

Minutes for May 29, 2008
Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen Present: William Farnum, Tom Abugelis and John Roberts

Meeting Convened: 4:30 pm

Others Present: Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce, Information Director/Selectmen's Office Secretary Leah Valladares, Road Agent Bruce Robinson Police Chief Dan Poirier, Treasurer Mary Mills and members of the public.

Motion made by Chairman Farnum to enter into non public session at 4:30pm RSA-91A:3 II (a) & (c) and seconded by John Roberts passed unanimously.

Motion made by Tom Abugelis to exit non-public at 5:15pm, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 5:15pm

Highway Department

Road Agent Bruce Robinson gave the board a list of roads and bridges for their review. There was a discussion on what qualifies a bridge verses a culvert. The roads have been marked for repairs. Chairman Farnum asked if a sign had been posted on for the bridge on Cleveland Hill Rd, Bruce informed him that only the six (6) ton sign was posted and that he was still waiting for the others signs that he has ordered. Ed Bergeron from HEB offered to create a sign package to warn the public that the bridge is posted in advance.

Cleveland Hill Road/Bridge Project

Ed Bergeron from HEB and informed the board what was needed for the bridge/culvert repair/replacement on Cleveland Hill Rd. He had spoken with NHDOT and they informed him that the Town was unable to qualify for state funds for this project. There will be a public hearing in the near future to go over the preliminary plans for the proposed bridge project. Due to the permitting process the project may start as early as the spring of 2009. HEB also plans to inspect the bridge for its condition to determine how it should be posted. HEB will go forward in revising the proposal and initiate the permitting process. HEB will also follow up on the repairs of the broken pipes by the old landfill.

Public Comment

Barbara Carleton presented her deed regarding where the class IV road stops and asked again to have a gate posted. The board agreed with the opinion given by Town Counsel at last week meeting. If she disagrees with Town Counsel she would have to pursue the

issue on her own. She asked why a 911 address was not be used properly. The board informed her that they would send a reminder notice to the address in questions.

Pat Farley asked when the starting date for the Choc Project. Project has started? *(Tom Abugelis removed himself)* Chairman Farnum advised that it has started and a new telephone pole went in today. There will be a traffic meeting on Tuesday with the /chief of Police and construction should start around the 16th of June.

Dave Haskell asked if we have received a list from the Road agent of the roads that where going to be paved. The board informed him that they have and they will be reviewing what has been marked out. Mr. Haskell also handed out some documentation on Standard Operation Procedures for Department Training and the New Sign Retroreflectivity Requirements that would have to be completed not later than 2018.

Pat Farley asked if the new officers that where elected for various committees could be updated on the website. Chairman Farnum will work on updating.

Mr. Pepin asked where the federal government is requiring a signage update is the town going to be responsible for the signs on the private roads and private communities? The board informed him that private roads where not the towns responsibility but if is possible the town would be happy to help out.

Committee Updates

Tom Abugelis advised that the Planning Board would be reviewing the master plan in June.

The School committee is doing some research on various schools regarding their programming and cost.

Chairman Farnum announced that the Ordinance Review Committee is about ready to start meeting again. There will be a notice posted soon to the time and place. Mr. Farnum also went to the Mt Washington Valley Economic Counsel meeting and there is talk about trying to develop the property in Conway to attract more and larger tech business. There are two web sites that should be checked out for those interested in the newr interactive web sties. Epeaks.ning.com and TechTonics.ning.com. They are planning on hosting a seminar in the fall regarding an interactive website and have some funds available to help small business with start up cost.

Chairman Farnum advised the board that Douglas Colter is requesting to be able to reconstruct a gate on the class IV road, between the Colter/Gills property due to the increase activity. The board wants to review the RSA regards to constructing a gate and to give and answer next week. The board also discussed the need to develop a fair policy for all class IV roads. A Committee was originally going to do research and find out what the town had class IV road inventory. Board agreed to do the research and inquire with town attorney in developing a fair policy.

Chairman Farnum asked if the Town would purchase a couple of yards of bulk mulch for the Town offices. The board agreed to purchase bark mulch for the Town offices and also volunteered to help with the task of spreading the bark mulch.

Administrative Matters

Minutes of the May 22 public session were submitted for approval.

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

Chairman Farnum thanked Bill and Linda Jones for their donation of the new Flag for the Town Offices.

Minutes of the May 22 non-public session were submitted for approval.

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

Property tax warrant for the 1st issue of 2008 of 3,356,584.00 for approval.

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

The board signed 32 pages needed for Tax deeds.

Quality Insulation of Meredith submitted a proposal to repair the insulation problem in the attic. *Motion made by Tom Abugelis to enter into an agreement with Quality Insulation of Meredith for the sum of \$1159.00 to repair the insulation problem in the furnace room in the attic, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.*

There was a discussion regarding the Roadside mowing proposals that are going out for bid.

Meeting with the pavers to be moved to June.

A proposed Town/Public Property ordinance to prohibit smoking and animals on Town property was reviewed and discussed by the board. More research is needed to determine what a town properties are in need of the ordinance.

McDonald Motors called to inform the board that the delivery date to them from Florida is to be July 14th.

John Roberts asked if the backhoe from the transfer station was registered. Cassandra will check into.

Mr. Pepin inquired about the no smoking policy on town office grounds. There is a no smoking policy on the grounds. Concession approval to remove the butt cans when we get the mulch.

Motion made to enter into non public session under RSA 91 A:3 II a, b, c & d at 7:16 by John Roberts and seconded Tom Abugelis passed unanimously.

Motion made by Tom Abugelis to exit non public at 8:10, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.

William Farnum made a motion that the Finance Administrator job description table of contents and text is changed to Information Director/Selectman's Office Secretary and the job description be removed and replaced with the Information Director/Selectman's Office Secretary job description, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.

Tom Abugelis made a motion to accept the Administrative Assistants job description, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.

Tom Abugelis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15, 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