

Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
November 20, 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: Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Treasurer Mary Mills, Mr. & Mrs. Farley, Sam Martin, Medstar Representative Brian Johns, Joe Merrill of Pine Tree Power, and Anne Abear.

Department Updates:

1. Highway Department –

- a. Culvert on Gregg's Way - Mr. Robinson advised he would be meeting with Mr. Jones to discuss the culvert to be replaced on Gregg's Way. Mr. Robinson advised the easement has been reviewed by Mrs. Pearce and Mr. Jones has called her to discuss the proposal. Mr. Robinson advised the owners were willing to sign the easement, but wanted to wait until spring to complete the work as the property is for sale.
- b. Whittier Road paving – The Board advised the bids should be in by December 4.
- c. List of supplies for new shop – Mr. Robinson advised the purchase of most of the supplies should wait until the building is ready to store them. The Board discussed the need for hydraulic and engine oil storage. Mr. Robinson will acquire a price for containers that will hold these oils. Mr. Robinson will also check the price of these products from various vendors.
- d. Heat at the new garage – Mr. Farnum advised the new furnace should be started on Friday. It is recommended that this system contain antifreeze. Mr. Farnum will make sure this is taken care of.
- e. Vehicle fuels and storage – Mr. Robinson was requested to acquire a price for the new vault which will hold the diesel storage tank. Mr. Robinson advised the 500-gallon tank being used presently would be moved once the vault is put in.
- f. Screener cleaning and grading at the new garage – The screener was cleaned before it was picked up by the supplier and the grading has been done at the new garage. Mr. Robinson advised the gravel used during the grading was donated by his company. The Board thanked Mr. Robinson for his donation.
- g. Salt haulers – Mr. Roberts advised the one hauler offered by Mr. Robinson (Wayne Lloyd) is not interested in hauling salt for the Town this year. The Board came up with a list of names and requested Mr. Robinson make calls to them to see who may be available.
- h. Radios installation – Mr. Robinson advised the radios were installed in the new trucks this week. There are still strobe lights to be placed on some of the vehicles. Mr. Call will be installing the strobe lights on these vehicles.

- i. Seasonal Plow drivers – Applications have been coming in for the position of plow drivers available for the upcoming season. Mr. Robinson was requested to review the applications that have arrived thus far.
- j. New Highway Garage – Mr. Farnum advised the doors are on at the new garage, but are not fully operational due to the insulation and sheet rock work still to be done. The Board discussed the outside containments that have been viewed for storage. Mr. Robinson was requested to level a spot for the containment.
- k. Hackett Hill Road – Mr. Roberts discussed a concern of Everett Davis concerning the slope of Hackett Hill Road. The Board requested Mr. Robinson address this issue before it snows.
- l. Salt deliveries – Mr. Robinson advised the new salt shed has received two deliveries. The cost of salt per ton at this time is \$62.73/ton. Mr. Robinson estimated 75 – 100 tons of mixed sand is available at his facility.
- m. New equipment – The Board discussed the new trucks and was advised one set of chains needed to be purchased for the new trucks and a set should be purchased for the loader as well. Mr. Robinson was requested to move forward with the purchase of these items.
- n. Service of new equipment – The Board discussed with Mr. Robinson where the new equipment will be serviced. It was determined that if possible, the equipment would be returned to DiPrizio's where the equipment was originally purchased and if this was not possible, the equipment would be taken to Valladares for repairs as DiPrizio's does not have a 24-hour service. Mr. Robinson will discuss this proposal with DiPrizio's.

Pine Tree Power: Mr. Joe Merrill of Pine Tree Power attended the meeting to discuss the noise issues that had been brought to their attention in the past. Mr. Merrill explained to the Board that his company has taken several steps to reduce the noise “blasts” that were complained about in the past. The steps taken include placing barriers, adding insulation within the stack, and placing a “blanket” insulator around the stack to absorb the noise. Mr. Merrill advised lower frequency horns have been ordered and should be installed in the next 2 –3 weeks. Thus far, members of the Board, Mr. Merrill nor any members of the audience were able to advise of any recent noise complaints that have been brought to their attention.

