

**Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting
January 17, 2008**

Selectmen Present: Chairman William Farnum and John Roberts

Meeting Convened: 5:01 pm

Town Employees Present: Police Chief Dan Poirier, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Recording Secretary Linda Jones

Department Head Updates

Police Department—Chief Poirier reported all is well in Town. He has received some complaints from neighbors of the kennels on Cleveland Hill Road, so he wanted to give the Board advance notice in case they come in to discuss it with the Selectmen.

Highway Department—Bruce Robinson reported the grader is fixed and ready for the snow tomorrow.

Public Comment

Guy Pennell, of GP Auto Salvage, asked why he was required to obtain a salvage yard license a few years ago, but other places in Town are still being allowed to operate without a license? William Farnum explained what the Selectmen have done to correct the problem over the last few months and explained the next meeting will be held in February. Both Selectmen present said they are trying to correct the inequity using the fairest method; Mr. Pennell's is the only facility that will receive the Town's business and recommendation.

Pat Farley announced the Chocorua Library winter celebration is scheduled for Saturday, February 23 and they are offering a senior citizen's discount this year. She also asked how the minutes being posted to the website is coming. The hold-up right now is not all of the computers in the office have the ability to PDF format the files before they are posted. All minutes will be uploaded retroactive to January 1, 2008. The School Board is not sending the Town the minutes of their meetings.

At the last Chocorua Village Association meeting Pat Farley made a point of saying thank you from the Association to the current Selectmen for their cooperation and support working with them on the Chocorua Village Project; she thanks was extended to John Roberts since he was not at the meeting,

Administrative Matters

Jay Rancourt, director of the Cook Memorial Library had been in to inquire about the Town policy on animals in a municipal building. The Library Board of Directors just set a policy for the Library last week, so she needed to know if it was in accordance with the Town policy. William Farnum said the no dogs and no smoking policy for the Town of Tamworth will be worked on at a Board meeting in the near future.

Intent to cut was presented for Map 414; Lot 27 & 28; *John Roberts moved; William Farnum seconded; unanimously approved.*

Minutes for the non-public session of the January 3, 2008, Selectmen's meeting were presented for approval; *John Roberts moved; William Farnum seconded; unanimously approved.*

Minutes for the public session of the January 3, 2008, Selectmen's meeting were presented for approval; *John Roberts moved; William Farnum seconded; unanimously approved.*

Minutes for the non-public session of the January 10, 2008, Selectmen's meeting were presented for approval; *John Roberts moved; William Farnum seconded; unanimously approved*

Minutes for the public session of the January 10, 2008, Selectmen's meeting were presented for approval; *John Roberts moved; William Farnum seconded; unanimously approved*

List of encumbrances that were voted on and approved at the December 27, 2007 meeting was presented for signature.

Committee Updates

John Roberts reported the capital improvement program (CIP) has cancelled both of their public hearings. They are meeting next week about the capital reserve items and after that they will continue research into all Town departments, regardless of what the Selectmen are working on. They are also reporting back to the planning board with an update next week.

Municipal Equipment

Bruce Robinson returned to the meeting as Lori Farley from DEJANA Corporation gave a slide presentation on equipment their company sells to municipalities. The corporate office is located in Kings Park, NY, but she is the representative for their New England office located in Providence, RI. Cassandra Pearce asked for a list of municipal references. Lori Farley answered several questions from the public and the Board, including how a municipal contract would work. The Board will work with the Road Agent to compile a specification sheet for a quote.

Energy Committee

Cathy Mersfelder came before the Board representing the Voluntary Energy Committee. The committee is still short one member; she distributed the mission statement and goals the committee has finished working on. Another committee member, Cimbria Badenhausen, joined the meeting and they both explained the committee would like to begin auditing the Town buildings, using Public Service of NH (PSNH) for a free audit. The committee is also planning a public educational meeting in April; more information will be forthcoming. They also need the Selectmen's approval for PSNH to release past energy usage for the Town buildings. Cimbria Badenhausen is checking with other towns to find out if there is a free resource available to conduct an audit on more than just energy consumption. The committee was given the support of the Board to begin with the Police Department building first; Cassandra Pearce will give the chairperson a list of Town buildings so they will be able to establish an audit schedule. The committee needs to let the Selectmen's Office know when the audit is scheduled for the Police Department so at least one of the Selectmen can attend.

Administrative Matters (continued)

Tax acquired property; Town Counsel provided a list of the properties, which Cassandra passed out and the Board reviewed. Four properties will be removed from the list and Cassandra will check with Attorney Sager about an absolute auction versus a limited auction. The details of the calculation of the

minimum amount owed were discussed. The amount will include back taxes, penalties and fees through May, 2008. The Board answered questions from the public about how the process works and when a sale of this type was last conducted.

Robert Straw asked about the Master Plan committee and why old goals from the 1980 master plan are being looked at; he asked if the workshops are being incorporated in the plan. He also asked when the Town Budget hearing would be held and William Farnum said the date has not been set, but it will be after Feb 5, 2008.

There being no further business to discuss, John Roberts made a motion to adjourn at 6:43 pm; William Farnum seconded; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Jones
Finance Administrator

William Farnum, Selectmen Chair

John Roberts, Selectmen

Tom Abugelis, Selectmen