

Minutes for July 24, 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, Fire Chief Richard Colcord, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Town Treasurer Mary Mills, Welfare Director Tracy Hayes and members of the public.

Selectman Farnum gave a brief discussion about the bad storms that missed the town earlier this afternoon.

**Police Department**

Chief Dan Poirier informed the board that the two-day training program he held at the Brett School was a success. There were 24 officers in attendance and he plans to continue the program next year. Sergeant Varney and Officer Frechette will be attending a defense-driving course in Concord. There was a discussion regarding the status of the Tamworth Inn's reopening. Chief Poirier also agreed that the town just missed the bad weather that caused severe damage to some of the southern towns.

Selectman Farnum has received several requests from members of the public to install a basketball net at the Town House for the children in the town to play. The board and Chief Poirier agreed that it was a good idea. John Roberts requested that the Highway Department remove some of the refrigeration units and miscellaneous junk that was in the Town House parking lot. Selectman Farnum also asked Chief Poirier if he could remind the children riding bikes of the Helmet Law. Chief Poirier plans on having the Police Department being involved with Chocorua Day on Saturday.

**Welfare Department**

Tracy Hayes, Welfare Director, discussed the raising cost of utilities and cost of living. The board reviewed a cost comparison spreadsheet of rent and utilities from 2006 and 2008 in order to determine how to adjust the budget allocations. The board agreed to table the discussion until fall and the Welfare Director will further research what is needed for an increase.

Mary Mills asked if the board was aware of the delay of payments by Tri County Cap, thus causing late fees being charged from the oil Vendors. Tracy Hayes gave a clearer picture of the procedures that Tri County Cap follows.

Bill Rich asked if there was an estimate for the anticipated increase, Selectman Farnum informed him they were unable to come up with an estimate at this time. Gail Marrone asked if each town followed state guidelines to qualify for assistance, Tracy informed her that the Town of Tamworth did. Selectman Abugelis also gave further explanation of the

Town's Welfare Policy/Procedures. Sam Martin, Welfare Director of Ossipee, announced that she puts the information on their website for early sign up. Kathy Dyrenforth inquired if each town had their own guidelines why couldn't ours specifically say Town Residences only. Selectmen Abugelis gave an explanation of the state's RSA and advised that the Town of Tamworth was in compliance. Joan Gilmour asked how would it possible to reach those who did not have internet access to obtain the information for assistance. Selectmen Farnum suggested more public awareness and neighbors helping neighbors.

### **Public Comment**

Tara Schroeder from Green Mountain Conservation Group gave a brief update on the source water protection project and discussed the letter that was sent to the board. Mia Akaogi, Ossipee Aquifer Steering Committee also introduced herself and gave an update of the upcoming events, workshops etc. They will also be attending the Hazardous Waste Day to do more outreach.

Mary Mills announced that Veterans Memorial Committee were here to address the concerns the Board had expressed in a letter that was received by the Committee members. The concern is the Committee does not have its own tax ID number. Previously, the Committee was operating under the Tamworth Foundation's Tax ID number, and recently transferred to the Trustee of the Trust Fund who operates under the Town's Tax ID number. The Trustees should only be holding the money that is for the perpetual care for the triangle. For project completion they should open their own checking account or transfer the money back to the Tamworth Foundation.

John Gotchen was in to discuss the Chocorua Village Project and gave the board a diagram outlining the project. He asked if the diagram could be placed on the website. He extended an invitation to all, to the Chocorua Days Celebration on Saturday. There are many events scheduled for all to enjoy

David Haskell informed the board there has been a revision in the state's bid request for salt.

Members of the Tamworth Foundation were in to respond to the letter they received from the board asking for a donation for the Highway Project. Bill Rich announced they were not going to entertain any grant request this year and plan on devoting the funds to the heating crises. That being said, their answer would have to be no to the request, however, they are willing to offer an interest free loan payable up to three years for \$100,000.00 to the Town of Tamworth. The board thanked the Tamworth Foundation for the generous offer and would need some time to research the legalities of the loan to make sure the town is operating within the boundaries.

The Tamworth Foundation has done some preliminary work on the heating crises and the best response would be a combination effort with governmental and private funds to help with the crises.

## Public Hearing: Land Acquisition

Selectman Farnum opened the public hearing for the acquisition of property for the Town of Tamworth at 6:15pm.

