

**Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting
November 1, 2007**

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

Meeting Convened: 5:09 pm

Town Employees Present: Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Finance Director and Recording Secretary Linda Jones

Department Head Updates

Police Department—Chief Poirier passed out the police log for the month of October. The Board was very glad to see no injuries in any of the traffic accidents. The Chief reported Jeff Tavares helped the elderly owner of a dog that is listed on the report as a menace; he built a fence to contain the dog.

Cassandra gave Dan a copy of the application from Amy Thurston to have a memorial service at Chocorua Lake on Nov 3. Tom asked if we have a problem with people blocking the bridge instead of using the recreation area? Dan and Bruce said there really hasn't been a problem. Cassandra will add a place on the form for time of the event so it will be easier for Dan to monitor.

Highway Department—Bruce Robinson reported the concrete was poured for the bridge on Mountain Road this week and work continues on the reconstruction of the road in South Tamworth. The Police Department and the Highway Department cleaned up downed trees from the wind last weekend. The Police Department has been doing some of the road checks for Bruce during and after high winds and rain. As a result of the extra use of the Police vehicles instead of the highway vehicles, the Town may need to transfer some money for gasoline to the Police Department budget from the Highway budget.

Both departments expressed their concern about trying to budget for the fuel cost for 2008, since it is continuing to go up.

Tom Peters reminded everyone about the Land Use Forum Saturday at the Brett School cafeteria. Steve Whitman and Jeffrey Taylor are the consultants who will be working with the groups. Green Mountain is paying for the consultants. This is part of the Master Plan as mandated by the state. Willie asked Tom for an update from the Master Plan committee. Tom said they are in the process of writing chapters right now. Two sections still have to be developed, so they are probably looking at another six months to have it wrapped up.

Willie announced he would like to start having a time allotted on the agenda each week for a committee or board to give a brief update on what they are currently working on and their progress on any specific tasks. This way the information can be captured in the minutes for everyone to read plus this will help everyone on the Board keep informed of what the various committees are involved in.

Committee Update

Ordinance Review committee—The committee sent a verbal request to all departments asking them to look at their processes, procedures and applications. This also will apply to all appointed boards and committees. When the ordinance review committee receives the information, they will be able to draw up the schematics of how they all fit together and overlap. The committee is also looking at all regulations that are currently in effect and reviewing them to make sure they are in compliance with current laws and statutes. November 19 is their next meeting.

Donald Pepin asked if the committee is reviewing the sign ordinance? He mentioned there is a new sign near the canoe rental/go kart business on Rt. 16 that does not comply with the ordinance. Willie said the Board would probably have to take pictures of all of the signs and ask the owners of the signs and billboards to make sure they are in compliance with Tamworth ordinances when they rent the space.

Public Comment

Mary Mills reminded everyone the Veterans Memorial committee is planning a ceremony at the Monument on November 11. The ceremony will begin at approximately 11:11 am. The Boy Scouts will do the flag ceremony.

Mary also inquired about the Town's Emergency management plan for the winter. She had specific questions about making the whole school an emergency shelter, generator support, accessibility, etc. Willie updated everyone with some information about the grant for the wiring and Cassandra will put this on the next agenda for Steve Solomon to brief the status.

Donald Pepin asked about 2008 real estate taxes. He is concerned about the impact the expiration of the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement between Pine Tree Power and the Town of Tamworth is going to have on the tax rate. Willie explained Pine Tree Power will still have to pay taxes on the value of the property and the improvements to the property, but next year they will be taxed as a utility. What they pay will decrease significantly. They pay approximately \$220,000 a year now and they will probably pay less than \$20,000 in 2008, which will significantly affect the tax rate next year.

Cassandra returned to the discussion about incorporating committee updates in future Board agendas. The Board agreed 5:15 pm was a good time.

Administrative Matters – Cassandra Pearce

Cassandra announced Donna Veilleux will be on the next agenda at 5:30 pm to discuss the energy committee and Herb Cooper will be on at 6 pm for the capital improvement program (CIP) committee. Cassandra reminded everyone the next meeting will be held November 15.

Cassandra asked the Board about a license application that the State sent for approval of a dealership and inspection station on Maple Street. After discussion, the board agreed the State must have put the wrong address on the form. Cassandra will call the state for clarification of the address and ownership of the property.

An Intent to Cut permit for Map 411 Lot 53 was presented. *John moved; Tom seconded; unanimously approved.*

An Intent to Cut permit for Map 405 Lot 20 was presented; *John moved; Tom seconded; approved with Willie abstaining.*

An Intent to Cut permit for Map 415, lot 41 was presented; Town of Ossipee owns the property but the person who will own the logs is a Tamworth resident, so no bond is required; *John moved; Tom seconded; unanimously approved.*

Minutes of October 25, 2007 public meeting were presented; *John moved to accept the minutes as presented; Tom seconded; unanimously approved.*

A payment request of \$4562.09 for the Chocorua Village project was presented for approval; *John moved, Willie seconded; approved with Tom recused.*

Land use change tax levy for map 214, lot 162-2 needs to be signed again because there was no warrant attached to the request that was signed two weeks ago; a new date needs to be on the form; *John moved to sign the updated paperwork; Tom seconded; unanimously approved.*

Cassandra announced the tax bills are printed and will be folded, stuffed and mailed by next Friday. She presented the property tax warrant in the amount of \$3,447,079.50 to be signed; *John moved; Tom seconded; unanimously approved.*

American Automobile Association (AAA) magazine sent the Town a copy of the latest issue that features Chinook Kennels. Cassandra asked who should receive the copy to preserve and the Board agreed it should be the Cook Memorial Library since the records of the Historical Society are in storage until they purchase a building to move to. Willie will give his copy to the Chocorua Library.

Cassandra brought up the changes to the Transfer Station regulations. Willie moved to stop charging effective immediately for any white goods exclusive of anything containing any refrigerant; John seconded; unanimously approved. The Board decided to save the cost of running the entire new Transfer Station fee schedule in the paper. They asked Cassandra to simply run a notice stating the new fee sheets can be picked up at the Town Office, Transfer Station or viewed on the new Town website, www.TamworthNH.org. The new rates will go in effect January 1, 2008.

Cassandra reported the department head budgets are trickling in and she is still looking for more members for the Finance committee.

Willie asked who will be able to post updates to the calendar and the new website. Cassandra said Donna is going to send us directions so we can start updating the information. Currently Cassandra and Linda are the only people. Willie offered to also learn how to do the updating, and the other Board members had no objection.

The Board agreed to try decreasing the lighting in the conference room to conserve energy and reduce the excess brightness. Willie volunteered to make the adjustments.

Tom reminded everyone about the time change this weekend.

There being no further information to discuss, Tom made a motion at 6:25 pm to adjourn; John seconded; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda K. Jones
Finance Administrator

William Farnum, Selectmen Chair

John Roberts, Selectmen

Tom Abugelis, Selectmen