

**TOWN OF TAMWORTH**  
**Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes**  
**October 26, 2006**

**Members Present:** Chairman John Roberts, Selectman Thomas Abugelis, Selectmen William Farnum

**Others Present:** Cassandra Pearce, Mellisa Ferland, Gary Hebert (VP of Transportation FST Engineers)

**Minutes Recorded By:** Mellisa Ferland

**Meeting Called to Order:** 3:12 p.m.

**Chocorua Project:** The town has received a Watershed Assistance Grant through NHDES for work being done in the Village Park. Hebert showed draft plans that have been drawn up and Cathy Dyrenforth, Yehia Ahmed, David Little participated in the discussion. Ahmed said he does not agree with curbs being installed on the edge of his parking lot, feeling they do not promote safety. He agreed with the idea of painting parking space stripes in the parking lot. Dyrenforth asked that the proposed bus stop be moved farther down Chocorua Road with parking across the street. Hebert said the plan has changed from installing a median at the north end of the village to changing the curve in the road to slow traffic. The group discussed the placement of crosswalks. Hebert suggested the town work with a local artist to create "attention grabbing" and perhaps illuminated signs to replace the current Welcome to Chocorua signs. Hebert will now take all the recommendations back to be redrawn and a public meeting will be set up mid to late November for the presentation of the plans. NHDOT will also be invited to this public hearing.

**Regular Meeting Convened** 5:12 p.m.

**Department Heads:** Police Chief Dan Poirier said NH Dept of Safety is creating an inventory of police agencies who would like to receive new radios purchased with federal interoperability funds. Abugelis made a motion that passed to allow Poirier to apply. Poirier informed the board he has also applied for a Highway Safety Project Grant for speed enforcement patrols.

Conservation Commission Chairman John Mersfelder informed selectmen there will be a petitioned warrant article for town meeting urging the President and Congress to take the issue of global warming seriously.

Mersfelder said no special use permit is required for the McConarty property on Bryant Mill Road though it may be a shoreland protection issue.

Supervisor of the Checklist Brad Ball said he needs help preparing the 2007 budget. He said of the 12 items he is responsible to budget, only 3 are relative to the supervisor's responsibilities. The board asked that he prepare as much as he can and when he meets with the board at budget review, they and Cassandra will help him. There was discussion about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade food sale on Election Day. The class will be holding a bake sale. The board decided not to have a sit-down meal for election workers at lunch **and** dinner. Rather, it is suggested the workers be provided pizza at lunch and a sit-down meal as soon as polls close at 7 p.m.

**Time Warner Cable – Mike Edgecomb**

Edgecomb introduced himself as the local representative. He said the Adelphia.net addresses will soon be changing to roadrunner.com. Farnum said the complaint regarding cable service in town that he hears most often is the lack of high-speed Internet access to many homes. Farnum said this also makes it difficult to attract new businesses who rely on this technology but do not have access. Edgecomb said the company will run cable to any house or business if the owner is willing to pay for the installation. The board will put together a list of questions and concerns and send it to Edgecomb for follow-up.

**Public Comment:**

David Haskell of the Tamworth Veteran Memorial Committee said the Tamworth Foundation has taken the Committee under its wing so the Committee does not have to file for its own 501c3 tax-exempt status. Haskell said the Committee now has about \$10,000 in the bank. The Committee has applied for a Ham Foundation grant. They have sold about 50 engraved pavers so far. These will be placed at the Memorial. There will be a ceremony 11/11/06 at the Memorial. NH Rep. Harry Mellow will speak at the ceremony that will be held at the Town House if it rains. Selectmen said they would try to attend. Haskell will speak to the police chief and road agent about closing the intersection during the ceremony. Haskell asked the board to consider burying the town time capsule that was created in 1966 at the Veteran Memorial under a designated paver to be removed in 2066.

Haskell said the town needs to "do all it can to lobby to keep Pine Tree Power." Haskell was referring to a Union Leader article (10/24/06) that said PSNH has to continue to buy power from Pine Tree until March 2008. After that, it is uncertain what will happen to the plant and the employees.

**Dorothy Solomon - County Commissioner Candidate**

Solomon asked the board to vote for her in the upcoming election. She said she is very concerned about the condition of the nursing home. She said she will work to renovate the building if elected. She will also look for ways to create income for the facility. She said if the building is upgraded, it could attract private pay residents and this will increase income for the county. She said she has visited all county departments. She said the problem with the county government now is that the delegation and county commissioners do not work well together and therefore nothing gets done.

**Administrative Assistant Report:**

Brian Lavoie of Tri-County Community Action contacted town office and asked if the town could provide volunteering opportunities to TANF recipients. The board would like more information and question the liability if someone gets hurt while volunteering for the town.

Answering a request from Kate Vachon, the board decided they do not want to post the entire town report in the town website.

AFLAC – A representative will be at the 11/2/06 selectmen's meeting to review programs available to employees.

Farnum will work on getting an E-911 number posted at the transfer station.

The board signed a request for CDBG funds in the amount of \$3,380.27. Abugelis recused himself from the vote.

The board signed building permits for map 205, lot 11; map 415, lot 29; and map 411, lot 51.

The board signed Intent to Cut for map 412, lot 1.

The board signed a land use change tax warrant in the amount of \$5,000 for map 413, lot 4.

The board approved a current use application for map 414, lot 60.

The board approved a resident tax abatement for various lots totaling \$11,540.

The board signed a 2<sup>nd</sup> issue property tax warrant in the amount of \$3,200,620.22

The board signed an abatement request in the amount of \$3,565.52 representing various parcels deeded to the town.

Susan Slack, of Local Government Center will present a budget workshop 11/06/06 at Wakefield Town Hall at 7pm.

The board reviewed a sample "Property Transfer Survey." This is a form that Ossipee uses and is sent to new owners following a property transfer. The purpose of the form is to help determine if the sale is qualified or unqualified. The board will review the form and make a decision about whether to use it in Tamworth.

The board voted to approve the purchase of a dell laptop computer for the town offices at \$569.

Representatives from Waste Management will attend the November 2 selectmen's meeting to discuss the renewal of the contract.

The board approved reimbursing Farnum for mulch he purchased for landscaping at town office. Farnum abstained from the vote.

**Non-Public**

The board met with a concerned citizen regarding a personal safety issue. No action was taken.

The board has received additional applications for the Finance Director position and interviews will be scheduled next week.

The board was made aware of a citizen's concern about lack of response to a complaint. No action was taken.

The board came out of non-public session at 7:54 pm  
Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Mellisa Ferland

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

John E. Roberts

William W. Farnum

Thomas C. Abugelis