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PRESENT Mariette Ross, David Haskell, John Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT Cassandra Pearce, Daniel Poirier, Anne Abear, John Mersfelder, Ned Beecher, invited guests and members of the community.

Chairman Mariette Ross opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

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Public Input None

Police Department Police Chief Daniel Poirier presented the 2005 stats for the Police Department for the Board to review. Chief Poirier indicated the number of calls that were received by Carroll County Dispatch center for the Town of Tamworth was 5,080 with 2,710 of these calls requiring calls for service for the year 2005. Further, Chief Poirier indicated this number is up from 2004. The Board reviewed the information presented by Chief Poirier and asked questions regarding the figures that were shown. The Board discussed burglar alarms for a S. Tamworth property and Chief Poirier discussed a recommended policy to charge property owners after the 3rd false alarm.

Chief Poirier discussed part time officers indicating to the Board that the Tamworth Police Department does not have part time officers available to work at this time. The Board recommended Chief Poirier consider advertising for the position.

Chief Poirier discussed the dog officer and the current situation regarding the relocation of the animal shelter. Chief Poirier advised the Board Jeff Tavares who currently is a volunteer fireman, was willing to take over the position. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported hiring Jeff Tavares as the dog officer for the Town of Tamworth. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Administrative Anne Abear discussed the following with the Board:

Town Meeting: The Board was requested to determine what day (Wednesday or Saturday) they would like to hold Town Meeting this year. After some discussion, the Board decided they would try a Saturday. The date of this meeting is to be determined.

Sled Dog Races: It was announced that the Tamworth Outing Club would hold sled dog races on January 28 and January 29 on Chocorua Lake.

Parking Ordinance for Chocorua Lake: The Board advised they would like to check with Town Attorney to determine if the requested ordinance can be added to the parking ordinance being worked on by the Board with Town Attorney. This ordinance will be discussed at a future meeting.

Councilor Raymond Burton: The Board was requested to review an annual report from Councilor Raymond Burton for the 2005 Town Report. The Board stated they would review the report and determine at a future meeting whether they would place this into the Town report.

Private Road Waiver for Map/Lot 214-100: *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported acceptance of an Agreement and Release regarding a building permit for a private road for Map/Lot 214-100. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Private Road Waiver for Map/Lot 213-063: *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported acceptance of an Agreement and Release regarding a building permit for a private road for Map/Lot 213-063. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Abatement for Map/Lot 211-020-400: The Board was requested to sign an abatement for map/lot 211-020-400 for a lien that was placed on a billboard that was billed under the incorrect owner. The Board declined signing this abatement until after they review the billboard/sign ordinance at a future meeting.

Approval of minutes: *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported acceptance of minutes dated December 12, December 15 and December 19, 2005 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.* Selectmen Haskell noted an omission from these minutes that Anne Abear completed Level II of the Local Government Center's training for Municipal Leadership Classes and the Cassandra Pearce had completed Level I.

Intents to cut: *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported approval of notice of intent to cut forms for Maps/Lots 414-065, 209-030 and 415-055. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Request to build on a private road for map/lot 405-014-000: It was noted that the Planning Board has reviewed and granted the request of property owners on map/lot 405-014-000 to build on a private road. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported acceptance of property owners listed as map/lot 405-014-000 to build on a private road. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Board Meeting Scheduled: The Board was reminded of a meeting scheduled for January 9, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. The Board was requested to pick up the information for that meeting after this meeting.

Mariette Ross discussed property listed as map/lot 408-053 on Washington Hill Road owned by Robert & Heidi Moore. Mr. & Mrs. Moore came to the Board requesting help to correct a water problem from the road run off. John Roberts indicated he would review the property. David Haskell asked if dropping a load of sand above the driveway would help divert the water. John Roberts stated he was unsure, as he has not looked at the property.

Non-Public Session

Mariette Ross moved at 4:40 p.m. to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91 A:3 II c- (request for welfare assistance). David Haskell supported this motion. The Board was polled and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mariette Ross moved at 4:51 p.m. to adjourn the non-public session. David Haskell supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board discussed a recent application received by the Welfare Director for assistance from a resident in Town. The Board was advised the application is being reviewed for qualification.

Conservation Commission

Right to Know Law

The Board met with John Mersfelder and Ned Beecher of the Tamworth Conservation Commission who requested this meeting be open to the public. The meeting was regarding a letter written by a resident of the Town indicating he would like to have minutes of a meeting that, according to him should have been a posted and public meeting held on March 18, 2005. John Mersfelder read a prepared statement to the Board (which is attached to the minutes in hard copy for anyone who would like to review it.)

Ned Beecher indicated he would provide copies of emails and other correspondence to the Board if they requested regarding the communication held with the landowner. John Mersfelder continued by stating the process of acquiring easements from landowners is very complex and can be a very sensitive matter. Some landowners do not want to be identified at the beginning of the process. Ned Beecher stated he did not feel that most of the preliminary work done by members of the Conservation Commission would be considered meetings.

The Board advised the information and letters received by the Selectmen (also attached to the minutes for the permanent record) have been sent to Town Counsel for his review. John Mersfelder and Ned Beecher requested to be invited to any meetings held with Town Counsel regarding this issue. John Roberts advised both members of the Conservation Commission it is best to post meeting and publish minutes and that the Conservation Commission was not the only Board being called to task or being monitored for posting meeting and publishing minutes at this time. John Mersfelder and Ned Beecher both indicated they understood.

Adjournment

Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported adjourning the meeting at 5:06 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board

Mariette Ross

David Haskell

John Roberts