

Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2008

Selectmen Present: William Farnum, John Roberts and Tom Abugelis

Chairman Farnum opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Others present throughout the meeting: Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Treasurer Mary Mills, Rescue Captain Chris Robinson, Rescue Lieutenants Jeff Tavares and Dana Littlefield, Peter Whyte, Pat Farley, Mr. & Mrs. Pepin, Sam Martin, and Anne Abear.

Chocorua Village Sidewalk:

Mr. Peter Whyte attended the meeting to discuss hand railing being added to the new sidewalk along Route 16 in the Chocorua Village. The Board expressed concern that if a railing was not put into place along this sidewalk, the chances of someone getting injured from falling off the sidewalk into the roadway was probable. After some discussion on whether the railing should be powder coated or epoxy painted (which is the recommendation of Mr. Whyte), the Board requested Mr. Whyte acquire quotes for aluminum and steel railings. The Board decided the railing should extend the full length of the sidewalk.

Department Updates:

1. Police Department –
 - a. Chief Poirier presented photographs of piping at the transfer station. Mrs. Pearce requested the pictures be emailed to her
 - b. October 2008 stats, odometer readings and vehicle mileage reports were disbursed to the Board. .
 - c. Chief Poirier discussed two (2) fugitives from justice in which warrants have been issued as a result of a recent break in at the Marsh property.
 - d. Chief Poirier discussed the need for snow tires for the crown victoria and expedition. He advised after reviewing the prices of the tires to include the mounting and balancing, that Frechette Auto can provide the tires cheaper than what the current vendor can provide them. The savings is estimated to be \$10/tire. The Board agreed to purchase tires from Frechette Auto.

2. Highway Department –
 - a. Culvert on Greg's Way - Mr. Robinson discussed the culvert replacement on Greg's Way advising that the Board would have to acquire a drainage easement for the work that is planned along this roadway. The Board requested Mr. Robinson mark the area in which the culvert will be placed and to discuss the proposal with the owner of the property the proposed location of the drainage.

- b. Paving for 2009 – Mr. Robinson presented his priorities for the 2009 year.
 - i. 1st proposal was for Durrell Road from Route 113 to the end. An estimate for this roadway was given to the Board at \$102,000 for 4200 feet. The Board did not favor working on Durrell Road in the 2009 year, as there were many other roadways that were traveled more that need to be repaired.
 - ii. 2nd proposal was for Whittier Road. The estimated cost for this roadway was \$464,000 for 11,400 feet. Mr. Robinson advised this road might be a several year project due to the expense.

The Board requested Mr. Robinson to mark out the work to be done along Whittier Road. The Board requested Mrs. Pearce to set up a meeting with paving contractors to view the road on November 17 to get prices for 2009 budget year. The quotes received will be for the entire length of Whittier Road and another quote will be requested for sections of the road.

Mr. Roberts discussed Marsh Lane, Maple Road and Depot Road. Mr. Robinson advised there are drainage issues to be dealt with on Marsh Lane and Depot Road and Maple Road has a concrete base in some areas; therefore, the reason he did not recommend working on these three (3) roads in the 2009 this year.

- c. Driver's list – Mr. Robinson advised the Office has a current list of drivers and recommended the Board advertise for seasonal part-time help for the winter. The Board agreed with Mr. Robinson and requested Mrs. Pearce run an advertisement for this help.
- d. Tools and shop supplies – Mr. Robinson advised he was working with the highway personnel to create a listing of tools that will be necessary for his department in the new building. Further, Mr. Robinson discussed the need for storage. Mrs. Pearce will get prices for a cold storage container at the new garage.
- e. New garage – The Board discussed antifreeze, hydraulic and engine oil and diesel storage/purchase; purchasing a generator (5,000 – 6,500 watt); finishing the salt shed construction; and gathering wood from the transfer station for the new wood boiler.

Public Comments:

- 1. Chocorua Community Project – Ms. Pat Farley thanked Mr. Farnum for attending the recent meeting of the Chocorua Association and for his explanations of the bioretention area and its purpose. The Association further requests the Board consider the following:
 - a. The sign in the park area to be moved back to allow room for benches to be installed.
 - b. The flowers that were to be planted this fall and the concern regarding the flowers not surviving if they are planted now. Mrs. Pearce will check with the grant administrator on the status of the funding for these plants.
 - c. Mr. Abugelis recommended an honest analysis be conducted of the bioretention area to determine the future needs of this area and whether it is being used and continues to be used to its fullest potential.

