

**Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
January 4, 2007
Tamworth Town Office**

Members Present:

Chairman John Roberts, Selectman Thomas Abugelis, Selectmen William Farnum

Others Present:

Cassandra Pearce, Tina Glidden, Dan Poirier, Shawn Varney, Bruce Robinson, Chris Robinson, Jeff Tavares and members of the public.

Chairman John Roberts called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Selectman Thomas Abugelis asked when the Selectmen's office will open on Fridays again. Cassandra Pearce said she still needed more time for training and had a lot to do for the Town Reports, budget and audit.

Selectman William Farnum made a motion to go into non-public session at 3:18 p.m. per RSA 91 A: 3 II c & d.

Chairman John Roberts made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 3:39 p.m.

The following was discussed at this non-public session

1. Tax lien property
2. Property Purchase

CIP:

There was a discussion on what to submit to the Capital Improvement Committee. A separate building for the Tamworth Community Nurses for at least 864 sq. ft. with the space the TCNA currently uses being turned into town office space.

Personnel Policy:

Chairman John Roberts made a motion to allow town employees to add their domestic partners to join under their health insurance as long as they have cohabitated for at least five years. Motion received no second.

Selectman Thomas Abugelis made a motion to allow town employees to add their domestic partners to join under their health insurance as long as they have cohabitated for at least four years. Chairman John Roberts seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed

Chairman John Roberts made a motion to allow employees who have served at least twenty years of employment to continue health insurance with the town, at the employee's expense, when they retire. Selectman Thomas Abugelis seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Selectman Thomas Abugelis made a motion to supply only town employees with option #1 Dental insurance with Delta Dental through the LGC. Chairman John Roberts seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Cassandra will bring a finalized copy of the personnel policy to next weeks meeting.

Chairman John Roberts motioned for a 10-minute recess at 4:50

Meeting reconvened at 5:00

Police Department:

Police Chief Dan Poirier submitted the police summary for the month of December. Police Officer Anthony Castaldo's training will be finished as of this Saturday and will begin riding on his own after that. His pay will increase from 33,000 to 35,000 after the end of his training. Dan thanked the Highway Department for assisting in traffic detail during an accident this day. Dan told the Board that his Animal Control Officer is requesting a NEXTEL phone as he is using his personal phone for work related calls.

Highway Department:

Bruce Robinson is going to try to prep the bridge on Bemis Mountain Road for painting as long as the good weather holds. Bruce ordered steel in December so that it would come out of 2006n funds.

Tom Peters asked if there was money appropriated in the 2007 budget for the Chocorua Narrows Bridge and that he would like input for the railing configuration. Bruce said the only bridge in the 2007 is the bridge on Bemis Mountain Road. Tom said the Chocorua Lake Association would like to make a proposal for the Chocorua Narrows Bridge. Kate Thompson asked if they were going to paint the undergirders on the Bemis Mountain Road bridge and Bruce replied yes.

Rescue:

Chris Robinson told the Board that the new rescue truck passed EMS inspection and has all of the lettering done and now just has to pass vehicle inspection. Chris invited the Board to go out in the parking lot and view the new rescue vehicle.

Public Comment:

Kate Thompson extended an invitation to A Sustainable Tamworth on the 13th. They will be talking about food and farming in Tamworth. She also told the board that she had read in prior Selectmen's Meeting Minutes that the Trustees of the Trust Funds were going to see about getting the signs at the Veterans Memorial taken down. She was hoping the Board could see about keeping the signs up through the winter. Chairman John Roberts said that he would encourage that to the Trustees of The Trust funds but it is up to them. Selectman Thomas Abugelis said he would get a recommendation letter drafted up stating the wishes to keep the signs up through the winter.

Chocorua Village Project

Selectman Thomas Abugelis recused himself during the entire Chocorua Village discussion.

The State sent a letter stating they received request #10 for \$6833.85. The Town received their copy of the Historic District Report. FST sent a revised proposal for Section 1A and 1B. A large map detailing these areas will be received on Monday.

FST listed the approximate available funds for construction (materials/installation) being \$334,350. The approximate cost for completing 1A (\$99303) and 1B (324,068) being \$423,371. One project, either 1A or 1B, would have to be eliminated if a project were to be finished completely.

Kate Thompson asked if the pricing could be negotiated. Chairman John Roberts replied by saying that the Board would see if they could get better pricing by doing both projects. Selectmen William Farnum told everyone that this project is still not ready to go out to bid yet.

Selectman William Farnum was invited and agreed to go to the Chocorua Village Association meeting Monday January 8 and 7:00 PM to explain what has transpired so far between the Board of Selectmen and FST.

Chairman John Roberts said the Selectmen would review in further detail the current information provided by FST and will discuss at next weeks meeting.

Cassandra presented two copies of a contract from FST for budget amendments on the survey service and design service. Selectman William Farnum made a motion to sign the contract for budget amendments for FST. John Roberts seconded the motion. Motion was passed and the contract was signed. Selectman Thomas Abugelis did not vote nor did he sign the contract as he was recused.

Cassandra presented a warrant for \$6583.36 for FST for engineering services.

Selectman William Farnum made a motion to sign the warrant for \$6583.36 for FST for engineering services. John Roberts seconded the motion. Motion was passed and the warrant was signed. Selectman Thomas Abugelis did not vote nor did he sign the warrant as he was recused.

Administrative Matters:

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman William Farnum supported approval of a building permit for map 218 lot 8. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman William Farnum supported approval of a timber tax warrant for \$1663.83. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts made a motion to sign the amended conservational easement for the Alt property due to change of ownership. William Farnum seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Cassandra notarized the Selectmen's signatures on the easement.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman William Farnum supported approval of the Minutes of 12/21/2006. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman William Farnum supported approval of an intent to cut for map 212 lot 23. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Rick Canfield sent a letter to the board of selectmen asking for a reassessment of his property. His home is unfinished and deemed uninhabitable by the Fire Marshall. Mr.

Canfield's property will be put in the "pick up" file for when Phil Bodwell of CNP comes in. Cassandra will send a response to Mr. Canfield's letter and check to see if he paid his 2nd issue taxes.

Pat Farley requested a copy of the current map and cost sheet the Selectmen received from FST.

Chairman John Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Selectman William Farnum seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Glidden

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

John Roberts

William Farnum

Thomas Abugelis