

PRESENT: John Roberts, William Farnum, and Thomas Abugelis

OTHERS PRESENT: Cassandra Pearce, Anne Abear, Daniel Poirier, and many members of the community.

John Roberts called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Ms. Cassandra Pearce presented a memorandum to the Board of items to be discussed at this meeting.

Mr. William Farnum discussed the Town Treasurer being out of Town and the resignation of Ms. Noyes as Deputy Treasurer. Anne Abear advised the Town Clerk/Tax Collector could make her own deposits during the absence of the Treasurer. Mr. Farnum requested Mrs. Mary Mills be contacted to make sure she is aware of the situation and to request she be considering who she would like to appoint as the Deputy Treasurer.

Thomas Abugelis moved and John Roberts supported following the format presented by Mrs. Pearce for this meeting. Vote was unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS

After much discussion the following motions were made for appointments by the Board:

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

Planning Board *Thomas Abugelis moved and John Roberts supported appointing John Roberts as the Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Farnum, No. Motion passed.*

Planning Board Alternate *Thomas Abugelis moved and John Roberts supported appointing William Farnum as the Alternate Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Welfare Director Joanne Rainville recommended the Board appoint Mr. Thomas Abugelis as the Town's Welfare Director. Ms. Rainville advised the Board that confidentiality was needed by this person. Further, the person should have good skills in communication.

Bruno Siniscalchi recommended whom ever the Board chose to do this job of Welfare Director should have good investigation skills. Mr. Siniscalchi discussed

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being on the Arbitration Board for the past Welfare Director and advised not once did this Board overturn the recommendation of the Welfare Director.

John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported appointing Thomas Abugelis as the Town's Welfare Director. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mt. Washington
Valley Economic
Council

Mrs. Pearce announced that a letter of interest had been received from David Haskell to remain on this Board as the Town's representative. Ms. Ticehurst recommended if the Board was looking for assistance or interested parties to be appointed to another Board, that the Board of Selectmen advertise that they are looking for other residents who may be interested in being appointed to a Board or Committee.

John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported appointing William Farnum as the Tamworth's representative to the Mt. Washington Economic Council. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Class VI Road
Committee

Mrs. Pearce announced she had two interested community members who would like to serve on the Class VI Road Study Committee. The Board reviewed the warrant article that was passed at Town Meeting and would like to discuss this further at a future meeting. John Roberts recommended the Board consider requesting the Road Agent to be on this Board and William Farnum stated he would like to review what other Town's are doing on this type of study.

Donna Veilleux offered to assist the Board if needed.

TRANSFER STATION

Mr. Glenn Johnson attended the meeting requesting to spend \$1200 for the purpose of building a shelter over the cans crusher. Mr. Johnson indicated AM Builders has donated roofing and time to place the roofing material onto the shelter. Mr. Johnson advised this should be done to protect the equipment.

William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported allowing the expense of up to \$1,200 to build a shelter for the aluminum can crusher at the Transfer Station. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Johnson recommended the Board visit the Waste Management trash center in Rochester where the Town's trash is hauled.

Mr. Farnum discussed the light bulbs that were disbursed by the Lions Club at Town Meeting. Mr. Farnum expressed a concern that these bulbs contain mercury. The Board requested the office staff to create and post fliers and posters letting the public know of this concern and to let them know that these bulbs can

not be thrown out as regular trash. The bulbs must be discarded only on household hazardous waste day.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Board Meetings

The Board discussed having the meetings more open to the public, by allowing an open concept of allowing attendees of the meeting to speak during and throughout the meeting. Anyone wishing to be on the agenda may do so ahead of time by completing an agenda request form or if they decide to come to the Board meeting without the request form, they will be given an opportunity to speak during the meeting. The agenda set up was discussed. The Board asked for the time period of "public comment" to be removed from the regular agendas as residents will be allowed to speak throughout the meeting. Mrs. Pearce recommended the Board place a start time for the meetings in their postings, but not an end time. John Mersfelder recommended the Board consider holding their meetings starting at 5:00 p.m. Thomas Abugelis discussed holding open office hours for him to allow the public to bring problems/issues to him on Tuesday's from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and on Saturday's from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Mr. Abugelis advised he would listen to the issues brought to him, but would still encourage people to attend the Selectmen's Meetings.

William Farnum moved and Thomas Abugelis supported moving the time of the Selectmen's Meetings effective April 1, 2006 from the current 4:00 p.m. to start at 5:00 p.m. Meetings will be held on Thursdays. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum recommended posting the agendas.

