

**Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
February 1, 2007
Tamworth Town Office**

Members Present:

Chairman John Roberts, Selectman Tom Abugelis and Selectman William Farnum

Others Present:

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

Chairman John Roberts called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Administrative Matters:

Cassandra Pearce handed the Board the Town Warrant to review. Article 1 – 4 will be voted on at the town elections and article 5 and on will be voted on at Town Meeting. It was decided that the articles on the highway reserve funds would go after the Public Works article. Cassandra will ask David Bowles if he wants the Transportation Enhancement Capital Reserve Fund to be on the warrant again. There was a discussion on not having warrant article petitioned for next year so you can list them all in one warrant. Even if there is warrants lumped together in one article, you could still amend certain parts of the warrant at Town Meeting. February 6th is the last day to submit petitioned articles. The Public Hearing is on February 15th and the board will make their recommendations after the hearing. The Town Report needs to be out by March 6th. The Building Notification and Floodplain Ordinance will try to be on the ballot for Election Day rather than on the Warrant for Town Meeting. Town Attorney Rick Sager and the DRA will review the Warrant before Town Meeting.

Cassandra had Janet Conner look into why Michael Ultiz said there was not enough money in the Rescue Vehicle fund to release requested funds for the Rescue Squads bills. Janet said that \$20,000 for the rescue fund got deposited into the Atwood fund. Cassandra asked Janet why the Trustees year-end report did not show that and Janet said that it was her who did the report and not Michael Ulitz, who is in charge of cutting checks and making the deposits. Cassandra will send a letter, with the Boards signatures, requesting minutes for the last three years and quarterly reports for 2006 and all future quarterly reports.

Cassandra told the Board that Linda Jones stopped by and said she is helping the library with their year-end taxes and paper work. Linda questioned the fact that the Library was paying Unemployment Tax. Cassandra told Linda that the Library should not be paying Unemployment Tax, as they are part of Municipal Government, they should be exempt. If the Library were to ask the town to take over the books again, the town would not have a problem with it.

Rick Sager looked into information from the Secretary of the State on how to list names on ballots. Rick recommends pulling names out of a hat and so they will appear on the ballot in random order under each category. Rick also looked into "Church vs. State" and said we could list churches on the web site as "Places of Worship".

The town got a notice that Public Service on 289 Maple Drive is having a commenting period on their expansion. Selectman William Farnum said he would like a copy of the notice.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman William Farnum supported approval of a building permit for map 202 lot 2. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman Tom Abugelis supported approval of the minutes of January 25th. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman Tom Abugelis supported approval of the non-public minutes of January 25th. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Selectman Tom Abugelis made a motion to approve notice of excavation for map 218 lot 98. Selectman William Farnum seconded this motion. Motion Passed. Chairman John Roberts abstained from this vote.

Cassandra will have Chief Dan Poirier and Chief Steve Solomon look at a permit to sell fireworks for map 210 lot 12 sub lot 1.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman Tom Abugelis supported approval of the contract for Commerford, Nieder and Perkins LLC. for the 3rd year of a 5 year contract. Vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

The Sled Dog races are postponed until March 10th and 11th.

Kevin Gagne of FST told Cassandra that the Bio-retention grant for \$50,000 has been approved; Cassandra has not seen written proof of this yet.

Kevin sent Cassandra a drafted working schedule:

Engineering study report submittal 2/15/07; DOT and Town review 2/15/07 – 3/15/07 (4 wks)

Preliminary design phase 3/15/07 to 4/15/07 (4 wks); DOT and Town review 4/15/07 – 5/15/07 (4 wks)

Final design phase 5/15/07 – 6/15/07 (4 wks); DOT and Town review then bid docs 6/15/07 – 7/15/07

Permitting 6/15/07 to 8/1/07 (6 wks)

Advertise / bid award 8/1/07 – 9/15/07 (6 wks)

NTP construction September 07

Construction later summer / fall

Selectman William Farnum has concerns if the State has approved the preliminary plan yet. Cassandra will contact Kevin and find out. Chairman John Roberts has concerns of the bid time. You would get the best price if it were bid in the fall for spring 08 construction. Selectman Tom Abugelis was recused from the entire Chocorua Project discussion.

Chairman John Roberts called for a recess at 4:26 p.m.

Chairman John Roberts called the meeting back to order at 5:00 p.m.

Department Heads:

Police

Next week Sergeant Shawn Varney will give a presentation of the Taser. After the presentation Sergeant Varney will give a demonstration on Officer Anthony Castaldo. Sergeant Varney is a certified instructor on Tasers and the Taser used will be borrowed from Moultonboro.

Highway

Bruce spent the day preparing for a storm. He thanked the Police Department for helping the Highway crew with the icy areas on the roads.

Public Comment

David Haskell asked the Board to add an article that would change the name of the Veterans Triangle from “Veterans Monument Plot” to “Veterans Memorial”. The Board did not have a problem with adding the article to the warrant.

Chairman John Roberts made a motion that this Board grant the Planning Board’s request for a 90 day extension on the new CMI application, which was accepted by the Planning Board on December 27, 2006, to provide the Planning Board time to request a stay from the Carroll County Superior Court allowing the Planning Board to postpone deciding on the new CMI application until such time as the NH Supreme Court and the Carroll County Superior Court have ruled on the pending supreme and superior court cases that involve CMI and the Tamworth Wetlands Ordinance. Selectman William Farnum seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Jim Hoensheid asked the Selectmen whether or not Selectman Farnum should recuse himself from matters pertaining to CMI. Chairman John Roberts told him that we had received their Attorneys letter requesting this and that Attorney Sager will or has sent a response to Attorney Dupree that Selectman William Farnum will not be recusing himself. Mr. Hoensheid wanted the record to note his request of the recusal of Selectman William Farnum. Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Diane Robinson from the Chocorua Ladies Aid asked if she could sell cookies at the deliberative session. The Board is okay with it.

On February 24th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and February 25th from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mt. Madness will be holding a snodeo. Ossipee asked the Tamworth Police Department if they could do detail. They are expecting 5000 to 6000 people. The State is allowing parking along Rt. 25 and parking is expected to extend into Tamworth.

Andrea Kennett spoke with the Board regarding Sustainable Tamworth. She is looking for a place to have a bulletin board to allow networking for those interested or have questions regarding all aspects of agriculture. She mentioned using the Town House but the Selectman mentioned that they couldn’t leave the Town House unlocked for extended periods of time for people to go in and get information. It was suggested that she look into using the Library or contacting the Tamworth Historical Society and see if she can use their building. David Haskell mentioned that they also could try the Remick Museum or the meeting room at the Tri Cap building.

Selectman William Farnum said that Med Star’s bills are not easily understandable. When people get their bills they feel obligated to pay them due to the wording on the bills. If the Tamworth citizen transported has insurance, their insurance is supposed to pay for it. If the citizen does not have insurance, the ambulance is covered by the contracted price the town pays. The Board will come up with a letter to Med Star stating the confusion on the bill and tell Med Star the wording should be clearer.

Chairman John Roberts made a motion to adjourn at 5:48 p.m. Selectman TomAbugelis seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Glidden

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

John Roberts

William Farnum

Thomas Abugelis