

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
February 2, 2006
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PRESENT Mariette Ross, David Haskell, John Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT Cassandra Pearce, Daniel Poirier, Bruce Robinson, John Mersfelder, Ned Beecher, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Daniel Poirier disbursed copies of the January 2006 police log for the Board to review. Further, Chief Poirier indicated copies of this log would run in the local paper. Chief Poirier discussed dogs owned by residents next to the Town Office. Chief Poirier discussed a stolen vehicle incident in which \$8,000 worth of electronic equipment was recovered. Chief Poirier discussed Sergeant Frank Suprenard being on an emergency vacation for a family matter.

David Haskell discussed the following with Chief Poirier:

1. A request for random enforcement on the corner of Gardner Hill Road and Brewster Hill Road.
2. A stop sign at the end of Old Mail Road and Gardner Hill Road. John Roberts advised no changes have taken place in this area and the stop sign where it presently is located is adequate.

Road Regulations Policy

The Board reviewed and amended the road and traffic regulations policy with Bruce Robinson and Daniel Poirier. After changes were made to this policy, the Board requested it be sent to Attorney Sager for final review and a public hearing would be scheduled.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mrs. Cassandra Pearce discussed the following with the Board:

1. Checks that were brought back to the finance office by the treasurer due to notes being placed onto them by David Haskell who had questions on the individual invoices. The checks were:
 - a. A check to the Local Government Center – for the law lecture series of books. The Board agreed to order one set and to forward the information to the planning board should they want a set.
 - b. American Air Systems – for cleaning of the Town Office Furnaces. Mrs. Pearce explained that the Board approved a contract for the heating inspection in the amount of \$360. David Haskell advised the tests of the furnaces should

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have all been attached to the invoice. After further review, *Mariette Ross moved and John Roberts supported making the payment to American Air Systems. Vote was: Ross, Yes, Roberts, Yes, Haskell, No. Motion passed.*

- c. Bruce Robinson – sand & salt loading fees. The Board discussed with Bruce Robinson the cost of sand and salt. Mr. Robinson advised the cost was \$4.00 per ton picked up at his pit. After much discussion, John Roberts and Bruce Robinson agreed the cost was estimated after the equipment rental to be \$11/yd being paid by the Town.

Bruce Robinson indicated he has tried untreated sand to see if it would work on the roads.

2. Mrs. Pearce discussed the Wage & Classification study that was recently conducted by the Local Government Center. The employees have been given an opportunity to address any concerns they may have regarding the wages or their job descriptions. The only request for further review is from the Transfer Station Manager in which that employee indicates a class IV certification and annual hazmat training is required. The Board requested Mrs. Pearce check with other Town's on this certification and training requirement and then check with the Local Government Center to determine if this would change the wage level for the employee if this training were required.
3. Mrs. Pearce presented two sets of septic plans for the Board to review. One set of plans was reviewed and approved by the Board for signing after review by the Conservation Commission Chairman. The other set of plans presented was requested to be sent back to the designer for the correct wording as required by the Town.
4. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported approval of building waivers for maps/lots 206-004 and 207-024. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
5. Mariette Ross read a statement addressed to taxpayers of Town regarding a recent court decision. The statement addressed the expenses the Town has incurred to fight a case brought by Mr. William Farnum. The Board requested Mr. Farnum reimburse the taxpayers of the Town the amount expended of \$4,202.70. After the statement was read the Board signed a letter addressed to Mr. Farnum indicating their request.
6. *Mariette Ross moved to accept and David Haskell supported intent to cuts for maps/lots 410-001, 406-055, 410-057, 209-030, and 415-055. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
7. Mrs. Pearce announced that the Timber Monitor for the Town has resigned effective 1/31/06. Mrs. Pearce indicated she has contacted the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Madison and the Town of Sandwich to see if they have recommendations for a replacement.

