

Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
April 30, 2009  
Tamworth Town Office

Members Present Tom Abugelis and John Roberts

Others Present Administrative Asst. Cassandra Pearce, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Transfer Station Attendant Glenn Johnson, Sam Martin, David Haskell, Nancy Russell, Scott Finman, TCNA Nurse Joanne Rainville, Fire Chief Richard Colcord, Mrs. & Mr. David Farley, Susan Ticehurst, Dana Littlefield, John Gotgen, Anne Abear and many members of the community.

*The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and Chairman Abugelis reviewed the agenda.*

Swine Flu Chairman Abugelis thanked all those who attended this meeting to discuss the recent concerns of swine flu. Mr. Abugelis advised that approximately 3 years ago, the Town through training sessions in emergency preparedness began to consider what would be necessary for the community in the event of an emergency such as the swine flu. Mr. Abugelis advised personnel from the Fire Department, Police Department and Rescue Squad have all attended training in emergency preparedness.

Several handouts were available for the attendees of the meeting. The handouts included signs, symptoms and emergency telephone numbers for the Center for Disease Control related to the Swine Flu.

Mr. Littlefield as emergency management director will be the point of contact for the Town. He will be the support for the Town Office, Employees, Selectmen and the community.

Chairman Abugelis reminded everyone that the community of Tamworth is prepared and through the use of common sense, cool heads and caring hearts the community as a whole will work diligently to minimize any crisis that the community may face in the future.

During the discussion that ensued, the following items will be looked at to further ensure that the community is prepared for this type of emergency:

1. Making sure the community has a good communication system that can be utilized by the police, fire and emergency management director, to include telephones, radios and any other form of communication that may be necessary.
2. Determine the area that will be utilized as the command center for the communications.
3. The need to activate an emergency shelter under normal conditions and the possibility of quarantining residents if necessary.
4. Ensuring that a supply of food, water, and animal needs, surgical masks and other necessary items are available.

5. Huggins Hospital will be the main hospital utilized by the Tamworth residents.
6. The need to ensure that the local schools are prepared for emergencies. Mr. Littlefield advised that the schools are getting personal updates from the NH Department of Education and a notice has been sent out to the parents of those children.
7. The chain of command was discussed.

Mr. Littlefield advised that the current pandemic phase was listed as number 5, which indicates a pandemic is imminent. Mr. Littlefield will be disseminating material from the All Health Hazard Organization and advised this meeting was put together to offer information to the public. Several websites offering information on the swine flu were available for the general public. He reminded everyone of the need to stay away from people who may be sick to limit the spread of the virus in addition to covering coughs and sneezes and washing hands.

Mr. Littlefield cautioned on media information and if answers to questions are needed, he recommended the emergency numbers be utilized.

Several suggestions were made to assist in notifying the public of emergency situations to include telephone numbers being placed on the website and to have a community hotline created in which residents can call to acquire information regarding an emergency.

Ms. Rainville suggested residents stock up on items that are utilized during the regular flu season such as plenty of liquids, pain and fever reducers.

Chief Poirier discussed the upcoming training session that will be attended by many emergency services personnel the following day. The training will be to discuss communication needs.

Chairman Abugelis again thanked everyone for attending this meeting.

## Department Updates

**Police Department** Chief Poirier gave the Board an update on the injury to Officer Frechette and the damage done to the vehicle during her automobile accident. Ms. Frechette has been released from the hospital and the insurance adjuster has viewed the vehicle to determine coverage that will be afforded the Town under the insurance. The vehicle has been claimed as totaled, but will not be removed from the Town until the vehicle has had the equipment removed.

**Fire Department** Chief Colcord advised he continues to work on the inspections of properties and further advised today is a red flag fire danger day.

**Transfer Station** Mr. Johnson advised the dirt work and concrete has been completed at the Transfer Station. Further, the trees have been cut down as approved by the

Board at the last meeting. Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Roberts for his assistance in this project.

Mr. Johnson advised a new representative has been assigned Tamworth from Waste Management. He discussed the prices related to shipping recycling material.

## Highway Department

**Old Rt 25** Mr. Robinson discussed the work that has been done on Old Route 25. He expects to have the reclaiming done by Monday. He discussed the gravel needs of the road advising the Board that the material currently supplied from Ambrose is not meeting State specification 304.3 and recommended finding another supplier. The Board concurred advising Mr. Robinson not to acquire any further tests of the product coming from the Ambrose pit.

Mr. Robinson advised FR Carroll is renting the roller for a cost of \$30/hour and paving is currently priced at \$63.86 per ton.

