

PRESENT: John Roberts, William Farnum, and Thomas Abugelis

OTHERS PRESENT: Cassandra Pearce, Daniel Poirier, Steve Solomon, Bruce Robinson, Glenn Johnson, Anne Abear, Donna Lane, and many members of the community.

John Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**Public Hearing
Chocorua Community
Project**

Chairman John Roberts opened the public hearing at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Roberts explained this public hearing was for the acceptance of three grants listed as:

1. State Betterment Grant for \$90,000 – No matching funds required.
2. Transportation Enhancement Grant for \$22,913 – Matching funds in the amount of \$4,582.60 will be required.
3. Federal Funding Program Grant for \$198,400 – No matching funds required.

Bruno Siniscalchi asked what these funds would be used for. The Board advised these funds in conjunction with the \$500,000 grant received would be used for the Chocorua Community Project. Donna Lane advised these funds would be used to assist in the safety improvement project that is under review by the engineering firm of FST Engineering.

Thomas Abugelis expressed a desire to keep the Chocorua Community Association (CCA) involved in the project as they have worked very hard for over 8 years to get this project going. The CCA has developed with the assistance of the State of NH, plans showing design concepts for this project and those should be considered. The CCA and the many volunteers involved in this project from the beginning were thanked for the time and effort that has been put forward into this project. Mr. Abugelis announced he has now resigned from the CCA Board of Directors and the Association's membership.

Tom Peters advised the CCA has raised one-half of the funds needed to match the 80/20 grant required from the Transportation Enhancement Grant. Further, Mr. Peters assured that none of this project will cost the taxpayers and additional grants are being looked for to assist in this project. William Farnum questioned if additional grant were available at this time. Mr. Peters advised there were no other grants that he was aware of at this time. Mr. Abugelis advised several safeguards have been put into place to prevent the overspending of the grant money.

Donna Lane recommended Mr. Abugelis recuse himself from the vote for these grants, as he directly may benefit from the work being done for this project.

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Mr. Abugelis advised this project is a model for any community within the State of NH with the involvement of many citizens in Chocorua. Mr. Farnum agreed.

William Farnum closed the public hearing at 5:12 p.m. John Roberts supported this motion. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Abstain. Motion passed.

William Farnum moved to approve the grants being presented at this public hearing listed as #1391A, #14422, and #14317B. John Roberts supported this motion. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Abstain. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum advised he would like the current Board of Selectmen to meet with Donna Lane to allow for the new Board members to discuss the project. Donna Lane advised the survey is underway at this time. The aerial has been completed and the groundwork has begun.

John Gotchen advised the CCA would like to be involved in the project. Donna Lane advised the CCA is involved through a representative (Mr. Peters). A recommendation was made to have the State of NH DOT involved and at the table during the planning stages. Donna Lane advised the State is involved in the entire project.

**Police Chief,
Road Agent & Transfer
Station Supervisor**

Chief Daniel Poirier discussed the following with the Board:

1. Tickets that will be used for violators of the new Chocorua Lake/Route 16 parking areas. Mr. Farnum requested the tickets be minimally changed.
2. The month of March stats for the police department were reviewed.
3. A personnel roster was disbursed to the Board.
4. Federal annual certification reports were presented for the Chairman of the Board to sign.
5. A grant was approved by the Board for bicycle helmets. This grant follows the new State law that anyone under the age of 18 as of 1/1/06 must be required to wear a bicycle helmet while riding a bike. The grant is for 25 helmets. Chief Poirier advised he would be giving a training class on bikes to the local area children.

Glenn Johnson discussed the following with the Board:

1. The building over the new cans crusher is 80% complete. Mr. Johnson advised a resident of Town (Mr. Billings) has volunteered time and materials to paint/stain the building. The Board authorized this project to move forward and to allow for Mr. Billings to place an advertisement on the side of the building to be removed one month from the date the painting/staining is completed. Mr. Abugelis requested names of businesses and individuals who

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donated their time and materials in putting up this new building so the Town could send them a thank you letter.

