

Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2009

Selectmen Present: William Farnum and John Roberts.

Chairman Farnum opened the meeting at 3:35p.m.

Mr. Abugelis arrived at 3:45 p.m.

Others present throughout the meeting included: Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Erin Goodwin, Theresa Kennett, Sandra Flanagan, Sam Martin, Robert Horton, Richard Roberts, Timothy Robinson, and Anne Abear.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Farnum moved at 3:35 p.m. to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II b to conduct interviews for additional help within the highway department for winter plowing and RSA 91-A:3 II c. Mr. Roberts supported this motion. Farnum Yes, Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Roberts left the non-public session at 3:45 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Mr. Abugelis entered at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Farnum moved at 4:31 p.m. to adjourn the non-public session. Mr. Roberts support this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board and Mr. Bruce Robinson conducted interviews for part time help within the highway department. Mr. Horton, Mr. Richard Roberts and Mr. Robinson were interviewed and were advised their names would be kept on a list of people to call if the need arises for plowing.

The Board met with Ms. Erin Goodwin to discuss a matter regarding a mobile home that was taken by the Town at the Tamworth Mobile Home Park in June of 2008.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

The Board discussed the following with Highway Agent Bruce Robinson:

1. Tools bid listing – The Board advised they have taken the tool listing that was supplied from Mr. Robinson and put the listing out to bid. The bids are expected to be back for a meeting scheduled on February 3.

The Board discussed the following with Police Chief Dan Poirier:

1. Sled Dog Races – Chief Poirier discussed the upcoming weekend's events for sled dog races. He advised the police department does not charge a special detail for this event.
2. Carroll County Stats – Chief Poirier discussed the shootings and robberies that have taken place in Carroll County during the month of January 2009 and hoped this was not a sign of times to come.

CARROLL COUNTY TRANSIT PROJECT:

Ms. Theresa Kennett came to the meeting to discuss the community transportation planning project for Carroll County and the projected flex route-deviation connector and a fixed-route connector that is proposed to run

through areas with the highest concentration of transit needs depending on population between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Ms. Kennett advised the average commute time for residents of Tamworth who work is 26 minutes. The Board discussed the funding options for this project and the funds that have been put on several local towns' warrants to assist in the project. Ms. Kennett advised she was not requesting any of this type of funding at this time, but indicated 4 surrounding communities had already, in prior years approved funding. Ms. Kennett advised the County has denied the project-funding request for the coming year as they are not willing to add any additional projects to the 09-10 budget. Ms. Kennett advised that she would be going to the delegate to pursue the funding request further.

Ms. Kennett requested an appointment of either a select board member or a member of the community who may be interested in serving on this committee. *Mr. Roberts and Mr. Abugelis moved to appoint Mr. Farnum to the Board.* Mr. Farnum advised although he felt this to be a worthy project and appreciated the appointment, he did not have the time available to devote to this committee.

Mr. Abugelis advised he would inquire with Ann Albrecht to see if she may be interested in serving on this committee.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. 1/22/09 Minutes – *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to approve the minutes of January 22, 2009 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
2. Veteran's Tax Credits approved for 2009 – *Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve veteran's tax credits for map 206 lot 089 (David Eastman), map 205 lot 022 (David Gibson), map 415 lot 087 (Earline Emmons), map 214 lot 125 (Arthur Smith), map 216 lot 213 (Donald Boudrot). Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
3. Veteran's Tax Credits denied for 2009 – *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to deny veteran's tax credit applications for map 218 lot 099 (Vincent Ferrara) and map 211 lot 060 (Kenneth Voegtlin). Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
4. Physical Handicapped Exemption – *Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve a physical handicapped exemption for map 415 lot 090-005 (Ralph Laliberte) in the amount of \$237 for a ramp. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
5. Elderly Exemption – *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to deny elderly exemption applications for map 216 lot 126 (John Currier) and map 206 lot 089 (David Eastman). Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
6. Intent to cuts – The Board approved intents to cut for map 401 lot 033 (James & Lynne Steele) and map 414 lot 090 & 091 (Scott Finman).
7. 2008 Abatements – *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to deny abatement applications for map 213 lot 030 (Henry Wiley) and map 406 lot 009 (Joseph Hale). Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
8. 2008 Abatement – *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis support to grant a tax abatement for map 203 lot 070 (Homestead Trust II). Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
9. 2008 Abatement – *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to grant a tax abatement for map 410 lot 005 (Edward Robinson). Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
10. LRPC & NHDES Hazardous Waste Collection – Mr. Farnum discussed a proposal to have Tamworth be a place of collection for hazardous waste in which a trained employee would be collecting the products and transporting the items to Wolfeboro for disposal. The Board was not interested in this program at this time.
11. LRPC Questionnaire – Mrs. Pearce presented a questionnaire from LRPC on behalf of Mr. Cooper and requested the Board complete the paperwork and bring it back to the next Board meeting on Thursday, February 5.
12. Highway Vehicle Extended Warranties – The consensus of the Board was to not purchase the extended warranties on the new highway equipment.
13. 2009 Warrant & Budget Hearing– The Board was given copies of the draft 2009 warrant for review prior to the next meeting. The budget hearing will be held on Thursday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m.

14. Cleveland Hill Road Bridge – Mr. Roberts advised the bids for the Cleveland Hill Road bridge will be opened at Bergeron’s office in Conway on Friday, January 30, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
15. Chocorua Community Project – Mrs. Pearce advised she has not heard back from Donna Lane regarding FST’s proposed contract for additional work. The Town is in receipt of bills from FST for the additional work.
16. Highway Meeting – The Board was reminded of a meeting to be held with the highway employees and hired truck drivers scheduled for Thursday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Farnum moved at 6:01 p.m. to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II c, d, and e. Mr. Roberts supported this motion. Farnum Yes, Abugelis Yes, Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved at 6:36 p.m. to adjourn the non-public session. Mr. Roberts support this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

The Board discussed the following:

1. The trailer owned in the Tamworth Mobile Home Park and decided they would put the property out to bid immediately with a proposed bid opening to take place on February 12.
2. The eviction of a current tenant who is living in another property that was taken by tax deed by the Town.
3. The Board approved the vacation request of Mrs. Pearce from February 13 – 20, 2009.
4. The Board discussed the necessity of part time employees to do what ever the job requested and not pick and choose what they are willing to do.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Selectmen, 2/5/09

William Farnum

Tom Abugelis

John Roberts