

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
June 8, 2006
Tamworth Town Office

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MEMBERS
PRESENT

John Roberts, William Farnum, and Thomas Abugelis (arrived at 4:20 p.m.)

OTHERS
PRESENT

Cassandra Pearce, Daniel Poirier, Bruce Robinson, Steve Solomon, Glenn Johnson, Mary Mills, Paul Hansen, and members of the community.

Chairman John Roberts opened the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

NON-PUBLIC
SESSION

John Roberts moved to enter into a non-public session at 4:07 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 II b, personnel interview. William Farnum supported this motion. The Board was polled and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported adjourning the non-public session at 4:37 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported hiring Paul Hansen as the new transfer station part time attendant to start June 21, 2006 at the rate of \$8.50 per hour, with a probationary period of 6 months and to review his pay on or about Columbus Day for an increase of \$.50. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Cassandra Pearce discussed the following with the Board:

1. The traffic and road regulations policy will be discussed on June 15, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.
2. A letter from Don Harte of the Brass Heart Inn regarding his request to place an advertisement sign at the triangle on Main Street was discussed. John Roberts advised he would like to review the sign, but thought in the past, another business in Town had met with the Board of Selectmen requesting permission to place signage in this area. The Town of Tamworth has no policy regarding placing signs in this area. John Roberts felt the advertisement on this property should be for village businesses only. The Board decided to write a letter to Mr. Harte indicating a sign could be placed at this location, but would like the letter to indicate that once a policy is written, it may effect the location of his sign.
3. A letter from Brad Ball Supervisor of the Checklist was read to the Board requesting internet access at the Town House for the purpose of elections. John Roberts advised he would like to see the voting take place at the KA Brett School and requested the office staff to check on this possibility. Mr. Farnum discouraged the use of the school to protect the children. Further, Mr. Farnum discussed the use of dial up at the Town House if needed.
4. A letter from Harry Merrow as Chairman of the Ossipee Board of Selectmen was read regarding the UNH Lord Scholarship Fund land located in Tamworth. Recommendations were addressed in this letter which recommend a survey, changing

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the access to the property, indicating the non-timber sustainability of the lot, recommending a new forester be hired, recommending an appraisal be completed of the property, recommending all money of the timber cutting and sale of property be placed into the Lord Scholarship Fund and the need to put the property out to bid requesting a minimum bid be accepted. Mrs. Pearce was requested to see if this letter was sent to UNH.

POLICE DEPT.

Chief Daniel Poirier discussed the following with the Board:

1. The new police vehicle is completed and ready for the road. The cage and radar were not completed by the new contractor due to the change in vehicle shape, but the highway department was able to assist the police department in getting this vehicle ready.
2. Chief Poirier discussed two applicants who will be ready for interviews. The Board advised they would hold those interviews on June 15, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. Further, Chief Poirier advised the academy would be held from August 23 through November 17, 2006.
3. The Board discussed placing the speed limit unit on Page Hill Road. Chief Poirier indicated it was placed on Page Hill Road and he has not caught anyone at the rate of 60 MPH.
4. The Board discussed the need for signage at the end of Turkey Street to warn travelers of the end of the street onto Page Hill Road.
5. Chief Poirier advised the new vehicle will be decalced by the end of next week and the old cruiser will be stored at Bruce Robinson's pit.

ROAD AGENT

Bruce Robinson discussed the following with the Board:

1. Mt. Road, Great Hill area, and Bunker Hill Road will all be turned back into dirt roads over the next few weeks due to the condition of the roads.
2. Anne Abear is working with FEMA to acquire funds allocated to Carroll County for the Town of Tamworth from the rainstorms in May.
3. Mr. Robinson advised he had not been back to the Transfer Station to complete the concrete work due to the inclement weather.

FIRE DEPT.

Chief Steve Solomon discussed the following with the Board:

1. Engine #4 has been sold by sealed bid for the price of \$1,400.
2. Old Engine #1 (1964) will be going out to bid next week.
3. The engine that was purchased in Vermont will be in service early next week.
4. The new engine purchased in 2005 still has some work to be completed.