After further discussion as to who will supply gravel for the Old Route 25 project, *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to have Mr. Robinson make an agreement with Coleman to supply the Town with State specification 304.3 gravel for the Town. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.* The Board further directed Mr. Robinson to let the office know what he finds out from Coleman tomorrow.

**Grading** Mr. Robert Abraham inquired if the Board would consider authorizing overtime for the purpose of grading roads. He advised the rest of the Town also needed attention and not just Old Route 25. Chairman Abugelis advised he was unwilling at this time to authorized overtime for the purpose of grading roads. Mr. Robinson advised that grading would start on Great Hill Road the following day.

**Tree Removal** Mr. Abraham discussed the tree that was taken down on Meader Road and inquired if it would be removed. Mr. Robinson advised the land owner in which the tree had fallen was interested in keeping the wood. Mr. Roberts suggested the Town consider chipping the tree at the site to prevent the need to transport the tree.

**Union Hall Issues** Mr. David Haskell discussed the flagpole base needing repair at Union Hall. Mr. Robinson advised the base would be repaired as soon as time is allowed by the hired welder. Further, Mr. Haskell discussed the ramp at Union Hall being damaged by the loader and needs to be fixed. Mr. Robinson advised he would look at the damage. Mr. Haskell recommended removing the plow frame from the 6 wheeler that is used to haul gravel. Mr. Robinson advised the frame would be removed when time allowed.

## Perambulation of Tamworth & Madison

Mr. Paul King attended the meeting and disbursed copies of the perambulation of town lines between Tamworth and Madison. Members of the Board signed the perambulation and thanked Mr. King for this work.

Public Comment The Board was advised that the Energy Committee would be submitting names of individuals who may be interested in being on the committee. The listing of names will be emailed to Administrative Asst. Pearce prior to the next meeting.

#### Administrative Matters

Mrs. Pearce reminded the Board of the following:

1. The meeting of 5/7/09 will begin at 3:00 p.m. with a meeting of the employees. The meeting will contain a non-public session beginning at 4:30 p.m. A majority of the meeting will be non-public.
2. Mrs. Farley discussed an email she received regarding the triangle in Chocorua Village. She will forward the email to Mrs. Pearce for review.
3. The Board will discuss the drainage easement for Gregg's Way at the next meeting. She advised the property owner has rejected the easement.

#### Signature File

The Board signed the following items:

1. A letter to 5 property owners who were receiving an elderly exemption in the past and who did not respond to the Town's request to update their application was approved. The letter advised that the exemptions would be removed due to lack of response.
2. An abatement for map 214 lot 005 was approved for the years 2006 & 2007 taxes. This decision is a settlement as recommended by the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals.
3. Elderly exemptions were approved for map 211 lot 104-017, map 205 lot 015, map 415 lot 090-015.
4. A supplement intent to excavate for map 206 lot 041 for the 2008 – 2009 tax year was approved.
5. An intent to excavate for map 206 lot 041 was signed.
6. An intent to cut for 218 lot 101 and map 414 lots 090 & 091 was signed.
7. A current use application for map 402 lot 028 was approved.
8. *Mr. Roberts moved to accept the minutes of April 27, 2008 as written. Mr. Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
9. *Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to accept the minutes of April 16, 2009 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
10. Mr. Roberts inquired if any bills had been received as of this date for the testing of the gravel. Mrs. Pearce advised that no bills as had been received.
11. The Board reviewed the current listing of properties that if tax payments are not received by 4 p.m. this day, they are subject to deeding. The Board advised they would review this list at the next meeting.

12. The Board signed the 911 map listing letters of 8/13/08 agreeing to the listing of addresses as of that date, and that they understood the information that was supplied to the Town would be held in strict confidence and not for public dissemination. The Board also signed a new liaison form allowing Mrs. Abear to make changes to the addresses as necessary in addition to Mrs. Pearce.

Non-Public Session *Mr. Abugelis moved at 5:30 p.m. and Mr. Roberts to move into non-public session per RSA 91A:3 II c & e (matters which if discussed in public could adversely effect the reputation of any person and a pending claim or litigation which has been filed against the Town). Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.*

*Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to adjourns the non-public session at 5:40 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

The Board discussed Angel Auto Salvage lawsuit and the claim filed against the Town regarding breach of contract from Nelson Communications for the Chocorua Project.

The Board was advised of a meeting in Concord regarding the Chocorua Project scheduled for May 11, 2009 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment *Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. Mr. Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen: 5/7/09

Tom Abugelis

John Roberts

William Farnum