

Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2009

Selectmen Present: William Farnum, Thomas Abugelis and John Roberts.

Chairman Farnum opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Others present throughout the meeting included: Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce, Parks & Recreation Director H. Parker Roberts, John Gotgen, Fire Chief Richard Colcord, Sam Martin, Police Chief Dan Poirier, and Anne Abear.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

The Board discussed the following with Police Chief Poirier:

1. 2008 Stats and Town Report: Chief Poirier presented a total stat report for 2008 and his proposed town report for the Board to review. After an explanation to the Board by Chief Poirier, the Board approved the proposed report.

The Board discussed the following with H. Parker Roberts:

1. Entrance/Exit proposal for the Town House: Mr. Roberts presented a proposal received from Addison Mason Builders for a covered exit/entrance way to be built onto the driveway side of the Town House. This proposal is being received as a response to the Board's request to consider covering the exit to prevent injury from falling snow. The current Fire Chief and the prior two Fire Chiefs advised this is a life safety issue. After a review of the proposal, the Board requested additional proposals be sought, as the price on the proposal was too high. The Board discussed scaling down the project to assist in possibly lowering the price. Mr. Roberts will be getting additional proposals and project designs for the Board to review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Sidewalks in Chocorua Village – The Board discussed the sidewalk clearing within Chocorua Village. Mr. Abugelis discussed the snow plowing of Route 16 and his concern of how the snow is filling in his driveway. The Board discussed and reiterated to Mr. Gotgen and Mr. Abugelis of their intention to not maintain the sidewalks within the Chocorua Village during the winter months. Mr. Abugelis advised he still needed to put up one marker on Runnells Hall Road to attempt to protect the railings on the sidewalk during the winter season.

TAMWORTH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

The Board discussed the highway department and the outstanding issues left unresolved at the new highway garage. The Board also discussed apprehension they had and are receiving from Mr. Robinson. As Mr. Robinson was unavailable to attend this meeting, the Board discussed having a meeting with him early next week to resolve many outstanding issues, particularly the listing of tools/supplies that need to be ordered to adequately stock the new highway garage. This meeting will be set up once schedules of the Board are reviewed.

The Board reviewed the listing of tools that was previously supplied from Mr. Robinson and indicated they had requested a detailed adequate listing of supplies necessary from Mr. Robinson many times. The Board indicated Mr. Robinson was not being cooperative with the Board of Selectmen and the list that was supplied by him was a running list of several items that was printed off by a local vendor. The list was not detailed enough for the Board to consider approving, getting additional quotes from other vendors or to make the necessary purchase of supplies.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to write a letter to Road Agent Bruce Robinson, requesting a detailed listing of essential tools/supplies necessary for the highway garage. This listing to be delivered by Mr. Robinson to the Selectmen's Office no later than Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. to enable the Board of Selectmen to review and acquire additional prices from other vendors to stock the highway garage adequately. Further, this letter is to be delivered to Mr. Robinson by the Tamworth Police Department on Friday, January 23, 2009. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board discussed current full and part time positions of the highway department and the current use of part time help being utilized a majority of the time recently. The Board discussed the amount of overtime utilized within the department and a consideration was discussed to alternative a split schedule to help keep the overtime down in addition to the possibility of hiring another full time position for the highway department. The Board discussed the pros and cons of split shifts. The Board discussed the need for Mr. Robinson to be in a piece of equipment during the storms to assist in keeping the expense and use of part time help down. The Board advised all employees needed to pull their own weight within the department; all employees should have to work equally as hard.

The Board discussed hired truck rates that were issued by Mr. Robinson at the last meeting that ranged from \$40 - \$70 per hour depending on whether a Town employee was operating the hired equipment.

The Board discussed the process of clearing roadways after a storm to make the roads passable and then returning on the next scheduled shift to assist in keeping the expense of overtime, part time help and hired trucks down.

The Board discussed the possibility of putting a warrant article on the 2009 town meeting warrant requesting the Town to consider changing the road agents position to an appointed position versus the present elected position. The Board decided against this action for the 2009 town meeting.

The Board advised Mr. Adam Robinson did present a copy of his CDL-B license to the Town Office.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Fireworks Permit – The Board approved of a fireworks permit for map 210-012-001 property owned by Mr. Chris Vernon on Route 16. The Police and Fire Chiefs have signed their approval of the permit.
2. 2009 General Assessing Contract – *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the 2009 general assessing contract between the Town of Tamworth and Commerford, Nieder & Perkins. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
3. Revaluation Contract – The Board signed the 5th year contract of a 5-year contract between the Town of Tamworth and Commerford, Nieder and Perkins for the property revaluation. The

Board reviewed the schedule attached to the contract advising that the finalization of the values are expected to be presented to the Board of Selectmen no later than October 1, 2009.

4. 1/15/09 Board Meeting Minutes – *Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the minutes of January 15, 2009 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
5. Storage Unit – The Board discussed the storage unit necessity for the highway garage. The Board requested prices be sought for a single door storage unit. The cost of the unit will be added to the 2009 budget.
6. Oil/Water Drain at Highway Garage – The Board discussed and decided to plug the drain collection system for the new highway garage until a decision can be made on what is necessary for the containment that will collect the drains.
7. 2009 Budget Hearing – Mrs. Pearce advised the public hearing for the 2009 budget is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2009.
8. Tamworth Mobile Home Park – The Board approved payments to Tamworth Mobile Home Park for park rent that has accumulated for a trailer that was taken by tax deed. The payment is for \$2,240 (June 08 – January 09), \$280/month (February 09 – April 09) and \$300/month (May 09) until the trailer is moved or sold.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Selectmen, 1/29/09

William Farnum

Tom Abugelis

John Roberts