

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
January 19, 2006
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PRESENT Mariette Ross, David Haskell and John Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT Cassandra Pearce, Daniel Poirier, Anne Abear, 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 Mr. Tom Peters announced the Chocorua Community Association and the Tamworth Community Association would be holding Candidate Nights on February 6 and March 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the UUF Church. Mr. Peters advised that Mr. George Cleveland would be moderating the events.

Ms. Susan Ticehurst expressed concern regarding the decision of the Board of Selectmen to rent a vote counting machine for the March 2006 election. Ms. Ticehurst indicated at Town Meeting 2005 this machine was removed from the budget and stated she felt there was enough interest from voters in Tamworth to count the ballots. Additionally, Ms. Ticehurst discussed she has had conversations with the Secretary of State's Office who gave her information on counting ballots and there are more efficient ways to complete the counting other than how the Town counts them now. The Board indicated they are going to rent the machine to try it this year as they feel this is more efficient than hand counting.

Police Department Police Chief Daniel Poirier discussed the lease purchase of a vehicle for the 2006 budget. Chief Poirier indicated, after conversations with Miller's Auto they may have a difficult time finding a 2006 vehicle for Tamworth Police Department. Tamworth may have to purchase a 2007 vehicle. Chief Poirier confirmed the amount placed into the warrant article for the lease purchase would be sufficient funding for the vehicle whether it is a 2006 or 2007.

Chief Poirier discussed and distributed a revised warrant article for consideration to be placed onto the 2006 warrant. This article is for the parking regulations wanted for the Chocorua Lake area. Mr. Tom Peters indicated he was prepared to get a petitioned warrant article if the Board would not place this onto the warrant. Further, Mr. Peters indicated if the article was petitioned it would change by requiring barriers being required at the parking area. The Board advised Mr. Peters that this would be sent to the Town Attorney to see it could be placed within the parking ordinance of the Town; and whether the wording was accurately written for legality. Mr. Peters was requested to contact the Town Office the following week to see if the Town Attorney had responded to the Board's questions.

Chief Poirier discussed the contract signed with the Conway Humane Society and stated they were all set taking dogs, but were checking on taking cats. Chief Poirier indicated 6 dog calls have come in within a 3-day period. This was keeping the dog officer busy.

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Recess *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported recessing the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Reconvene *Mariette Ross called the meeting back to order at 4:24 p.m.*

Fire Chief

Radio Grant Chief Steve Solomon presented documentation for the Board to sign for a grant from Homeland Security in the amount of \$20,666.80 for the purchase of 11 radios for the Tamworth Fire Department. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported signing for this grant. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Chief Solomon indicated the Rescue department should be bringing in their grant request also as they are due 1/24/06.

**Pay for Fire
Department
Personnel**

Diane Bowles, David Bowles and Steve Solomon discussed pay for fire fighters and rescue department personnel with the Board. Mrs. Bowles indicated she understood the Board to state that the fire fighters and rescue personnel would not have to claim the amount of money they received in 2005. John Roberts indicated the Board advised the fire department personnel and rescue personnel that they would not be paid any differently in 2005 than they had been in 2004. Pay to the personnel did not change in 2005. If an individual received \$600 or more, they received a 1099 as they have before. Mrs. Bowles and Mr. Bowles indicated they have dealt with this in the past and she has brought this to the Board who corrected the situation. Mrs. Bowles indicated this pay was for mileage. The Board indicated no change had been made in the way the individuals were paid in 2005. 1099's must be issued to individuals earning \$600 or more. The Board advised 2006 payment would be made through the payroll system as members of the fire and rescue departments must be considered employees of the Town.

**South Tamworth
Fire Station Land**

The Board discussed land abutting the South Tamworth Fire Station that will be donated to the Town with Mr. Bowles. Mrs. Pearce questioned if the deed indicated it would be given to the Town? Mr. Bowles indicated it would be.

**Mt. Washington
Economic Council**

Mr. Jac Cutty attended the meeting to discuss the programs offered by the Mt. Washington Economic Council. Mr. Cutty indicated the council assists in the economic development of Towns such as Tamworth, Freedom, Madison, Bartlett and two (2) towns in Maine. The council offers many programs to assist small businesses in getting started to include office space and areas for the small businesses to "incubate" or start their business. Many grants are offered or sought through the Council. Mr. Cutty explained the grants and how the Council has discovered the need to open a facility in which UNH,

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Laconia Tech and Plymouth State College will be bringing classes to the site for area residents to be offered courses closer to home.