**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION –
RSA 91-A
CONCERNS**

The Board met with John Mersfelder and Ned Beecher of the Conservation Commission regarding concerns brought to the Board regarding posting subcommittee meetings. Mariette Ross questioned Mr. Mersfelder on how many were appointed to the subcommittee. Mr. Mersfelder stated 4 members of the Conservation Commission were appointed to the subcommittee. Mariette Ross indicated the subcommittee when it met, did not have a quorum of the subcommittee with only 2 members of the committee present; therefore, it should not have been a posted meeting that required minutes to be taken. The Board requested members of the Conservation Commission to receive a copy of Attorney Sager's correspondence regarding this matter.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
MATTERS – CONT.**

8. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported acceptance of the meeting minutes dated January 24, 2006 meeting with the Finance Committee. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
9. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported acceptance of the meeting minutes dated January 24, 2006 work session. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
10. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported acceptance of an agreement and release to build for map/lot 206-030. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
11. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported approval of a building permit for map/lot 206-030. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
12. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported approval of a building permit for map/lot 206-002. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
13. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported approval of an abatement for map/lot 216-190 as recommended by the assessors. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
14. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported approval of an abatement for map/lot 413-021 as recommended by the assessors. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
15. *The Board discussed the State of NH Department of Safety's E-911 department's request for liaisons for the Town of Tamworth. The Board approved the liaisons being Anne Abear and Cassandra Pearce for the purpose of confirming street numbers with this State department.*
16. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported Donald Huckins and David Bowles as Deputy Wardens for the Fire Department. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
17. *Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported approval of a copier agreement with Porter Office Machines for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

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18. Mrs. Pearce discussed an RSA presented to the Town Office questioning the voting machine that will be used for Town Meeting 2006. Mrs. Pearce announced that the machine had been approved by the State and was acceptable for the upcoming election.
19. Mrs. Pearce discussed a requested meeting between Mr. Byard and Attorney Greene who are requesting to meet with the Town's Assessor. Mrs. Pearce advised Tamworth's Town Attorney recommended no meeting be held and that if Mr. Mock would like to file for an abatement for his property, that he has every right to do so. The Board of Selectmen agreed with this action. Further, Mrs. Pearce advised the assessor had already met with Mr. Mock.
20. Mrs. Pearce discussed placing a notice in the local newspaper regarding the 2005 revaluation properties being completed and how, if any, changes are being made to assessments from this update. The Board agreed and requested Mrs. Pearce draft a notice for them to review.
21. Mrs. Pearce discussed a request of David Haskell to attend training at UNH. The training is scheduled for after elections. The Board authorized Mr. Haskell to sign up for these classes, but did not authorize any payment until after the Town elections.
22. Mrs. Pearce discussed and disbursed copies of the requested information regarding Tamworth from the Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Council. Mrs. Pearce requested the Board review the information and to respond to her by 2/7/06 with comments.
23. Mrs. Pearce distributed asbestos concern flyers that were recently dropped off by an employee of NH Department of Environmental Services.
24. Mrs. Pearce discussed compost bins and kitchen pails that can be ordered from Northeast Resource Recovery Association and NH the Beautiful. The Board agreed to take orders for these items at the Transfer Station as a fundraiser. It was announced that orders are due by March 20. Anyone wishing to purchase these items can see Glenn Johnson at the Transfer Station.
25. Mrs. Pearce announced that the Highway Block Grant funds expected for 2006 has been decreased; therefore, at the budget hearing the expense line should be reduced to reflect this decrease.
26. Mrs. Pearce announced that the public hearing on the budget for 2006 would be held on February 16 at 5pm and Town Meeting would be held on March 18 at 10:00 a.m.
27. The Board will hold its meeting scheduled for February 9, 2006 starting at 4:00 p.m. Then they will meet with the Finance Committee at 6:15 p.m.

**NON-PUBLIC
SESSION**

Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported entering into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:III c – personnel at 5:45 p.m. The Board was polled and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported adjourning the non-public session at 6:07 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board discussed 2 worker's compensation cases that have been filed against the Town as work related injuries.

The Board further discussed compensation for the Town Office personnel. No decisions were made during this non-public session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mariette Ross moved and David Haskell supported adjourning this meeting at 6:15 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board

Mariette Ross

David Haskell

John Roberts