

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
June 15, 2006
Tamworth Town Office

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Present John Roberts, William Farnum and Thomas Abugelis

Others Present Cassandra Pearce, Daniel Poirier, Bruce Robinson, Steve Solomon, Anne Abear and members of the community.

John Roberts opened the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Non-Public Session *John Roberts moved at 4:25 p.m. and William Farnum supported entering into a non-public session per RSA 91 A:3 II b. The Board was polled and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

William Farnum moved at 5:08 p.m. and John Roberts supported adjourning the non-public session. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board conducted interviews of two potential applicants for the 3rd full time police officer position. No decisions were made during the non-public session.

Emergency
Preparedness

Ellen Keith attended the meeting to discuss the planning needed by the Town of Tamworth to protect the citizens of Tamworth and to prepare for the projected outbreak of Avian Flu and EEE. Ms. Keith gave a presentation to the Board indicating what the State's plans are to assist Towns who have an outbreak of these viruses and advised the residents need to start stockpiling supplies such as medical supplies (including medications), bedding, non-perishable food items, water and to be prepared to be without power for an extended period of time (estimated 1 – 4 weeks).

Ms. Keith requested the Board consider setting up a steering committee as has been done in the city of Rochester. Ms. Keith advised the meeting she attended motivated her to start thinking about these diseases and what she could personally do to assist the community to be prepared.

Ms. Keith discussed the funding that has been set aside by the State for planning and preparedness.

Tom Abugelis questioned how prepared the Town of Tamworth was for this type of emergency. Steve Solomon stated that would be a question that needed to be asked of to the emergency management coordinator Jed Pike. John Roberts advised the Town needs to meet with all of the department heads to determine what is needed for Tamworth for the planning of this type of emergency.

The Board thanked Ms. Keith for bringing this information to the them.

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Traffic & Road
Regulations Policy

The Board reviewed the traffic and road regulations policy and made minimal changes. The Board decided not to hold another public hearing and will be reviewing the policy again for adoption on June 22, 2006.

Chief Poirier was requested to meet with the Barnstormers to discuss their parking at the Town Office and along Main Street. A recommendation was made to request Barnstormers place temporary signs to lead patrons to the Town Office parking area.

The Board advised the public parking areas would be at the Historical Society, Town Office, Town House, across from the Remick Museum, from the Cook Library to the Tamworth Inn along the South side of the roadway, along the east side of Great Hill Road, and along Union Hall Road (both sides) off the traveled portion of the roadway.

Signs will be placed in front of the town office indicating parking will only be for a one hour time period.

Fire Department

Chief Steve Solomon discussed the old Tahoe that the police department is no longer using. The consensus of the Board was to turn the vehicle over to the fire department. Chief Poirier discussed holding onto the vehicle for the new officer coming on board to take to training. The Board felt it would be more practical to turn the vehicle over to the fire department by July and pay mileage to the employee going to training. Training requires the employee to stay at their facility for the first 10 weeks. The employee will be traveling home on weekends only. Steve Solomon advised he would be meeting with the Firewards and would let the Selectmen know of their decision.

Chief Solomon advised old engine #1 would be going out to bid in the next week and that the vehicle purchased in Vermont is in service.

Highway Department

Road Agent Bruce Robinson reported on the following:

1. Funding from FEMA for the rainstorms in May.
2. Concrete work has been completed at the Transfer Station.
3. Mtn. Road in S. Tamworth is no longer a paved road.

Administration

Mrs. Cassandra Pearce discussed the following with the Board:

1. Voting at the school - Mrs. Pearce is waiting for the response from the school principal.
2. Town Attorney is dealing with the tax-acquired property of map/lot 215-014-000.
3. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported signing the quitclaim deed for map/lot 215-093-000 . Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

4. The Town of Albany is requesting a copy of Tamworth's tax maps and has offered a copy of their maps in exchange. The Board agreed to this request.
5. Letters were signed by the Board addressed to Mr. Don Harte (common sign request) and Harry Merrow (Lord Scholarship Fund)
6. John Roberts advised he has reviewed a property on Powerline Road regarding a septic system concern and further advised the system would be installed in July.
7. The Board discussed a request of a property owner to receive more than 2 transfer station stickers. Mr. Farnum recommended allowing for a 3rd sticker if a property owner needed it. John Roberts and Thomas Abugelis advised the policy has not even had a chance to become effective and should not be changed at this point. The Board agreed to issue a seasonal permit for residents who need additional documentation and requested the office personnel check to see if the Town of Sandwich honors facility stickers for the Bearcamp Pond.
8. *John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported approval of minutes dated June 8, 2006 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
9. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported sending a letter to the Town Trustees to request the release of \$2945 from the Fire Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
10. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported issuing an abatement of map/lot 214-162-002. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
11. *John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported to approve a building permit for map/lot 414-107. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
12. *John Roberts moved and Thomas Abugelis supported approval of a petition pole license for Hollow Hill Road for Verizon and PSNH. This petition is for a replacement pole and a new pole. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
13. The Board discussed landscaping at the Town Office and Mr. Farnum advised he would be meeting with Hank Letart to discuss the sprinkler system.
14. Chief Poirier disbursed the Tamworth police log for the month of May 2006.

Non-Public Session

II

John Roberts moved to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91 A:3II b at 7:16 p.m. William Farnum supported this motion. The Board was polled and the vote was unanimous.

John Roberts moved to adjourn the non-public session and to seal the minutes for a 90-day period to protect the reputation of the individuals discussed which are not members of the Board of Selectmen at 7:56 p.m. William Farnum supported this motion. Vote was unanimous.

Non-Public Session

III

John Roberts moved to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91 A:3II b & c at 7:56 p.m. William Farnum supported this motion. The Board was polled and the vote was unanimous.

John Roberts moved to adjourn the non-public session at 8:19 p.m. William Farnum supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

To follow are the discussions and decisions made by the Board during this non-public session:

1. The Board discussed and decided to readvertise for a part time transfer station attendant.
2. The Board requested legal counsel review a request made by the Attorney General's office to postpone the deeding of the Iverson property for 90 days. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with the deeding.
3. The Board reviewed a litigation threat filed by the property owners of the Amador River Trust property in S. Tamworth.
4. The Board reviewed a welfare concern.

Adjournment *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported adjourning the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Board of Selectmen

John Roberts

William Farnum

Thomas C. Abugelis