2. Mr. Farnum discussed the training requirements of Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson advised he was up to date on the necessary training.
3. Mr. Johnson discussed the hiring of part time help for the Transfer Station. The Board authorized submitting an advertisement that the Transfer Station was looking for part time help.

Bruce Robinson discussed the following with the Board:

1. Signage around Chocorua Lake will be done advising patrons of the new ordinance that was passed at Town Meeting. The Board authorized the purchase of painted signs at this time.
2. Signage at the end of Turkey Street on Page Hill Road. Mr. Robinson advised he has put up delineator posts and did not recommend arrow signs be put up. Mr. Robinson advised he would also look at placing a sign on Turkey Street indicating there was a stop sign ahead.
3. Mr. Robinson and Chief Poirier will look at the speed limit and signage on Page Hill Road after a request of Judith Reardon to place a hidden driveway sign near her driveway.
4. Mr. Farnum discussed a telephone call from Ms. Gates on Wiggin Lane regarding plowing of that private road. Mr. Farnum advised Ms. Gates wanted to know what the Town was going to do about that road. Mr. Farnum stated he advised Ms. Gates that this was a civil matter between herself and the owner of the road and the Town would not get involved in this matter.

Richard Canfield Modular & Building Inspections

Mr. Richard Canfield, Jr. attended the meeting and distributed to the Board a plan regarding his new modular home. Mr. Canfield stated he has placed a new home on his property that is unusable as it is structurally unsafe. Mr. Canfield recommended the Board look at adopting a building code and consider hiring a building inspector at some point in time. Mr. Canfield indicated he was attending this meeting to warn people of the concerns and issues he has had with his home in particular. Mr. Canfield explained the process of how a modular home is delivered (75% completed) and finished (95%) within a 24-hour period without inspections being completed. Further, Mr. Canfield explained some modular home companies require their money to be transferred the day of the delivery or the day before the delivery of the home.

Mr. Canfield requested the Board consider contacting any State Representative to let them know about the concerns he has expressed at this meeting. Mr. Farnum requested Mr. Canfield to let the Board of Selectmen know if there is any legislation that would be coming up that can be supported. Mr. Canfield was requested by the Board to provide periodic updates on the status of his issue.

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Fire Chief Steve Solomon advised the problems presented by Mr. Canfield were extreme and for the most part most modular homes have common problems. Chief Solomon advised the Board should consider if they were going to hire someone to complete inspection of a home for that person to be an employee of the Town to prevent a contractor from waiting for a project to be completed.

**Conservation Commission
Wetlands Violation on
Bearcamp River**

Conservation Commission Chairman John Mersfelder attended the meeting to present and discuss a possible violation of the Shorelands Protection Act. Mr. Mersfelder advised he had looked at the property and agrees the logging operation is in violation. Further, Mr. Mersfelder advised NH Department of Environmental Services should be called to look at the property for determination of a violation. This property is listed as tax map/lot 420-015-000. Mr. Mersfelder questioned if an intent to cut was issued for this property. Mrs. Pearce later advised an intent had been issued. Mr. Mersfelder requested copies of all intent to cuts along rivers be given to the Conservation Commission to prevent violations. The Board requested Mr. Mersfelder move forward with the notification to the State of NH of this possible violation. Mr. Farnum requested Mr. Mersfelder not wait for a Board meeting if in his opinion a violation was taking place, but to take the liberty of notifying the State to prevent the violation from getting out of hand or larger.

Tom Peters questioned why Angel Auto was not in violation. Mr. Mersfelder advised the property has been reviewed by NH Department of Environmental Services and no violations were found and it is not a short order stream.

**Representative
David Babson,
Lord's Scholarship
Fund**

Representative David Babson attended the meeting to discuss the Lord Scholarship Fund that is available to any Carroll County child who may be attending college at UNH. This fund was set up in 1950 and has grown from the \$250,000 to \$1,600,000. Over the last 5 years the UNH Foundation started taking 1.7% of the income for administering the scholarship. Rep. Babson did not feel this was appropriate and requested the Board of Selectmen send a letter to the UNH Foundation indicating they agreed with Rep. Babson on the inappropriate actions of the Foundation. Rep. Babson advised he has requested a meeting with the Attorney General's office and further asked them to get involved to stop the actions of the UNH Foundation.