RICK CANFIELD
MODULAR HOMES

Mr. Canfield met with the Board to discuss the modular home that was placed onto his property and the need for the Town to hire a building inspector who is competent in the position of inspector and one who knows the laws of the State. Mr. Canfield complemented the Town on the fine Fire Chief and Police Chief as he has associated with both of them and they have been very helpful. Mr. Canfield advised he had met with the

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State Fire Marshall's office. Mr. Canfield indicated he would be filing for a real estate tax abatement for the year 2006 as his home is unlivable as of April 1, 2006.

Mr. Canfield asked the Board to clarify who makes sure the contractor follows the State guidelines. The Board advised it was the contractor's responsibility and there is no follow up by the Board of Selectmen.

Steve Solomon discussed adoption of the international residential code that can be done by the Town at Town meeting, but under these codes, modular homes are not regulated. Modular homes are regulated by the State of NH, but the State has not funded the position as needed to monitor the position for enforcement purposes.

Mr. Canfield questioned the involvement of the planning board. John Roberts advised they would be involved if it was a subdivision issue, this case is not.

Mr. Farnum stated the Town has a responsibility to support Mr. Canfield as they are loosing funds due to the fact that this property owner will be requesting an abatement because the building is unlivable.

The Board was given an open invitation to view the property by Mr. Canfield.

The Board discussed with Chief Solomon what he looks for when he visits a home. Mr. Solomon indicated he looks for the electrical connection to oil burners and smoke detectors within 2 or more family homes. The Board discussed Amelia's Law that requires inspections on propane furnaces.

The Board thanked Mr. Canfield for his attendance at this meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Cassandra Pearce discussed the following with the Board and motions were made as followed:

1. The owner of map/lot 206-108 on Whittier Road advised he was creating a parking area and would be removing the brush from near the river.
2. The Board reviewed the execution of tax liens filed for the year 2005.
3. *John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported to accept abatements for maps/lots 413-005, 415-106, 210-003, and 201-039 as recommended by the Town Assessors. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
4. *John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported to accept 2006 current use applications for maps/lots 410-009 & 010, 414-050, 413-022, 412-033, and 406-018. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
5. *John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported to accept a petition for a pole license on Great Hill Road for Verizon and PSNH. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

6. The Board approved the ordering of 3,000 property inventory forms for the year 2007. The Board discussed not completing inventory forms for 2007, but decided until the \$5,000 building permit requirement was reduced, they would not support getting rid of the forms.
7. *John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported to approve intents to cut for map/lot 424-005 & 010, 422-007, and 414-030. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.* The Board questioned how the new timber monitor was handling the intent to cuts. Mrs. Pearce requested the Board review the procedure followed by the monitor and to look at a few of the properties that have been assessed.
8. *John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported to approve meeting minutes of June 1 and June 5, 2006 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
9. Mrs. Pearce discussed reducing the new property tax maps to 11x17. The Board requested an email be sent to David Haskell containing the maps to see if he can reduce them for the Town.
10. Mrs. Pearce advised the Town Office would be closed on Friday, June 9, 2006 due to training of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.
11. The Board discussed their summer meeting schedule. *Thomas Abugelis moved and John Roberts supported effective July 6, 2006 through September 7, 2006 the Board will hold meetings every other week beginning at 4:00 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
12. Mr. Farnum discussed landscaping of the Town Office building and received a verbal estimate of .60 cents per square foot installed.
13. The Board discussed junkyards and who would be handling the inspections of those properties. Mrs. Pearce understood the Board would be handling the junkyards with no attorney involvement. Mr. Farnum advised the Board needs a checklist to follow with a policy to ensure the properties are following Best Management Practices (BMPs) to continue their junkyard license renewal. After further discussion, the Board requested Mrs. Pearce contact Town Attorney requesting to know if the Town issues a permit for a junkyard, do they have any obligation to follow through on an inspection. The Board will discuss this again at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT *John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Board of Selectmen

John Roberts

William Farnum

Thomas Abugelis