The Board discussed moving a sign located on Route 16 that welcomes travelers to the Mt. Washington Valley. Mr. Cutty indicated this sign is the property of the Mt. Washington Chamber of Commerce, not the Economic Council. The Board was requested to contact them directly.

The Board discussed a relocation and guidebook that is being put together by the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Council and the request to release the \$100 to the Council for the year. The Board approved the release of the funds.

Administrative

Mrs. Pearce discussed the following with the Board:

1. The Directory Guide Book request for information from the Mt. Washington Economic Council and the Chamber of Commerce. The Board indicated they would like to review the information and would discuss this at a later date.
2. The Board discussed and authorized payment of \$39.75 to the Other Store for items purchased during the year 2004 that were not billed to the Town until now.
3. Mrs. Pearce discussed a warrant article of 2003 that authorized the Board of Selectmen to purchase land after a public hearing of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.
4. The Board discussed the minutes of January 9 in which Mr. Haskell recommended sending out letters to individuals who own billboards in Town. The Board decided they would not be sending out letters at this time and no changes to the minutes would be made.
5. Mrs. Pearce announced the public hearing on the budget would be held on February 16, 2006 at 5pm, voting day will be held on March 14 and Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m.
6. The Board discussed Ron and Heidi Moore's property and John Roberts recommended holding off until spring. Mr. Roberts indicated at that time, the Road Agent should be able to present a resolution to the problem.
7. Mrs. Pearce indicated the KA Brett School has approved the use of the school for Town Meeting on March 18.
8. Mrs. Pearce stated she contacted the Town of Gilford and they are working on putting together the personnel evaluation policy information to be sent to us.
9. John Roberts discussed the meeting held on Friday, January 13 at Brox pit with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Solomon, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Haskell and himself in attendance. The Fire Department is indicating they would need approximately 5 acres of land for their use. Mrs. Pearce discussed her concern of the right of way being used by private vehicles in conjunction with the construction and emergency vehicles. Mr. Roberts indicated the right of way is 30 feet wide and the Fire Department agreed they must be able to use the full width of the right of way. Mr. Roberts stated the Fire Department has confirmed they are unable to expand at the current central station location.

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10. The Board discussed the project list that was created in 2005.
11. The Board requested Bruce Robinson and Chief Poirier attend a meeting of the Board on 1/26/06 to discuss the proposed Traffic and Road Regulation policy.
12. Mr. Haskell discussed reviewing the proposed personnel policy at the meeting of 1/26/06.
13. Mariette Ross stated she received an inquiry from Guy Pennell regarding why Shawn's Auto does not have a junkyard permit. She advised the rest of the Board that this business was selling parts to another business in Madbury. The Board indicated the Attorney was working on this project.
14. Mariette Ross discussed getting a roll off dumpster to place tires into at the Transfer Station, as it may be less expensive than paying a per tire disposal fee. Mrs. Ross indicated she would get the information for the Town Office.
15. Mariette Ross presented new monthly expense guidelines for welfare assistance for residents who apply for assistance through the Town. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported accepting the rates as presented. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Non-Public Session

Mariette Ross moved at 6:01 p.m. and David Haskell supported entering into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II c – matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a member of this Board. The Board was polled and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mariette Ross moved at 6:35 p.m. and David Haskell supported adjourning the non-public session. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the work schedule of a Town employee and the recent court decision in favor of the Board of Selectmen. The Board further discussed payment to subpoenaed individuals and reimbursement to the Town for legal fees. Mrs. Pearce was requested to look into this information; no decisions were made during this non-public session.

Recess

Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported recessing the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Reconvene

Mariette Ross brought the meeting back to order at 6:40 p.m.

Administrative Part II

1. David Haskell discussed whether the Board of Selectmen should write a letter to the SAU office regarding using the interest to reduce the new building bond. Mr. Haskell indicated the School Board was working on sending a letter to the SAU Office. John Roberts and Mariette Ross declined to write a letter at this time and felt the letter from the School Board would be sufficient.
2. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported approval of intent to cuts for maps/lots 419-007 and 420-015. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

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3. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported acceptance of the 2006 Board of Selectmen's Meeting Schedule. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Note: Meetings are held at 4:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday and 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.*
4. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported approving and signing an authorization to sell fireworks for the owners of map/lot 210-012-001. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. The Board was advised of a \$1,000 donation received from this property owner for the 4th of July fireworks.*
5. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported denying a Veteran's Tax Credit for map/lot 420-042. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
6. The Board then discussed positions on the Board of Selectmen that would be coming open in March of 2006 and the upcoming calendar of events scheduled for and around the upcoming Town Meeting.

Adjournment

Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported adjourning the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board

Mariette Ross

David Haskell

John Roberts