Meeting called to order	6:30 P.M.	
Board Members present	Kenn Robinson, Doug Morrison, Julie Farrell, Diane Haley Brooks & John Columbus	
Town Coordinator	Bob Markel	
Notetaker/Timekeeper	Holly Young	
Reorganization of the Board		
Discussion	Mr. Robinson explained that the Board needs to reorganize now that	
The Town Election is completed. Mr. Columbus made a motion to nominate Mr. Robinson for Chairman. Ms Haley Brooks		
Seconded the motion. The Vote was 5 yes. Ms. Haley Brooks made a motion to nominate Mr. Columbus as Vice Chair-		
Man. Mr. Columbus seconded the motion. Ms. Farrell and Mr. Robinson abstained. The Vote was 3 yes. Ms. Haley		
Brooks made a motion to nominate Mr. Morrison as Clerk. Mr. Columbus seconded the motion. The Vote was 5 yes.		
The new appointments are effective immediately.		
Town Administrator Report		
Discussion	Mr. Markel stated that in November of 2013, the Town learned of the	
\$505,000.00 gap. January 27, 2014, the BOS voted a 5% cut in spending. In early February, 2014, Mr. Markel arrived and		
He came up with a strategy with the Board to make cuts and use Town reserves & a special town meeting to close the		
Gap. This hinged on using free cash. He explained that the financial management system was in disarray and that good		
Financial data was not available to the DOR. The plan is to fix the books and get free cash certified. He stated that we		
Received a letter from the DOR in early March, 2014, that they needed the Schedule A or state aid would be cut off. The		
Town got the Schedule A in on March 28, 2014, the day before it was due. The DOR stated we had a deficit of \$29,000.00		
At that point. Bob explained the three strategies the Town was trying to use to get out of the financial crisis. There was		
Discussion and a lot of questions. Bob went through the cuts that were recommended and needed to be made.		
Discuss Possible Layoffs		
Discussion	Department heads explained the cuts that each department had	
Implemented on their own to assist with attempting to balance the budget. There would be layoffs and cuts in hours.		
There was a lot of emotional discussion with the department heads, employees and residents. State Representative,		
Denise Andrews, spoke regarding the issues and had ideas to help those who would be laid off & help the Town move		
Forward.		
Conclusions	Mr. Morrison made a motion to adopt the proposed budget cuts.	
Ms. Haley Brooks seconded the motion. The Vote was 5 yes. Ms. Farrell made a motion to sign the letter to MRT		
for the COA for Pamela Landry to assist with dispatching. Ms. Haley Brooks seconded the motion. The Vote was 5 yes.		
Ms. Farrell made a motion to carry over the benefits of those affected by the budget cuts to FY2015. Ms. Haley Brooks		
Seconded the motion. The Vote was 5 yes.		
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.		
Conclusions	Ms. Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Columbus	
Seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes.		

Respectfully Submitted,

**Holly Young,
Recording Secretary**

Doug Morrison, Clerk