

Minutes for August 14, 2008  
Town of Tamworth  
Selectmen's Meeting

**Selectmen Present:** William Farnum, John Roberts

**Meeting Convened:** 8:10

**Others Present:** Information Director/Selectmen's Office Secretary Leah Valladares, Harold Cook and Fire Chief Richard Colcord.

The board held a brief discussion regarding the noise at Pine Tree Power and how it has affected the residences in that area. The plant manager is working with the Manufacture's to help rectify the situation.

The board discussed the acquisition of land for the Highway Department's municipal building. There have been no petitions submitted requesting the vote be brought before the voters. *Motion made by William Farnum for the Town of Tamworth to purchase the Havelock property on 113a for a municipal building site, seconded by John Roberts and passed by 2-0 vote.*

*Motion to made to enter into Non-Public at 8:16 session under RSA-91A: 3 II A, seconded by John Roberts, passed by 2-0 vote.*

*Motion was made by John Roberts to exit Non-Public at 9:10, seconded by William Farnum passed by 2-0 vote.*

Harold Cook was in to discuss the drainage on Mountain road, as well as, the sand in his field. He also had some concerns about his neighbors and their well-being. The board would bring his concerns to the Road Agent attention.

Letters received from Fire Chief Richard Colcord providing the board an update of the Tamworth Inn, as well as, the recent storm activity that causes some roads to wash out.

*Motion to made to enter into Non-Public session at 9:30 under RSA-91A: 3 II a, seconded by John Roberts, passed by 2-0 vote.*

*Motion was made by John Roberts to exit Non-Public session at 10:30, seconded by William Farnum and passed by 2-0 vote.*

The board met with Fire Chief Richard Colcord to discuss the FEMA funds qualifications and how the process works. Fire Chief Colcord advised that it was the Police Chief's responsibility as the Emergency Management Director to follow thru with FEMA. Fire Chief Colcord's involvement was prompted by a conversation with Julia Chase from the State. She had inquired about what the town was doing for emergency response, particularly in relations to the recent storms. President Bush had declared New Hampshire eligible for a major disaster declaration due to the tornado on the July 24<sup>th</sup>. There is workshop in Ossipee on August 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss all three recent storm events to qualify Carroll County, Fire Chief Colcord would like to attend the workshop to try and apply for whatever funds are available for the Town. The board agreed he should attend. There was a discussion on what roads where damaged and which roads where closed off during the storm on Aug 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The only road that was not passable was Hackett Hill Road during that time.

The board discussed with Fire Chief Colcord the Road Agents responsibilities for any storm damage to roads in the Town and expressed the need of teamwork within all the departments and the Select board.

There was a discussion about who would be best suited to be the Emergency Management Director and it was agreed that the Fire Department was be best suited. Further discussion would be needed with the Fire Wards.

There was a discussion about the budgets and there will be a need to stay within what was set forth.

The board agreed to meet with Fire Chief Colcord and the Fire Wards at the next Board meeting on August 21th at 5:30pm. Chief Colcord will contact the Fire Wards and try to get as many of them as possible together to discuss the Emergency Management Director.

Selectman Roberts advised Chief Colcord that he had extra sand bags available in the event the Fire Department need them. They also discussed replacement of a broken fire hydrant at. Selectman Roberts offered as a donation to the Fire Department to help with the replacement of the hydrant.

The board discussed contacting Town Attorney before Thursday regarding the transfer of the land, personnel issues and Tamworth Foundation offer to loan the Town money for the Municipal Building.

The board discussed the clearing of the land on the property after the closing is finalized.

Leah Valladares advised the board that Marylyn O'kelly was in inquiring about the plans for the property that is being purchased for the Municipal Building, the board advised giving her a copy of the minutes from both public hearings and Selectman Roberts plans on speaking with her father to give them an update.

*Motion was made by John Roberts to adjourn the meeting at 11:02am seconded by William Farnum and passed by 2-0 vote.*

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

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William Farnum, Selectmen Chair

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John Roberts, Selectmen