

Minutes for July 10, 2008
Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen Present: William Farnum, John Roberts and Tom Abugelis

Meeting Convened: 4:33

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

Department Updates

Police Department: Chief Poirier presented the June Police log to the Board. He mentioned that July was a very busy month for the Animal Control Officer Jeff Tavares and he continues to do an excellent job. Officer Frechette continues to do a great job and her full time certification status is still pending with the state. July 4th weekend went well. Selectman Farnum asked if Chief Poirier could address the one-hour parking in front of the Town Office. The new base station has been installed and is in working order. They now can communicate with the Fire Department, where they hadn't been able to in the past.

Highway Department

Road Agent, Bruce Robinson informed the board that they have been using the new loader. A proposal from HEB for the Gilman Valley Bridge was given to the board to review and a discussion was held on the repairs needed. The board agreed to inspect the bridge and will continue the discussion of the proposal at the next meeting on July 24. An estimate from HEB for the Depot Road Extension reconstruction was reviewed and discussed. There was a discussion on prioritizing the roads for paving/repairs for this year. The Road Agent's recommendations were to pave Maple Road with shim and overlay. Sand seal Gardner Hill Road and Depot Road and if there was money left over in the budget then do Great Hill Road and Cleveland Hill Road. *Motion made by Tom Abugelis to accept Bruce Robinson's recommendation.* There was further discussion and the motion was rescinded. *John Roberts made a motion to sand seal Great Hill Road to Hidden Auto and Cleveland Hill Road from Claire McDonalds to Jill Jenkins. Gardner Hill Road from Route 113A to Millie Streeter, Depot Road from Chris Clines to Route 113. They would review paving budget after these repairs where finished. William Farnum seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

Selectman Farnum inquired about the 6ton load limit signs on Old Rte 25 and asked if they would be made visible. He also asked if Bruce Robinson would be available to attend the Building Committee meeting scheduled for Monday July 14th from 6pm-7pm to discuss the highway-building project. Bruce agreed to attend. The board discussed the Highway Department cell phones and the scheduled list of work. Selectman Farnum asked if there had been anything done to help with the drainage for Mr. Moore on

Washington Hill Road. Bruce advised they had scheduled work in that area next week and planned on doing something to help divert the water from flowing into his driveway.

Selectman Tom Abugelis announced that in the middle of September he and Judy have decided to put the home and business up for sale and relocate back to Cape Code. He will continue to serve out his term as a selectman until such time as his business sells or his term expires.

Public Comment (Tom removed himself from the table)

Jim Bowditch inquired about the value of the Chocorua Village Park as listed in the annual report. He also inquired whether McGregor Hill Road was a Town or Private Road. The board informed him it was a town road. He informed the board that the paved portion of the road was in need of repairs. He informed the board that one of the wings on Narrows Bridge is being repaired at no cost to the Town.

Tom Abugelis wanted to bring some safety issues to the board's attention with the Chocorua Project. Chief Poirier has been meeting with the Engineers in the mornings for a Traffic Safety meeting and informed the board that Engineer's are aware of the concerns and they are taking care of them. Tom Abugelis thanked Chief Poirier for his efforts in the assuring the safety of the project.

Larissa inquired about sand sealing and its meaning. Selectman Farnum explained it was liquid asphalt and it was used to seal the roads so that the moisture would not seep in to cause cracks.

(Tom Abugelis returned to the table)

Sam Martin inquired as to why the site walk was canceled for the Cronan property. Selectman Farnum informed her that the Cronan's had been working with the Planning Board and that the materials have been moved back to the original location. Sam also wanted to let the board know that Yvonne Staples was not working for Club Motorsports Inc.

Chief Poirier announced that Shawn was given the day off for family matters.

(Tom Abugelis removed himself)

Pat Farley received a call from Senator Sununu's office and they informed her that there was a full mark up on the Federal Transportation Grant, but still needs to go to the full Senate. She also confirmed that there would be no work scheduled for the Chocorua Village Project on July 26th for Chocorua day.