Service Window

Mr. Farnum announced people of Tamworth did not like speaking through a hole to the Town Office personnel. Many community members agreed with Mr. Farnum, but also advised that times are changing. For adequate protection of the office personnel and the items in the safe, the service window will not be changed at this time.

MODULAR HOME REGULATIONS

Rick Canfield discussed with the Board the unregulated movement of modular homes. Mr. Canfield advised these homes are coming from Canada or out of State and their regulations may be different. Further, Mr. Canfield recommended the Board consider hiring a building inspector for the Town of Tamworth to review the needs and to watch the regulations and to conduct inspections. Mr. Canfield recommended as a starting point for the Board to meet with Shawn Bergeron to discuss the requirements for a modular home.

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Telephones William Farnum requested a mailbox be set up for him at the Town Office. John Roberts requested no mailbox, and the telephone number of 323-8764 be left for anyone wanting to get in touch with him. Thomas Abugelis requested a mailbox be set up for him at the Town Office.

Keys to the Town Office The Board and Police Chief Daniel Poirier recommended changing the keys to the Town Office building.

School Board Concerns Thomas Abugelis discussed a concern brought to him from Wendell Dicey regarding recent articles in the paper. According to Mr. Abugelis, Mr. Dicey indicated the KA Brett School is having a problem with the school food service director and questioning the leadership of the principal. Chief Poirier discussed this issue(s) and advised the Board that he declined a criminal investigation on this case. John Roberts recommended a letter be sent to Mr. Dicey and copied to the School Board that he should bring his issue to the School Board as the Board of Selectmen have no authority over the School Board.

Fire Department Engine #4 William Farnum advised he received an email from the Fire Department indicating that Engine #4 did not pass its recent State vehicle inspection. Mr. Farnum announced the next Fire Ward meeting being held on April 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

On Going Projects At this time during the meeting, Mrs. Pearce disbursed binders containing information on:

- The Chocorua Community Project
- Bridges
- Traffic & Road Regulations Policy
- Wage & Classification Study
- State Certification/Review
- The Revaluation of Town Property
- Budget & Revenues passed at the 2006 Town Meeting
- Transfer Station Drainage – John Roberts requested Mrs. Pearce to check with HE Bergeron regarding getting this project out to bid.

The Board was advised of pending projects that should be addressed during the 2006 year, they are:

- Tax Acquired Property
- Junkyards

- Transfer Station Sticker Policy
- Personnel Policies
- Additional cable (telephone & internet) service to areas in Town
- Landscaping at the Town Office
- Subdivision Regulation/Floodplain Ordinance Update
- Building Permit Ordinance and Update

POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUES

New Vehicle	Chief Poirier discussed the new police vehicle being on order and is expected to arrive in 8 – 10 weeks.
Additional Officer	Chief Poirier requested time to meet with the Board at a different meeting to look at hiring another police officer.
Chocorua Lake	Chief Poirier recommended posting and publishing the newly adopted ordinance for the Chocorua Lake parking area. The Board, after a question of paying for the new signage needed, authorized Chief Poirier to meet with the Road Agent and to request the signs be paid out of the Road Agent's budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. The Board requested a meeting with Road Agent Bruce Robinson on April 6, 2006.
2. Mrs. Pearce announced that David Haskell requested to be appointed to the Conservation Commission. Thomas Abugelis addressed Mr. Haskell and advised him of concerns brought to his attention that Mr. Haskell tended to be a micromanager. Mr. Abugelis advised Mr. Haskell of this concern and stated he would facture this style into future decisions. Mr. Abugelis also stated he would recommend Mr. Haskell to continue on the Class VI road project because he initiated the project and has invested almost a years worth of work toward the project. Mr. Roberts advised the Conservation Commission would be meeting with Mr. Haskell before the Board of Selectmen would appoint him. The Board of Selectmen generally takes the recommendation of the Conservation Commission.
3. Mrs. Pearce discussed a letter from the LRPC regarding the reappointment of Dom Bergeron and Wayne Lloyd to their Board. The Board requested Mrs. Pearce check with Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Lloyd prior to the Board reappointing them.
4. Mrs. Pearce discussed a letter from the LRPC regarding the reappointment of David Bowles to the Tech Advisory Committee. Mrs. Pearce advised Mr. Bowles has already expressed an interest in this committee. *John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported reappointing David Bowles to the LRPC Tech Advisory Committee. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
5. Mrs. Pearce discussed the NH Municipal Road Agent Association's offer of a Scholarship to all Town employees who have children going to college. The scholarship is for \$1,000 and the office staff was asked to put this information into paychecks for the employees.
6. Mrs. Pearce discussed a request of a prior property owner to repurchase property. *Thomas Abugelis moved and John Roberts supported offering the property known as map/lot 215-014 back to the prior owner with the inclusion of interest and penalties. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

The Board discussed the payment to non-profits that were approved at Town Meeting, specifically the request of Tri County Cap. The Board advised they would hold off on the payment to non-profits organization until after the second tax billing. The Board advised they would review each request for disbursement as they came in.