Mr. Farnum recommended Arthur Mason of the Tamworth Foundation who administers scholarship to also send a letter to the UNH Foundation. John Roberts advised he would speak with Mr. Mason.

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Thomas Abugelis moved and William Farnum supported sending a letter to the UNH Foundation advising that the actions of the Foundation were inappropriate as recommended by Rep. Babson. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Administration

Mrs. Cassandra Pearce reviewed the following with the Board:

1. The Board discussed the purchase of facility stickers that will replace the current stickers being used. Further, the Board discussed the fees associated with each sticker. Some discussion took place regarding the fees and the manner in which visitors who would like to visit Chocorua Lake and the Transfer Station will be handled.

William Farnum moved to order facility stickers from Walnut Printing for the price of \$445. There was no second to this motion. Motion failed.

Thomas Abugelis moved to purchase facility stickers from Prison Industries for the price of \$450. John Roberts supported this motion. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Farnum, No. Motion passed.

2. The landowner of maps/lots 420-004, 420-005, 421-003, and 422-016 requested an extension on his timber operations. Mrs. Pearce advised the request was in writing and did not require any action of the Board.
3. Mrs. Pearce disbursed a draft flier regarding the disposal of light bulbs. The Board requested time to review this further and asked for this to be put on the next agenda.
4. Mr. Farnum discussed a letter from Insurance Services Office, Inc. regarding the Town of Tamworth not having adopted any building codes and the impact that will have on insurance premium development for new properties within the Town of Tamworth.
5. Mrs. Pearce discussed the current bond being held for Lakes Region Water Company for work being completed on Main Street. The Board requested a meeting with Bruce Robinson to discuss this further.
6. *John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported to accept the proposal of Pitney Bowes for the ordering of a postage meter for the Town Office at the cost of \$540/quarterly. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Farnum, No. Motion passed.*
7. Mrs. Pearce discussed the request of the Community Nurse to connect to the Internet through the Town's service provider. Mrs. Pearce advised the Board she was waiting for the Town's computer specialist to look at the building and the connections.
8. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported approval of the request from Tina Craig to move forward with the request for the annual community clean up scheduled for May 6, 2006. Mr. Farnum also thanked Ms. Craig for her efforts in keeping the community clean. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

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9. The Board discussed a request of the Red Cross for the release of their 2006 appropriation. The Board decided they would hold off on releasing these funds until after the second tax bill is sent out.
10. Mrs. Pearce announced that HE Bergeron is working on the bid specifications for the Transfer Station and that they should be ready later this month for the Board to review.
11. The Board discussed the request of Amador River Trust property in South Tamworth to waive the penalties for them not getting a building permit after numerous contacts were made to them. *John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported penalizing the owners of the Amador River Trust property in South Tamworth \$700 for not filing a timely building permit. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
12. The Board discussed a complaint received from Andy Bufano regarding health and safety concerns from his neighbor at 90-100 White Lake Road. John Roberts advised he spoke to the owner and they have worked hard to clean up their property. Bruno Siniscalchi stated he agreed with Mr. Roberts and the property has been cleaned up.
13. Mrs. Pearce discussed a decision made by the past Board of Selectmen to hire a timber monitor on a per needed basis. Mrs. Pearce asked if this Board would reconsider that decision and hire a timber monitor to review each lot being cut. Mr. Farnum advised he felt the fairest way to tax timber being cut was not the middle of the chart but to hire a monitor to go out and look at each piece of property. Mrs. Pearce advised Mr. Harold Cook would be the monitor and he believes each lot should be assessed for quality of timber. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported assessing timber cuts through a timber monitor. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
14. Mrs. Pearce discussed the schedules that were required from each department in the past. The Board decided they did not need a schedule from the individual departments but requested to know when employees would be on vacation.
15. Mrs. Pearce discussed payment to a Selectmen for the position of Welfare Director. She advised that the position as a Selectmen can be paid as long as the other two members of the Board set the salary, hours and budget of the welfare department.
16. Mr. John Roberts as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen signed the 2005 Management letter for the audit.
17. The Board signed the 2006 Household Hazardous Waste Collection participation letter indicating the Town of Tamworth would be involved and an appropriation was approved at Town Meeting for the year 2006.