Rebecca Mason asked if the Engineers for the Chocorua Project were looking for artifacts as they dig. The board informed her that they have had an archeologist on the site. (Tom Abugelis returned to the table) She also discussed the land discrepancy on the tax map and advised she was going thru the legal system to resolve this matter. The board still feels the land will need to be surveyed by the landowner to show burden of proof and that the tax maps are for reference only.

Sandra Flanagan, Edna Flanagan's daughter. Informed the board about the condition of her family's dam. There are some repairs needed for the dam, caused from trees further up the river falling in. She will be sending out letters to the abutters up river asking them not to allow trees to fall into the river because of the damage being done to it. Removal of the dam is possible and she is not sure what their plans were at this time. (Tom removed himself) She was also concerned about the boundary line pins, due to the debris from the Chocorua Project one has seemed to disappear along with the stonewall that was also used as a boundary line. Selectman Farnum advised her that the pins are still there and the Engineers are aware of the pins. There will be a bio retention wall in place on Town's property.

Jim Bowditch asked if there are any plans available for the Chocorua Project. Selectman Farnum informed him that the Chocorua Library has a set of plans.

Administrative Matters

The board reviewed Sticker Policy for the Transfer Station. *A motion was made by Tom Abugelis to accept the amended Transfer Station Policy, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.*

A copy of the letter from the Tamworth Fire Department authorizing the Tamworth Inn to partially open was given to the board for their information. The Board also reviewed a draft letter from the town approving the sale of liquor outside the contained area.

Minutes for the June 19th meeting for approval.

A motion was made by John Roberts to approve, seconded by William Farnum and passed unanimously

Minutes for the Non-Public session of June 19th for approval.

A motion was made by John Roberts to approve, seconded by William Farnum and passed unanimously

Minutes for the June 26th meeting for approval.

A motion was made by John Roberts to approve, seconded by Tom Abugelis and passed unanimously.

Minutes for the Non-Public session of June 26th for approval.

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

Intent to cut for Map #206 Lot #37

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

Driveway permit for Map #414 Lot #25

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

The Volunteer Energy Committee was granted \$1500 from the New England Grass Roots. *A motion was made by Tom Abugelis to accept the grant for \$1500.00 from the New England Grass Roots Environmental funds for the Volunteer Energy Committee, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.*

The tax-acquired property owned by the Town in Tamworth Pines was discussed. *A motion was made by William Farnum to send a letter notifying the owner of the trailer in Tamworth Pines that the town intends to sell said trailer and will be accepting bids on said trailer. Seconded by Tom Abugelis and passed unanimously.* An update on the closing from the tax sale in May was given.

(Tom Abugelis removed himself.)

There was a brief discussion and update for the Chocorua Village project from the construction meeting earlier today. (Tom Abugelis rejoined the table)

Selectman Roberts had a phone conversation with Douglas Coulter regarding a gate he would like place on Runnels Lane at his expense and liability. The board agreed to send him a letter expressing thanks for informing the Town of his plans and advise him the gate must remain unlocked and have a minimum of a 12' foot opening for emergency vehicles to pass. A letter will be sent to the property owners of the other end of Runnels Lane (Sanger Lot Road) requesting the removal of the rocks and the requirements should they decide to gate their end as well.

There was a brief discussion regarding the culvert on Cleveland Hill Road and the McConatary Property. Selectman Farnum will follow up with the Conservation Commission regarding the McConatary property at the next Conservation meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding some cutting being done on the property on Old Mail Road that the town owns.

There was a presentation given to the Planning Board last evening regarding Earth Excavation/Gravel Tax from Mary Pinkham-Langer of NHDRA.

William Farnum announced there would be a building committee meeting Monday July 14, 2008 at 6pm.

A motion was made by Tom Abugelis to enter into non-public under RSA-91 A: 3 II (a, c & d) at 7:45pm seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Abugelis to exit non-public session at 8:17pm, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.

The decision was made to Notice the Public Hearing for land acquisition for July 24th and August 7th at 6pm.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm 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