- d. The recent lines that were painted in the Chocorua Village are of concern as they had to be removed and repainted. Ms. Farley advised the lines do not look as “fresh” as they could on this new roadway.
- e. Mrs. Pearce discussed the punch list of items still to be addressed for Chocorua project. Mr. Farnum requested a copy of the list for his review.

Tamworth Rescue Squad:

Captain Chris Robinson and Lieutenants Jeff Traverse and Dana Littlefield attended the meeting and discussed their proposal of a policy to transport patients. After much discussion, regarding the proposed policy and the services of Medstar that are provided to the Town under contract, the Board advised members of Tamworth Rescue that they are not to be considered a primary transporting ambulance service. There were reasons discussed why Tamworth should be able to transport and after further discussion, the Board made changes to the proposed transporting policy. Captain Robinson will be working on the changes that were made by the Board to this policy and will submit a new policy at the next meeting.

The Board requested if any member of the squad or community have concerns regarding the service that is provided by Medstar that they bring them to the Board so they may settle any issues that are needed.

The Board discussed the future plans of the rescue squad to include their desire to become the primary transporting agency for Tamworth. The Board advised they would not support this plan.

Non-Public Session:

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported entering into a non-public session for the purpose of RSA 91-A:3, II (a) to discuss a personnel matter at 6:45 p.m. Roll call vote: Farnum, Yes, Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes - Motion passed.

Present during the non-public session in addition to the Board were Mr. Littlefield, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Abear.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported adjourning the non-public session at 7:08 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to appoint Mr. Littlefield as Tamworth's Emergency Management Director. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Littlefield was given his first task of working on the hazard mitigation plan for the Town.

Signature File:

Mrs. Pearce presented the following items and the Board approved and signed the information as appropriate:

1. Payable manifest, check register and checks for the highway garage project totaling \$22,473.80.
2. A final acceptance certificate for the 6-wheel vehicles. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugulis supported to authorize Chairman Farnum to sign the final acceptance certification for the 6-wheel vehicles being purchased. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
3. An abatement of properties deeded this year was signed. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugulis supported to approve the abatement in the amount of \$6,082.00. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
4. A 2009 commitment was signed for LRPC's household hazardous waste product collection program for \$2,304 to be placed in the 2009 budget.
5. An abatement for map 215 lot 013-001 property owned by Elizabeth Moody for the 2008 year was approved.
6. An intent to cut for map 415-099 property owned by the Edwin Remick Foundation was signed.
7. An intent to cut for map 202-076 property owned by Edward Remick Foundation was signed.
8. An intent to cut for map 209-026 property owned by Edward Remick Foundation was signed.
9. *Mr. Abugulis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the minutes of 10/10/08 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
10. *Mr. Abugulis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the non-public minutes of 10/15/08 meeting as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
11. *Mr. Abugulis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the non-public minutes of 10/30/08 meeting as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
12. The Board discussed and appointed Mr. Farnum and Mr. Abugulis (alternate) to the Board of Directors for the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council as Tamworth's representatives.
13. The Board approved the dental coverage rates for the 2009-year with a 3.7% increase effective July 1, 2009.
14. A notice was received from NH DOT regarding the plowing of sidewalks. The notice informs the Town that they do not maintain sidewalks in the winter; therefore, the Chocorua sidewalks will not be maintained by the State.

Other Business:

Mrs. Pearce discussed the following with the Board:

1. The Cleveland drainage easement and subordination of mortgage was sent to the registry recently.
2. The mapping company (Cartographic) has sent a letter inquiring if the Board wished to meet with them to discuss the revamping of the Town maps in the 2009 year. The Board advised they are not interested in revamping the Town maps.
3. Mrs. Pearce advised that legal representation has filed an appearance for Angel Auto.

Town Garage:

The Board discussed the 2008 warrant article and a listing of expenses that have been encumbered and expended thus far.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve and issue the job proposal of Superior Insulation for \$3,200 for the insulating of the town garage. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

During the discussion a telephone call was received from David Goodson of Goodson Builders who donated his time and some of the materials to put the petitions within the new garage. The Board thanked Mr. Goodson for his donation.

The Board requested 4 keys be made for the doors to the new garage.

The Board recommended insurance be placed on the new building, new salt shed and outside furnace.

Adjournment:

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Selectmen, 11/20/08

William Farnum

Tom Abugelis

John Roberts