

**Town of Tamworth  
Selectmen's Meeting  
January 3, 2008**

**Selectmen Present:** Chairman William Farnum, Tom Abugelis and John Roberts

**Meeting Convened:** 5:02 pm

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

**Department Head Updates**

*Police Department*—Chief Poirier passed out the December, 2007 statistics and reported on the increase in cases over last year. The alarm situations are better, although the School is still having problems. The DARE program has started up for the next 10 week. Chief Poirier is finishing his year-end reports for the State.

*Highway Department*—Bruce Robinson and the crews have been very busy the last few days from the storms. Tomorrow they will start going around cleaning intersections to increase visibility, including town roads that intersect to state roads

**Public Comment**

Don Pepin asked about the status of the Rescue vehicle accident. Willie reported there was about \$6500 worth of damage. All of the Board spoke about the excellent job the Rescue Squad did before, during and after the accident. The very night of the accident the Rescue Squad retro-fitted the Fire Chief's vehicle so they can continue to respond to emergencies.

**Deputy Treasurer**

Mary Mills came before the Board to nominate Marilyn O'Kelly to be the primary deputy treasurer. Marriette Ross does not want to continue on a daily basis while Mary is gone, but Mary will ask her if she will consider staying on as back-up deputy. *John made a nomination, pending a criminal background check, to accept Marilyn O'Kelly as deputy treasurer; Tom seconded; unanimously approved.*

**Committee Updates**

The various committees have not met due to the holidays. The School Board budget hearings started tonight at 5:30 pm, so Tom will go from here to the meeting.

**Selectmen's Letter to Board/Commission/Committees**

The memo was already voted on with the changes, so the Board just needs to initial next to their names on the memo. The letter and policy need to be sent out together.

## **Administrative Matters**

Minutes from the public session of the December 30, 2007 Selectmen's meeting were presented for approval; *John moved; Tom seconded; unanimously approved.*

Minutes from the non-public session of the December 30, 2007 Selectmen's meeting were presented for approval; *John moved; Tom seconded; unanimously approved.*

Minutes from the public session of the December 27, 2007 Selectmen's meeting were presented for approval; *John moved; Tom seconded; unanimously approved.*

Minutes from the non-public session of the December 27, 2007 Selectmen's meeting were presented for approval; *John moved; Tom seconded; unanimously approved.*

An intent to cut for Map 414, Lot 29 was presented for approval; *John moved; Tom seconded; unanimously approved.*

The Selectmen discussed the budget meeting with the department heads Monday, January 7, 2008 beginning at 8:30 am.

Coverage at the Town House was discussed for the election Tuesday, January 8, 2008; polls open at 8 am.

Don Pepin asked about the sale of tax deeded property. Willie replied the Town Counsel has all of the information and is putting everything together for the sale. The Board is hoping everything will be ready for a sale in mid-February; it will be advertised in the paper and will probably be done as sealed bids.

Tom asked about the status of opening the office on Fridays in January. Willie confirmed the decision of a date will not be made until Cassandra Pearce, administrative assistant, returns to work.

*John moved to enter non-public session for a personnel matter at 5:33 pm under RSA 91 A: 3 II A & C; Tom seconded; unanimously approved.*

The Board returned to public session at 5:55 pm.

*There being nothing further to discuss, Tom moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm; John seconded; unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Jones  
Finance Administrator

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William Farnum, Selectmen Chair

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John Roberts, Selectmen

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Tom Abugelis, Selectmen