

**Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
March 15, 2007  
Tamworth Town Office**

**Members Present:**

Chairman John Roberts, Selectman Tom Abugelis and Selectman William Farnum

**Others Present:**

Cassandra Pearce, Tina Glidden, Shawn Varney, Dan Poirier, Bruce Robinson and Chris Canfield.

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

**Police Department**

Chief Dan Poirier said that Officer Anthony Castaldo graduates from his class tomorrow pending passing his final exam. Chief Poirier will meet with Dick Green from the DOT Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 to go over the signage options. It will take 3 – 4 weeks to get the signs made.

**Administration**

Selectman William Farnum drafted a letter, regarding SB190, stating that the Town of Tamworth supports SB190. A sentence of the drafted letter was discussed and changed. Selectman William Farnum made a motion to approve said letter as amended. Chairman John Roberts seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Cassandra Pearce will type up a new letter with changes and the Selectmen will come into the office and sign it.

**Chocorua Project**

FST sent in a binder with information from the start of the project to current. Cassandra talked to Kevin Gagne to see if the DOT has given their approval of section 1B. Kevin said Ram is out until Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> but he will keep on him for an answer. Kevin has a meeting with the state on Wednesday, which will include the Army Corp. of Engineers and possibly Wetlands to go over the project. We should have an answer from the State by next Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Tom Peters said he would like to bring the new Commissioner Charles O'Leary into the project and ask for additional funding. Selectman William Farnum asked Cassandra to draft a letter to Commissioner O'Leary stating that we look forward to working with the State and seeing the project to completion.

Cassandra presented a warrant to the Board for \$1101.30 for FST's engineering services.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman William Farnum supported a motion to sign the Warrant for \$1101.30 for FST's engineering services. Motion passed.

Selectman Tom Abugelis was recused from the entire Chocorua Project discussion and vote.

**Administrative Matters**

Selectman William Farnum presented a letter to Governor Lynch encouraging him to come to Tamworth and speak on the issue of rural health care at the Tamworth Community Nurse

Associations annual meeting in August and that the Board is very proud of the Tamworth Community Nurses Association.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman Tom Abugelis supported approval of the letter to Governor Lynch. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **Moderator**

Chris Canfield came before the Board to check in and discuss Town Meeting. Cassandra handed out binders to the Board that included info they may need for Town Meeting. Cassandra also mentioned that this is the last year of Pine Tree Powers Pilot.

Chairman John Roberts asked Cassandra if any of the Department Heads had a problem with the merging of articles. She said there were no real negative comments.

Selectman Tom Abugelis said he heard that people are going to request ballots for votes because it is a truer vote and they do not always want their neighbors to know how they vote.

Selectman Tom Abugelis asked Chris if he could face the audience as he was sworn in. Chris said he planned on doing a mass swearing in and it would be fine if Selectman Tom Abugelis faced the audience.

Tom Peters said he would have the surveys in the vestibule.

### **Appointments**

Selectman Tom Abugelis said he would like to do reassignments of select duties tonight so they can announce them at the end of the Town Meeting.

Chairman John motioned for a recess at 6:30 p.m. Selectman William Farnum seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Meeting reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

Selectman Tom Abugelis moved and Chairman John Roberts supported appointing Selectman William Farnum as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman William Farnum supported approval of Selectman Tom Abugelis as Selectmen's rep to the Planning Board and Selectman William Farnum as alternate Selectmen's rep to the Planning Board. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Selectman William Farnum said he would continue with the Conservation meetings.

Selectman William Farnum made a motion for Selectman Tom Abugelis to continue as Welfare Director. Chairman John Roberts seconded this motion.

Selectman Tom Abugelis said that he no longer wants to be Welfare Director. With the summer coming he feels he will be too busy with his ice cream business to be able to do the job. Selectman Tom Abugelis gave his verbal resignation to the Board effective one month from March 15, 2007. Selectman William Farnum withdrew his motion and Chairman John Roberts withdrew his second. Selectman William Farnum will let the board know next week if he is interested in the position.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman Tom Abugelis supported appointing Selectman William Farnum to the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **Administrative**

Cassandra told the Board that she received the draft of the recent audit. Cassandra also received a new contract for 3 years for the Mercier Group auditors. The price will be the same as the last 3-year contract, which is \$7500.00 per year. Cassandra will put the contract in the Selectmen's mailbox for them to look at and decide.

Dori Thompson from Tri Cap. in Berlin wants to have a PILOT drafted up and would like to meet with the board regarding the Tamworth Tri Cap. office. Cassandra will draft up a PILOT and the Board would like to meet with Ms. Thompson.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman William Farnum supported denial of a Veterans credit for map 208 lot 13, map 202 lot 45 and map 211 lot 14 sub lot 40. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectmen Tom Abugelis supported approval of an elderly exemption for map 415 lot 90 sub lot 25.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectmen Tom Abugelis supported acceptance of a totally and permanently disabled veterans credit for map 215 lot 091 and map 214 lot 40. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman William Farnum supported acceptance of a veterans credit for map 213 lot 64 and map 211 lot 14 sub lot 35. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman Tom Abugelis supported approval of a road waiver permit for Silver Pine Lane. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman Tom Abugelis supported approval of the minutes of March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup>. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman Tom Abugelis supported approval of an abatement for map 216 lot 30 and 31. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman John Roberts moved and Selectman Tom Abugelis supported denial of an abatement for map 408 lot 65 and map 408 lot 66. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Cassandra received notice from Lakes Region Water that service fees were going up.

The Board received a request for an extension for a timber tax report from the Remick Museum.

Cassandra would like to attend a DRA mini-course in Rochester April 26<sup>th</sup>. The fee will be \$10.00. The Board approved.

It was decided to donate \$200.00 to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, for food provided on voting day.

*Chairman John Roberts made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 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