7. Mrs. Pearce discussed a request of Attorney Green to meet with the Board of Selectmen regarding abatements that have been filed by him on behalf of landowners in Town. The Board decided they would allow the assessor to treat these abatements as he does the remainder of the abatements filed and would not meet with Attorney Green at this time.
8. Mrs. Pearce discussed a letter of Focus Tamworth regarding a request of the Board of Selectmen to send a letter to the Local Government Center regarding an amicus brief on behalf of local control in regard to the appeal of Motorsports Holding, LLC to the NH Supreme Court. Mr. Abugelis indicated he would like to meet with Focus Tamworth regarding this request and the Board requested copies of this type of information be given to them prior to meetings to allow them to review the requests.

Sam Martin advised this was a case specific to CMI; Mr. Farnum disagreed. Mrs. Mersfelder objected to Ms. Martin speaking. The Board advised Mrs. Mersfelder this was a public meeting. Mrs. Mersfelder advised 41 Towns had signed this letter showing support to the Local Government Center.

Thomas Abugelis moved and John Roberts supported endorsing this letter showing support from the Town of Tamworth as suggested by Focus Tamworth. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Farnum, Abstain. Motion passed.

9. Mrs. Pearce presented the annual assessing and partial revaluation contracts offered by Commerford, Neider & Perkins. Mr. Farnum suggested the Board hold off on this until the Board has reviewed the contract.
10. The Board reviewed the 2006 Salaries of the Town employees and was asked to sign the approval of those increases. Mr. Farnum questioned the pay of the new town clerk/tax collector. The Board will discuss this further in the meeting.
11. *John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported the payment withdrawal request from the Community Development Block Grant for the Chocorua Community Project in the amount of \$5,458.36. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
12. *Thomas Abugelis moved and John Roberts supported a supplemental property tax warrant in the amount of \$366. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
13. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported approval of the MS-2 (budget report to DRA) for the 2006 appropriation. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
14. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported acceptance of a Veteran's Tax Credit for map/lot 211-042. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
15. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported the issuance of a Timber Tax Warrant for map/lot 408-026 in the amount of \$1,158.56. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
16. *John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported the issuance of tax abatements for maps/lots 211-020, 206-046, 415-096, 206-054, 202-039, 402-005, 218-063, and 216-183 as recommended by the Town Assessor. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
17. *John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported the denial of tax abatement request for map/lots 405-008 and 206-022. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported the acceptance of an agreement and release for building on a private road for map/lot 206-031. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

18. *John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported the approval of a building permit for 206-031. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
19. The Board discussed the Amador River Trust property is South Tamworth in which the owners have not prior to this meeting applied for a building permit. The Board discussed the notification to the individual property owners and a request from them to waive the penalties for not getting a permit. The Board advised they would review this request and the notifications that have taken place to the property owners prior to determining whether to waive the assessment fee of \$100 a day.

A building permit has been filed by the property owners at this time and the Board approved the following: *Thomas Abugelis moved and John Roberts supported acceptance of the building permit filed on behalf of Amador River Trust. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Vote was unanimous.*

20. Wendy Gaal thanked the Board for the good humor and openness at this meeting of the new Board of Selectmen.
21. Mrs. Pearce discussed the request of the Tamworth Community Nurses Association to connect to the service provided by the Town for internet and email usages. Mrs. Pearce was requested to check this price for the Board.
22. Thomas Abugelis advised he would like to discuss the Lord Scholarship Fund being held by UNH at the next meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

John Roberts moved per RSA 91-A:3, II a to enter into a non-public session at 6:00 p.m. Thomas Abugelis seconded this motion. The Board was polled and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported adjourning the non-public session at 6:18 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

The Board discussed the pay of the new town clerk/tax collector Kim Noyes during this non-public session.

Thomas Abugelis moved and John Roberts supported accepting the 2006 pay increases for the employees of the Town Tamworth as presented. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Abugelis moved and William Farnum supported adjourning the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Board of Selectmen's Meeting
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Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Board of Selectmen

John Roberts, Chairman

William Farnum, Member

Thomas Abugelis, Member