

**Approved at 4.6.15 meeting**

**Templeton Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall Conference Room  
160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, Massachusetts  
Monday, March 23, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Board of Selectmen: Kenn Robinson, Julie Farrell, John Columbus and Diane Haley Brooks, and Town Administrator, Bob Markel. Doug Morrison was not present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge

**Town Administrator Report~** Bob Markel discussed the snow & ice account deficit and stated that he would be discussing the health insurance at the next meeting.

**Veterans Services Director, John Caplis~** After John Caplis explained that the Police Department has a vehicle that they are no longer using and that he uses his personal vehicle to travel to clients homes and run errands for work, Mr. Columbus made a motion to transfer the Police vehicle to the Veterans Services Department for Town business use. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. **The vote was 4 yes.** Mr. Caplis then presented to the Board the Veterans ByLaws that he was requesting be put on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. After discussion, the Board requested that the ByLaws be sent to the Town Attorney for review.

**Flouride Act Article~** Ms. Farrell presented an article that she wanted the Board to support for the Annual Town Meeting regarding fluoride quality in the water; and she presented and read a letter from part of the Herzy study. After much discussion, Ms. Farrell made a motion to incorporate the article in to the warrant. There was no second. Mr. Columbus made a motion to pass over this article. Ms. Haley Brooks seconded the motion. Ms. Farrell and Mr. Robinson voted no; Mr. Columbus and Ms. Haley Brooks voted yes. Mr. Robinson stated as it is a tie, there will be no action taken.

**Warrant Articles Proposed by Selectman Julie Farrell~** Ms. Farrell spoke about a Capital Planning article and bylaw. After much discussion, Ms. Farrell made a motion to include the Capital Planning by law article in the warrant. Ms. Haley Brooks seconded the motion. The vote was 3 no with Ms. Farrell voting yes. No action taken. Mr. Columbus

made a motion to exclude Light & Water from the language of the article. There was no second.

**Discussion about Health Insurance by Union and Non-Union Personnel**~ There was extensive discussion about the possibilities of obtaining a new insurance provider and the pros and cons for the employees and for the Town. Mr. Markel stated that employees could come to the insurance meeting where a MIIA representative will be there to answer questions.

Vote to go into executive session~ Per M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21.3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.  
AND

Per M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21.2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

Ms. Haley Brooks made a motion to go into executive session, not reopening in open session after. Mr. Columbus seconded the motion. The vote was: Ms. Farrell, yes; Mr. Columbus, yes; Ms. Haley Brooks, yes; and Mr. Robinson, yes.

After the executive session was closed and the board returned to open meeting, Mr. Columbus made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Ms. Haley Brooks seconded the motion. **The vote was 4 yes.**

8:20 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Holly Young  
Recording Secretary

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Doug Morrison, Clerk