

Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2008

Selectmen Present: William Farnum and John Roberts

Chairman Farnum opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Others present throughout the meeting included: Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kim Noyes, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Rescue Captain Chris Robinson, Park & Recreation Director Parker Roberts and Anne Abear.

2009 Department Budget Reviews:

The following budget requests for 2009 were reviewed with the individual department supervisors:

1. Board of Selectmen
2. Town Administration
3. Town Clerk/Tax Collector
4. Treasury
5. Data Processing
6. Revaluation of Property
7. Legal Expense
8. Personnel Benefits
9. Zoning Board
10. Office Building
11. Town House
12. Cemeteries
13. Property/Liability Insurance
14. Advertising & Regional Associations
15. Police Department
16. Ambulance
17. Rescue Squad
18. Fire Department Other
19. Street Lighting
20. Waste Disposal/Recycling
21. Animal Control
22. Health – General
23. Welfare
24. Parks & Recreation
25. Swim Program
26. Patriotic Purposes
27. Debt Service & Other Financial Services

The Board noted that the budget requests for 2009 of most departments as presented were down from the 2008 appropriations. The cost of living wage increases for employees was approved at 5.8%, beginning the first pay period in April 2009. Increases in health insurance premiums are set at 6.3% and dental is projected to increase by 3.7%.

The Board made changes to the budgets as presented and will meet with the remainder of the departments on Monday, December 8, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Board advised each department they would be considering capital reserve appropriation requests once they have completed the entire review of the operating budget requests. Chief Poirier advised he did not have a capital reserve request for 2009. Capitan Robinson requested \$20,000 be placed in the capital reserve for the rescue squad's vehicle fund.

The Board decided they would hold the annual holiday celebration for the employees on Thursday, December 18 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Town Office. An open house will be held at new highway garage on Saturday, January 10, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS:

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 issue at 2:20 p.m. Roll call vote: Farnum, Yes, Roberts, Yes, Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported adjourning the non-public session at 2:40 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board acknowledged the outstanding efforts of two town employees during this non-public session and decided to disburse a total of \$1,000 from the 2008 personnel budget to those two employees to acknowledge their efforts during the 2008 year. Each recipient will receive \$500. Those employees are Judson Noyes and Cassandra Pearce.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported entering into a non-public session for the purpose of RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) to discuss an application for town assistance at 4:10 p.m. Roll call vote: Farnum, Yes, Roberts, Yes, Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported adjourning the non-public session at 5:00 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board discussed a request of an individual who is requesting assistance from the Town. After a review of the application, a decision was made to deny the application due to the applicant not meeting the criteria for assistance under the Town's income guidelines.

Adjournment:

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 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