Recess

John Roberts recessed the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Reconvene

John Roberts brought the meeting back to order at 7:53 p.m.

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**Administration
Continued**

18. *John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported approval of a junkyard license for the year 2006 (4/1/06 – 3/31/07) for Guy Pennell. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. The Board decided they would conduct a walkthrough of the property of Guy Pennell on Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.*
18. *Mrs. Pearce discuss the assessing contracts for Commerford, Nieder and Perkins. William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported approval of the annual pick-up work for the year 2006 contract with Commerford, Nieder and Perkins. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Farnum and Mrs. Pearce discussed individual concerns on the revaluation contact and Mr. Farnum will meet with Phil Bodwell of Commerford, Nieder and Perkins next week.*
19. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported approval of an intent to cut for map/lot 215-043. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
20. *Mrs. Pearce discussed a meeting request of Attorney Richard Sager at his expense on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. The Board approved this meeting.*
21. *The Board discussed payment of past Selectmen with Anne Abear. After an explanation, the Board approved the correction of the payment to be made immediately. John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported the corrected payment to the past members of the Board of Selectmen. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
22. *John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported the reappointment of Bill Batchelder to the Conservation Commission. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
23. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported the recommital warrant for the new tax collector in the amount of \$449,337.58. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
24. *William Farnum moved and Thomas Abugelis supported the audit contract for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's books of Mrs. Theresa Boewe. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
25. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported the acceptance of the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of 3/23/06. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
26. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported granting abatements as recommended by the assessor for maps/lots 203-063, 202-025, and 201-031. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
27. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported appointing Dom Bergen as a representative for the Town of Tamworth to the Lakes Region Planning Commission through April 20, 2008. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Mrs. Pearce advised Wayne Lloyd was no longer interested in being a representative for the LRPC and the Planning Board is working on selecting another member.

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28. *John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported acceptance of a building permit for map/lot 203-020. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. William Farnum requested a letter be sent with the approved permit asking for a site map.*
29. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported acceptance of a building permit for map/lot 211-006. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
30. *John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported acceptance of intent to excavate permits for maps/lots 413-017-001, 201-039, and 210-003. Vote was unanimous. Mrs. Pearce was asked to work with the Planning Board to make sure all of the plans for these properties and others who have permits are current and reviewed as required.*
31. *The Board reviewed a letter of complaint from a resident who is concerned his Veteran's Tax Credit was not stamped properly by the Town Office personnel for the year 2005. The Board approved a letter of response to the resident advising he qualifies for the year 2006.*
32. *The Board was given a copy of the current projects list and was asked to set priorities and add to the list at the next meeting.*

Non-Public Session

John Roberts moved at 8:39 p.m. and Thomas Abugelis supported moving into a non-public session per RSA 91 A:3 II a & c (personnel & welfare). The Board was polled and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

John Roberts moved at 9:17 p.m. to adjourn the non-public session. Thomas Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported to not increase Mrs. Theresa Boewe's pay by the cost of living as she would be leaving her employment within the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office on Friday, April 14, 2006. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Farnum, No. Motion passed.

The Board discussed welfare cases that have come before the current Welfare Director to date. Mr. Abugelis was requested to contact Mariette Ross to discuss the procedures she used during her tenure as Welfare Director.

Adjournment

William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported adjourning the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board of Selectmen:

John Roberts

William Farnum

Thomas Abugelis