

**Town of Tamworth  
Selectmen's Meeting  
February 14, 2008**

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

**Meeting Convened:** 5:04 pm

**Town Employees Present:** Police Chief Dan Poirier; Fire Chief Richard Colcord; Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce and Recording Secretary Linda Jones

**Department Head Updates**

*Police Department*—Chief Poirier announced the emergency management meeting today was rescheduled for the end of March. People are getting frustrated with all of the snow and trying to find someplace to put it.

*Fire Department*—Chief Colcord thanked Bruce for the plowing around the Fire Department buildings, allowing them easy egress with the vehicles. The progress on the sprinkler system at the Tamworth Inn is currently stalled. The Chief did a walk-through of the Town House since it is currently under renovation. This might be a good opportunity to correct some of the items on the discrepancy list. Parker Roberts will be contacting Chief Colcord to meet him at the Town House and go over the items.

*Treasurer*—Mary Mills reported the deputy treasurer did a great job while she was away. Chairman Farnum said the investment policy would be on the agenda soon.

Chairman Farnum reminded the Police and Fire Department that an application and paperwork for a Homeland security grant for a base radio arrived this week. He mentioned the application since the deadline for the application is very soon.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Administration Matters**

*Minutes from the February 7, 2008, Selectmen's non-public meeting were presented for approval; John Roberts moved; Tom Abugelis seconded; unanimously approved.*

*Minutes from the February 7, 2008, Selectmen's regular meeting were presented for approval; John Roberts moved; Tom Abugelis seconded; unanimously approved.*

*Abatement for Map 217, Lot 50, was recommended by the tax assessor for a \$243.91 reduction; John Roberts moved; Tom Abugelis seconded; unanimously approved.*

*Abatement for Map 216, Lot 259 was recommended by the tax assessor for a \$596 reduction; John Roberts moved; Tom Abugelis seconded; unanimously approved.*

*The tax assessor recommended denial of the appeal for Map 214, Lot 162.002 current use penalty; John Roberts moved; Tom Abugelis seconded; unanimously denied.*

The Board requested Chief Poirier provide them with paperwork from the State for the Car 54 program, especially documentation that the State will not authorize it to be put in the old vehicle.

Town Clerk's office received direction from the State that the ballot order will start with K; however, the Board can request a different order; the Board agreed to stay with the State recommendation.

Cassandra announced the Wetlands permit came in and it appears as though the timeline for the Chocorua Village Project will be pretty much as outlined on the handout she distributed last week.

### **Snow Removal**

Anthony and Gail Marrone came in to talk about snow removal on Hall Road since the Town owns some property on it. The Board agreed the Town owns land on the road, but that does not change the fact it is a private road. If the Board gives permission for the Highway Department to plow this road, it opens the arena for plowing other private roads. The Board answered questions about the landowner's on Hall Road forming an association and the Board acknowledged the Town would have to pay their portion of the fee for the land they own.

### **Barnstormer's PILOT**

Postponed to a future meeting.

### **Town Budget and Warrant Articles**

A public hearing was opened at 6 pm on the 2008 Budget. Chairman Farnum announced the articles will be read item by item and the public is welcome to comment or ask questions at any time. Cassandra Pearce announced Article 1 would take place on March 11. Article 2 through 42 will take place on March 12.

When Article 4 was read, several questions from the audience were asked about the percent of cost of living increases and increases in the health insurance. John Mersfelder asked what the amount of liability insurance the Town carries for the members of committees and boards.

Article 7 was explained in detail by Chief Poirier; the Finance committee answered why they had voted the way they did; the request was made from the public to change Article 8 to a lease but it is too late to make the change.

Extensive questions were asked when Article 11 was reached; Chairman Farnum explained the background numbers of the Highway Department articles, their budget and future plans. This covered Articles 11 through 15. Chairman Farnum explained these warrant articles have absolutely nothing to do with the quality of work that Road Agent Bruce Robinson has done or will do. Bruce has agreed to

work with the Board to build a Highway Department because he knows he will not always be the Tamworth Road Agent.

Chairman Farnum granted David Bowles' request to move ahead to Article 24 since he needs to leave the meeting and would like to be available to answer questions.

Chairman Farnum returned to Article 16; Cassandra amended the amount.

The public hearing was closed at 7:47 pm. Chairman Farnum announced a five-minute recess. The meeting resumed at 7:52 pm.

The Board took a formal vote on each Warrant Article.

Cassandra asked the Board to discuss any votes that were not unanimous. The Selectmen explained the reason they had voted as they did on the six articles.

*Chairman Farnum made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91 A:3 II (a) and (d) (for personnel and land acquisition) at 8:27 pm; John Roberts seconded; unanimously approved.*

*The Board returned to public session at 8:55 pm.*

*There being no further items to discuss, Tom Abugelis made a motion to recess at 8:56 pm; John Roberts 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