

**Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
March 8, 2007  
Tamworth Town Office**

**Members Present:**

Chairman John Roberts, Selectman Tom Abugelis and Selectman William Farnum

**Others Present:**

Cassandra Pearce, Tina Glidden, Shawn Varney, Steve Solomon, Bruce Robinson, Mary Mills, Harold Cook, Janet Connor, Mike Ultiz, John Mersfelder and members of the public.

Chairman John Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**Police Department**

Sergeant Shawn Varney handed out the Police Departments monthly statistics. He said that the elections, dog sled races and town meeting would be covered. Sergeant Shawn Varney also told the Board that Chief Dan Poirier would be at the meeting tomorrow as scheduled.

**Highway Department**

Bruce Robinson said he will post the roads tomorrow and that everything is all set for the dog sled races.

**Fire Department**

Chief Steve Solomon handed the Board a letter regarding the insurance savings if the town were to go from ISO class 9 to ISO class 8. Out of the seven insurance companies sampled two did not provide insurance to homes that were farther than 1000 feet away from a hydrant. The potential savings from the remaining five insurance companies ranged from between \$40.00 and \$100.00. Chief stressed to the Board that there is no guarantee to save. The only costs involved for doing the test to reduce the ISO class would be fuel.

**Conservation Commission**

John Mersfelder suggested to the board that they send directives to the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board to make sure all ordinances are observed and recognized. He also suggested the Board send out statements that show Town ordinances in place whenever land is sold. John Mersfelder mentioned that good buildable lots are getting fewer resulting in lots within the Flood Plain and Wetlands being left.

**Trustees of the Trust Fund**

Harold Cook said that the people who do the cemetery maintenance do work for other people so he does not know why we have to provide workers comp. insurance for them as they are not Town employees. Cassandra Pearce told Harold that they fall under the Towns workers

comp. because they do not provide certificate of insurance. She also suggested to Harold that he have the cemetery workers look into how much it would cost the workers for liability insurance. Chairman John Roberts told Harold that if it were just one individual working than that person only needs liability insurance but if he has someone working under him than the other person would need workers comp. insurance. Harold Cook gave Cassandra a map of all the cemeteries in town. Harold Cook asked if we could start a “adopt a cemetery” program similar to the states “adopt a highway” program. Selectman William Farnum said the Town would check with the insurance company regarding liability.

Harold Cook said that there are no minutes from the Trustees of the Trust Funds due to the fact that the Trustees do not have meetings. Each person has their own responsibility and does it. If something needs to be mentioned or there is a question a phone call is placed. Selectman William Farnum said that a written record should be made on any decision even if the decision was not made at a meeting.

Selectman Tom Abugelis said the Board would like quarterly reports from the Trustees. Janet Conner said that quarterly reports would not be beneficial as almost all of the money going out happens at the end of the year, which shows in the year-end statement for the auditor and Town Report.

## **Bearcamp Valley School**

Nancy Coville addressed the board regarding her warrant article not being supported. She said that she did not ask for more money even though her overhead has gone up. The funding she requests is for the after school program is for Tamworth children only. Her service fills the gaps that the public schools and communities do not fill. Chairman John Roberts said that what he sees is that the number of Tamworth children attending is down and the school is still requesting the same amount as previous years. Selectman Tom Abugelis said the school might have a better chance for funding if they lowered the request for funds at Town Meeting. Selectman William Farnum suggested increasing the schools fees to cover increased expenses.

## **Public Comment**

Kate Vachon gave Cassandra a letter to give the board from Jack Waldron about a hearing on SB190 on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>. SB190 is a bill introduce to the NH Senate to create a Study committee to review the repeal of RSA 287-G. RSA 287-G prevents all municipalities in NH from regulating certain racetracks. The Board will review the letter and discuss at the next meeting.

Cassandra gave the board two web site application forms, one for businesses and one for organizations. The Board would like the words “business” and “organization” in the heading. Cassandra will change the headings and give a copy to Kate Vachon.

Pat Farley said that Tom Peters would like the Board to submit a letter to the Conway Daily Sun stating that the Board supports the Master Survey and encourages everyone to fill it out. The Board will put a letter in the Independent and the Daily Sun.

Pat Farley mentioned that Senator Judd Gregg said that with the change in parties, the Democratic Party is wiping the slate clean of potential efforts to improve roads. The State is going more towards funding by matching funds. John Gotchen is going to send the whole request package, for the Chocorua Village Safety Improvement Project, to Senator Judd Gregg’s office.

## Administrative Matters

Cassandra reminded the Board of Tomorrows meeting with DOT, Chief Dan Poirer, Bruce Robinson and Chief Steve Solomon.

Cassandra told the Board that Inventories of Taxable Properties went out today, the audit is finished, Betty Bowles is in Maine Med. and Daylight Savings time is this weekend. The Board will go over the Chocorua Project next week.

The DRA finished the review of the 2006 Revaluation. The DRA only allows 7 points on mistakes and they only found 3 minor ones, which was very good.

Cassandra received a letter from the Lakes Region Planning Commission. They need an alternate representative for the commission. Chairman John Roberts told Cassandra that Wayne Lloyd is supposed to be the alternate. Cassandra will send in Mr. Lloyds name to the commission.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman Tom Abugelis supported approval of an supplemental intent to cut for map 407 lot 65. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman William Farnum supported approval of an abatement, at the Tax Collectors request, for map 217 lot 33. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman Tom Abugelis supported approval of the minutes of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed. Selectman William Farnum did not vote, as he was not present at that meeting.

Selectman William Farnum received a call from Officer Gerald Perreault after speaking with Lt Nate Bothbee. There has been a revocation of Angels License to deal submitted. If the owner reapplies to the town, the town can put stipulations on the amount of vehicles allowed on the lot.

*Chairman John Roberts made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Selectman Tom Abugelis seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Glidden

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

John Roberts

William Farnum

Thomas Abugelis