

Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2009

Selectmen Present: William Farnum and John Roberts.

Chairman Farnum opened the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Others present throughout the meeting included: Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kim Noyes and Anne Abear.

The Board met at the Town Office to review bids for the tool purchase to equip the new highway garage. The Board received one bid from NAPA – Ossipee Auto Parts totaling \$6,282.44, prior to the consideration of the items that were requested to be separated out. After discussion of the individual items, welder/pressure washer and toolboxes and the service of the items if they are purchased, the Board decided they would go to Sears for the purchase of the rolling cabinets. Mr. Roberts recommended discussing the welding equipment needs with Peter Whyte prior to making a decision to purchase. Mr. Roberts discussed the welding shop at Kennett High School.

Mr. Farnum advised the highway department is currently utilizing his pressure washer. The Board reviewed the most recent NAPA purchases for plow cutting edges and Mr. Roberts advised the price was appropriate for what the Town is purchasing. The Board contacted a representative of NAPA during the meeting to discuss the service plan that could be offered to the Town. Mr. Moneypenny will acquire cabinets for the filters to be stored at no charge to the Town. The maker of the pressure washer is Alcoa and the service is handled by bringing the item to the store and shipped out for repair. The Board discussed the attachments and the warranty of the pressure washer.

The Board discussed the need for a generator in which could be utilized at a site for portable equipment.

Mr. Roberts will view cabinets at Sears in the next few days and purchase the cabinets necessary for the new garage not to exceed \$1,000. The Board will not be purchasing any individually bid items.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to purchase all items on bid list with the exception of the section 3A individualized item bids for a cost not to exceed \$6,282.44 to be awarded to NAPA. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

A line air filter is to be ordered as soon as possible.

Mr. Roberts advised he moved the snow from the corner near the Chocorua Post Office and the Board discussed the problems that have been created with the snow this winter.

Mrs. Pearce discussed the 2008 Town Report and the need to bring the number of pages down and discussed the capital improvement projected plan report that was submitted and advised they would like to meet with Herb Cooper to discuss this further. Mr. Farnum advised he would meet with Mr. Cooper and will bring the information back to the Board meeting of 2/5/09. The Board advised they would like to have the capital improvement information in the town report. The Board also approved the VMC's 2008 report. The Board decided to remove the unredeemed taxes from the Town Report. Ms. Noyes gave the pros and cons of this report and how she felt it to be utilized. She further advised that of the \$7,500,000 billed for taxes in 2008, approximately \$700,000 remains uncollected.

The Board discussed the Cleveland Hill Bridge bids which ranged from \$120,000 - \$240,000. These bids were for the installation of the culvert. There is an additional fee of \$100,000 for the box culvert and the engineering.

The Board discussed the current estimated amounts within the capital reserve and the warrant proposals to be added to the funds for the 2009 year and advised there was not enough to the expense of replacing the Cleveland Hill Bridge. Mr. Roberts recommended meeting with Mr. Bergeron of Bergeron Engineering to discuss this project and the bids received. He continued by estimating a saving of approximately \$40,000 from the bridge preliminary estimates received from Bergeron. Mrs. Pearce will discuss the cost of engineering and the information on the low bidder. The Board is not willing to consider any change orders if and when a contract is signed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Selectmen, 2/12/09

William Farnum

Tom Abugelis

John Roberts