A recap of town meeting from last March where the voters approved \$100,000.00 for the purchase of land in a warrant article and the Board of Selectmen were given the authority to expense said funds. In May the Board of Selectmen advertised the Town of Tamworth was looking for land of 10 + for the purpose of building a Highway Garage. In June the board looked at 6 different locations ranging from 7.5 acres to 30 acres in the price range of \$75,000.00 to \$595,000.00. The board of selectmen chose the Havelock Property on 113A, which consists of 8.4 acres. The property is centrally located, large enough for expansion and includes some materials on site that will help with the expenses needed for the Highway Department. A purchase and sales agreement was signed by the board. On July 14 there was a review by the Tamworth Conservation Commission who brought forward some concerns using best management practices and how was the town going to operate as a gravel pit. On July 23 there was a review by the Planning Board with the same concerns using best management practices. There will be one more public hearing that is required on August 7 at the Town Offices at 6:00.

Public hearing was open for public comment and a map was available for the location of the property.

David Haskell asked if the Conservation Commission discussed the wellhead area and asked about how many buildings were being planned for the storage of salt and sand. Selectman Farnum advised that board was not sure at this time what was being planned for buildings and they plan on doing whatever it takes to maintain best management practices.

David Little was glad to hear the board plans to use best management practices. Selectman Abugelis informed Mr. Little that there has been a Building Committee established to help with the best management practices. Selectman Roberts talked about the current resources of sand already on the property that could last the town over 20 yrs. Don Pepin asked how was the Building Committee going to heat the proposed building. Selectman Farnum advises there have been some discussion about radiant heat in the floor. There was further discussion on the heating system and other alternative methods.

David Haskell asked if the Fire Station would be moved to that location in the future. The board would like the Fire Department to consider moving to that location. There was a brief discussion about the tree removal from the location.

Mr. Pepin asked what the purchase price was for the property, Selectman Farnum advised the purchase price of \$100,000.00.

David Haskell asked if there would be a tree buffer on the roadside. Selectman Farnum advised that there would be.

There was a brief discussion where the proposed driveway would be placed.

Selectman Farnum announced again that there would be another public hearing at the next meeting on August 7 at the Town Offices.

Selectman Farnum closed the public hearing at 6:35pm.

*Motion made by William Farnum to enter into non-public session at 6:35pm RSA-91 A: 3 II (a, c, & d), seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.*

*Motion made by John Roberts to exit non-public at 7:10pm, seconded by Tom Abugelis and passed unanimously.*

### **Administrative Matters**

The appointment of John Wheeler to the Trustees of the Trust Fund to be approved and signed. *Motion made by William Farnum to approve, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.*

An update regarding the Angel Auto status was given.

Intent to cut for Map 412 Lot 007

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

Jesse Lyman commercial price protection program contract was reviewed. The board agreed to table until the next meeting.

Minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.

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

Minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup> Non-public session for approval.

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

The employee Daily log and Advance Schedule sheets were distributed for the board to review.

A quote for the installation of the radio for the town loader from Ossipee Mountain Electronics was \$875.00.

Have not heard back from Jay of HEB regarding replacement of the gas monitoring well at the old landfill. HEB will be in at the next meeting in August for further discussion.

The board reviewed and discussed a proposal received from GES Engineers & Appraisers for the valuation and consulting services relating to Pine Tree Power. *A motion was made by John Roberts to accept the proposal from GES Engineers & Appraisers of Newington, NH for the appraisal of Pine Tree Power in the amount of \$12,500.00 based on the fact they will stand behind their proposal at no added cost, seconded by Tom Abugelis and passed unanimously.*

There was a discussion regarding the No Smoking and No Dogs on Town Property policy and some input was received from other Department Heads.

A meeting was scheduled with the Road Agent to discuss Highway Department matters for Monday, July 28, 2008 at the Town Offices at 9:00am

There was a status update regarding the Minimum Impact application that was completed and needing a signature from the Tamworth Conservation Commission for the culvert replacement for Greggs Way.

There was a discussion about the Lambert Property that the town owns in regards to the logging that was done. Robert Boyd will be out from the State to look at the property.

*Motion made by Tom Abugelis to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.*

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

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Tom Abugelis, Selectmen