

Minutes for July 28, 2008
Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen Present: William Farnum, John Roberts and Tom Abugelis

Meeting Convened: 9:04

Others present: Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce, Information Director and Selectmen's Office Secretary Leah Valladares

Road Agent, Bruce Robinson met with the board to address their concerns.

Selectman Farnum expressed concern with the status of drainage problems on Page Hill Road at the end of Judith Reardon and Ashe's driveway, there also appears to be a ditch causing some water to back up on the road. Selectman Roberts suggested a catch basin be placed to help the water. Bruce agreed and plans to pave the driveway apron this week.

There have been some wash outs on Washington Hill Road and Macgregor Hill Road. Bruce will be addressing these wash outs shortly and plans on addressing Mr. Moore's driveway while they are working up there. He feels the best solution for the driveway is by placing a paved berm to divert the water away from his driveway towards the road. High Street is also experiencing some water issues.

Selectman Farnum asked if a sign had been ordered yet for "No Thru Trucking" which is to be posted at the other end of old 25. Bruce advised that he was planning on placing a sign order and Selectman Roberts suggested ordering a couple of extras to have on hand. Selectman Farnum asked if a Yield sign could be placed by the monument for people coming into the village from Tamworth Road.

There was a discussion regarding the purchase of salt for the 2008-2009 season. *A motion was made by William Farnum, to enter into a contract with Morton Salt at \$62.73 per ton for the 2008-2009 season, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.*

There was a discussion regarding the sand sealing contracts, Bruce informed the board that there was a vendor coming tomorrow to re-measure Great Hill Road and Cleveland Hill Road. Pricing on pavement is changing every 15 days, in order to maintain current rates these roads will need to be done in the month of August. By the next board meeting the vendor will have a contract ready for the board to review and approve. The vendor intentions are to spread the sand themselves. Bruce plans on putting a sander in one of the town trucks just in case of a break down. The Highway Department will be in charge of the traffic with the assistance from the Police Department. Selectman Roberts inquired as to where the sand was coming from. Bruce informed him it would be coming out of Brox's pit.

The board asked to have each employee fill out the Employee Daily Logs and asked to review the equipment logs on a monthly basis.

Selectman Roberts inquired about the sidewalks by David Haskell, Bruce informed him that Ed Bergeron of HEB planned on inspecting the area where the deficiencies were reported. Mr. Bergeron is on the State of NH-DOT committee that inspects any deficiency complaints. Mr. Bergeron advised Bruce to have the Police Department place a cone in the area to show where the Highway Department had addressed the deficiency and he would inspect.

There was a discussion regarding the scower wall at the Gillman Valley Bridge. Selectman Farnum agreed to go and take a look at before any decisions are made regarding the repairs.

The board discussed the junk items that are in the Town House parking lot. Selectman Roberts would like the area to be picked up and the dumpster moved off the town property since it is not ours. Bruce will ask Chief Poirier to take care of the relocation of the dumpster.

There was a mention of the railing at the Chocorua Lake bridge and it is believed that a member of the Chocorua Lake Association is working on a replacement rail.

The board asked if Phil and Judson have their Nextel phones and if the numbers could be given to Cassandra for emergency purposes.

The Emergency Operations Plan final draft should be ready for the next Selectmen's meeting.

There was a discussion as to what was charged to the mowing budget for this year and the loader operation to and from the Landfill.

Selectman Roberts inquired as to why the Town Loader wasn't used for the cleaning the catch basin. Bruce informed the board that his own employees were going by with his loader and gave the town guys a hand.

Cassandra reminded Bruce about the FEMA information she needs.

There was a discussion about the repair/removal of the gas monitor's that were broken at the old landfill. The one that was taken out needs to be replaced and the other one repaired. Bruce informed the Board that the broken one was removed and is at his shop and the other one was repaired on site.

Cassandra informed Bruce that the Dredge and Fill application was filled out for the culvert on Greggs Way and she is just waiting for a check and the Conservation Commission to sign to start the permit process.

The board requested a list from Bruce, of the number of vehicles that will be used for plowing and the routes they are going to be taken this winter

There was a discussion on what type of material should be used for the base of the storage area for salt/sand.

MS5 from the audit was presented to the board to approve. *Motion was made by William Farnum to approve and sign, seconded by John Roberts and passed unanimously.*

There was a discussion regarding The Tamworth Foundation's offer to loan the Town money for the Highway Building project. The board agreed to have Town Counsel work with The Tamworth Foundation's counsel to come up with a solution for the loan to be possible.

There was a brief discussion of Angel Auto and will be followed up with Town Counsel. The board also discussed the need to send out a letter regarding the outstanding junkyard permits for all others to come into compliance.

Motion was made by John Roberts to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 am, seconded by Tom Abugelis and passed unanimously.

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

William Farnum, Selectmen Chair

John Roberts, Selectmen

Tom Abugelis, Selectmen