MedStar Ambulance Service: Mr. Brian Johns attended the meeting to introduce himself as the operations manager of MedStar and to inquire if a change had been made to the contract in which MedStar had not been notified. The inquiry was specific to the transporting of Tamworth residence that call for ambulatory service. The Board advised Mr. Johns that the contract has not changed with MedStar for transporting and that MedStar is the primary transporting agency for the residents of Tamworth and that the rescue squad personnel who attended the last meeting of the Board to discuss a proposed policy on transporting were informed that MedStar is the primary transporting agency.

Public Comments:

1. Chocorua Community Project – Ms. Pat Farley asked for any updates on the project in which she could bring back to the committee at the next meeting. The Board advised no updates on the project are available at this time.
2. School's Strategic Planning Metering – Mr. Farley advised the strategic planning meeting of the school board would be held on 12/15/08. Mr. Cleveland will be presenting the data.
3. SAU #13 budget meeting – Mr. Farley advised he attended the budget meeting for SAU #13 and that their budget is up 5.5%. A majority of the school board was present at the budget meeting.
4. Financial situation of the Town – Mrs. Mary Mills attended the meeting and advised that the Town funds in the banks are safe and that all funds are appropriately collateralized through the credit of the State of NH. She discussed the interest rates being lower than in previous years, but believed the money to be safe.

HEB – Cleveland Hill Road Bridge

Mr. Ed Bergeron attended the meeting to discuss the proposal for the bridge to be placed on Cleveland Hill Road. The design proposal is 90% complete as presented. The cost estimated projection is \$320,680. The Board reviewed the plans with Mr. Bergeron and discussed bidding out the project now to get prices for the 2009 year.

The bridge price out originally at \$92,000 and the manufacturer is willing to keep that price open for the 2009 year. The Board decided to go out to bid for the project to get a price for the 2009 budget.

Mr. Bergeron will call with a date to meet with the Board in December.

Signature File:

The Board reviewed and approved the following:

1. *Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of 10/30/08 as written. Mr. Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
2. *Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of 11/6/08 as written. Mr. Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
3. *Mr. Roberts moved to approve a timber tax levy in the amount of \$2,579.33. Mr. Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
4. *Mr. Roberts moved to approve a notice of intent to cut for map 420 lot 004. Mr. Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
5. *Mr. Roberts moved to approve an agreement and release for a building permit on a private road for map 207 lot 025, property owned by Marc Planche. Mr. Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
6. *Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to appoint Ms. Margaret Rieser to the Conservation Commission as a full voting member and Ms. Kathy Bunker to the Conservation Commission as an alternate member. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Other Business:

1. The Board discussed the inquiry from Randall and Loren Gorden to cross a conservation easement property to gain access to their landlocked property. Mr. Roberts advised the Board did not have this authority and recommending that the question if they placed a formal request go to Town Meeting for a vote.
2. The Board discussed a letter from Assistant Fire Chief James Bowles regarding a concern of the location of a fire hydrant at the Chocorua Village Project. The letter advised the Board of meetings and decisions that had been made by the Fire Wards on the placement of the hydrant and who would be paying for the moving of the hydrant. The Board requested a meeting with Mr. Bowles to discuss this situation and how it would be handled.
3. Mr. Abugelis recommended placing a lock on the wellhead faucet. Mr. Farnum advised he would take care of this.
4. Mr. Farnum announced that the sign for Deer Hill is missing.
5. The Board discussed the accumulating water that runs into Mr. Abugelis' parking area during heavy rains. Mr. Farnum discussed the bio-retention area having water flow in. This will be discussing this with the engineer at the next meeting.
6. The Board scheduled two budget work sessions for the 2009 budget. The meetings will be held on Mondays 12/1 and 12/8. The meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m.
7. The Board discussed the proposed rescue transport policy as revised. The Board decided they would meet with the rescue squad on December 11.

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) & (c) to discuss a personnel and possible legal issue at 6:26 p.m. Roll call vote: Farnum, Yes, Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes - Motion passed.

Present during the non-public session in addition to the Board was Mrs. Abear.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported adjourning the non-public session at 7:00 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board discussed personnel issues within a few departments and vacation requests of individual employees.

Adjournment:

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Selectmen, 12/4/08

William Farnum

Tom Abugelis

John Roberts