

Minutes for June 5, 2008
Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen Present: William Farnum, Tom Abugelis and John Roberts

Meeting Convened: 5:pm

Others Present: Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce, Information Director/Selectmen's Office Secretary Leah Valladares, Road Agent Bruce Robinson Police Chief Dan Poirier, Mary Miles, Fire Chief Richard Colcord, Fire Wards Dana Littlefield, David Bowles, Jim Bowles and members of the public.

Parks/Recreation

Parker Roberts Everything is on schedule for family day. Family Day will be on 4th of July and to be held at the school. Notice to be put up on the website. Parade will start at the Town House and continue to the school at 11am, bands will play at noontime and seven. The fireworks will start at 9:30pm.

Highway Department

Bruce stated everything is going great. Still have some more sweeping do. There is a meeting set up on June 12th at 2pm with the pavers for a site walk of the roads.

Police Department

Chief Poirier informed the board that he met with the Chocorua project engineers and he approved the traffic plan. Flaggers are all set with them and the Police Department would be available to help out whenever they could.

Motion made by William Farnum to go into non-public session and seconded by John Roberts RSA 91 A: 3II (b) at 5:11pm and passed unanimously.

Motion made by William Farnum to go into non-public session at 5:30pm, seconded by John and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Tom Abugelis to hire Penny Frechette as a full time police officer fro the Town of Tamworth per Chief Poirier's recommendation, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.

Ron Moore was in to ask if something could be done to have the road repaired in front of his house on Washington Hill Road. Water is continuously washing out into his driveway and has been a problem for some time. The Selectmen will plan to go by next Thursday to look at the situation and determine a solution.

Public Comment

Pat Farley asked if a publicity piece could be provided letting people know the Chocorua project entails. There will be signs put in place from the starting and ending of the project. The board agreed to try have a map put together to give a general idea of the start and end of the project. She also asked how the funding process for the project. William Farnum gave her a general idea of how the process works. FST has done the

preliminary design and engineering will need to be done on each section as it is taken on and funding is available.

Jim Bowditch inquired about the blocks that were in the meeting room for the retaining wall, what was going to show. Would it face the Highway? The board informed him that they would need to do more research.

Dave Farley was wondering when the results of the public auction would be available and would they be on the website. There is a list of what was sold as of the date of the auction and the final list will be available when all the properties have been closed which is 30 days from the auction.

John Gotjen has been attending the Transportation Advisory Committee meetings and wanted to know what to do with the information that comes from those meetings and who would like to have the information. The Selectmen would like to be given some information if it pertains to the Town.

Dave Haskell addressed the confusion regarding the Veterans Memorial funding and requested that money that was allocated at Town meeting for the Veterans Memorial is sent to the Trustees. He also noticed that some days the Transfer Station gate is opened earlier than the posted time. He would like to see the gate opened at posted time only. The board doesn't see a problem with the gate being opened early providing it is always open at the posted time.

Great Hill Tower

Fire Chief and Fire Wards, Jim Bowles spoke to the board regarding applying for a grant in order to purchase a local repeater for the Great Hill Tower. The Selectmen were in favor of the grant.

Dana Littlefield asked if the board would like to have the Fire Wards meeting minutes sent to the town so they could be added to the Town's Website.

Dave Haskell handed out information and discussed the Roads Scholar Program, as well as, RSMS Inventory and Condition Identification form. He gave a brief overview on the program that UNH has designed in order to help with the road evaluation.

Administrative Matters

Minutes from Non-Public session of 5/29/08 for approval.

Motion made by John Roberts to approve, seconded by Tom Abugelis and passes unanimously.

Minutes from Public session of 5/29/08 for approval.

Motion made by John Roberts to approve, seconded by Tom Abugelis and passes unanimously.

Minutes from Non-Public sealed minutes of 5/29/08. Motion made by John Roberts to approve, seconded by Tom Abugelis and passes unanimously.

Minutes from Regular Pre-Construction of 5/23/08 for approval. Motion made by John Roberts to approve, seconded by William Farnum passed by 2-0 vote. (Tom Abugelis abstained)

Minutes from the Non-Public sealed session of 5/23/08 for approval. Motion made by John Roberts to approve, seconded by William Farnum passed by 2-0 vote. (Tom Abugelis abstained)

Intent to cut for Map 415 Lot 69.

Motion made by John Roberts to approve, seconded by Tom Abugelis and passes unanimously.

Appointments for the following Committee's are were reviewed.

Milton Norcross for Fire Ward South Tamworth.

Amy Berrier for Supervisor of the Checklist.

Jeremy Phillips for Tamworth Conservation Commission Alternate member.

Ned Beecher for Tamworth Conservation Commission Member.

Charles Townsend for Tamworth Conservation Commission Member.

Mary C. Mills for Town Treasurer.

Nichole Maher-Whiteside for Planning Board Member.

Kate Vachon for Library Trustee.

Harry Remick for Fire Ward Tamworth.

Rebecca Boyden for Planning Board Alternate member.

Motion made by John Roberts to accept, seconded by Tom Abugelis and passes unanimously.

A Resolution was read by the Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce to be adopted from Caterpillar Corporation

A motion was made by Tom Abugelis to sign and John Roberts seconded. The motion was amended. A motion was made by Tom Abugelis to sign and adopt the said resolution, John Roberts seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Anderson's message to the board regarding the tax rate was read and acknowledged by the board.

Jay Rancourt was in and inquired about the Department Heads cell phones being added to the disaster plan. The board agreed to add the Police, Fire and Road Agent cell numbers are ok to be added.

Mrs. Pearson received her tax bill and she was taxed on her house that she is in the process of building. The tax bill was based on a 99% completed house. Upon researching the field card, it clearly showed the house had not been completed and there was an error in data entry. An abatement was requested to correct the error. A motion was made by John Roberts to approve the abatement for the property, seconded by Tom Abugelis and passed unanimously.

Roadside mowing bids have been published in the Conway Daily Sun and the Independent. The specifications will be available on the website. The paving letters were sent out for the meeting June 12th.

Final version of the job descriptions for the Administrative Assistant and the Information Director/Selectmen's Office Secretary were reviewed.

The board reviewed the Tax Deed worksheet.

The board reviewed and discussed a Public Property Policy. Further research will be done before a final policy will be written.

The Administrative Assistant asked for approval to close the Town Offices on June 24th. *Motion was made by William Farnum to approve, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.*

Payment request for the Chocorua Village Project in the amount of \$13,570.00. Tom Abugelis removed himself. *Motion made by John Roberts to approve, seconded by William Farnum passed by 2-0 vote.*

Nelson Construction brought in some block samples from Keystone for the board to review. Further research is needed to before choosing a style and color.

Motion was made by William Farnum to enter into a Non-Public Session at 7:24pm, RSA 91 A: 3II (d & c) seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.

Motion was made to exit Non-Public Session at 8:05 by Tom Abugelis, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 by Tom Abugelis, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Valladares
Information Director/ Selectman's Office Secretary

William Farnum, Selectmen Chair

John Roberts, Selectmen

Tom Abugelis, Selectmen