

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
March 12, 2009
Tamworth Town Office

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Farnum, John Roberts, and Thomas Abugelis

OTHER PRESENT: David Little, David Haskell, Nancy Russell, Dana Littlefield, Mr. & Mrs. Farley, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Sam Martin, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Administrative Asst. Cassandra Pearce, Kim Noyes, and Anne Abear.

Chairman Farnum opened the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Police Department: Chief Poirier advised he met with the employees of the police department regarding the decision of the Town to hold employees at the current rate of pay for the coming year.

Highway Department: Mr. Robinson advised he received the auction equipment listing and there were no broom attachments available on the list. Mr. Robinson will continue to watch for equipment sales. Mr. Roberts discussed the tow behind broom that is used by the Town of Madison. Mr. Robinson advised he would get a price from Caterpillar.

Mr. Robinson discussed the driveway permit application for property owned by Mr. Finman of Cleveland Hill Road. Mr. Robinson received a plan which he found difficult to read due to its size. Mr. Robinson believes the permit and plans submitted will be adequate, but is waiting for copies of better plan.

Mr. Robinson requested a meeting with the Board at the highway garage to discuss the location of the new container. The Board advised they would meet with Mr. Robinson on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 a.m.

Mr. Robinson discussed the electrical and plumbing work at the garage advising that there is still work to be done.

Emergency Management: Mr. Dana Littlefield discussed the State Hazardous Mitigation grant that could be applied for and used for work done to mitigate hazardous conditions (ie flooding, washouts, etc.) or that could be used to put in a cistern in locations throughout the community that could use a better water source in the event of a fire. The Board discussed the Old Route 25 road project and advised that due to the project's timeline for completion, that project would probably not qualify. Mr. Farnum recommended looking at Cleveland Hill Road, the hill by the memorial wall for funding. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Littlefield will get together to discuss areas that may qualify for this funding.

Mr. Littlefield met with representatives of Carroll County Health Public Network regarding preparation for pandemic issues. He advised his continues to review the emergency operations manual and will be discussing this with Mrs. Pearce upon completion of his review. Mr. Littlefield discussed NHIMS training for town official advising that the State no longer has funding available for this training.

Mr. Littlefield discussed emergency shelters advising he continues to research possible grant funding to replace the generator at the KA Brett School that is the shelter location in the event of an emergency. Mr. Littlefield recommended the Board consider future funding for emergency supplies that may be necessary in the event the shelter had to be utilized. Mr. Abugelis recommended for consideration the possibility of offering two shelter locations and the need to discuss utilizing Pine Tree Power as a resource to the community if a disaster occurred. Mrs. Pearce advised the new dental building on Route 16 might be a location possibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Farley discussed the public comments given during the recent Town Meeting regarding the Chocorua Project advising a list had been created by Mr. Gotchen from that meeting and he has sent information to correct some of those statements made.

2009 BUDGET REVIEW

Mrs. Abear reviewed the budget after the recent Town Meeting changes advising that with the increases made at the meeting for two department and the anticipation of the Board holding back wage increases for employees, an additional saving of \$32,660 is possible at year end.

Mr. Farnum advised there would be a meeting in Concord on Friday, March 13, 2009 regarding possible funding available for the Route 113 shoulder project above the TE grant funds. Mr. Farnum will be attending this meeting.

2009 BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Roberts advised he had one more year on his appointment as health officer.

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to appoint Mr. Abugelis as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the coming year. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Roberts recognized Mr. Farnum as one of the most active hardworking members of the Board of Selectmen that have been elected in quite some time. The Board and attendees of the meeting thanked Mr. Farnum for his efforts.

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to appoint Mr. Farnum to the Planning Board. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to appoint Mr. Roberts as the alternate to the Planning Board. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed

Mr. Abugelis recommended Mr. Farnum remain on the ordinance review committee. Mr. Farnum advised he would like the opportunity to discuss this with that committee at their April 6 meeting and will make a decision regarding this appointment after that meeting.

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to appoint Mr. Farnum to the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Counsel. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Abugelis discussed with Mr. David Farley the possibility of him attending school board meetings and to bring issues needing the attention of the Board of Selectmen back to the Board from the school board. Mr. Littlefield, as a member of the school board, discussed the conduit and open communication that was necessary between the two Board. Mr. Roberts recommended not requesting Mr. Farley to attend these meetings for the Board, but recommended a member of the Board to attend.

Mr. Farnum advised he would continue his work on the energy committee.

Mr. Roberts advised he would attend the Conservation Commission meetings.

Mr. Abugelis discussed his plan for communication and contact as Chairman of the Board advising he would call into the office on Wednesdays to set the agenda for the Thursday meeting. Mr. Abugelis advised he would let the office personnel know whether email would be used for communication.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Mrs. Pearce advised she has not gotten in contact with LRGH Occupational Health Department to discuss the cost of on site drug and alcohol testing.

Mrs. Pearce reminded the Board to review the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan received from Ricker's and advised the next meeting for the junkyard application is scheduled for March 19 beginning at 5:30 with Town Attorney.

Tamworth roads will be posted for weight limits beginning March 13.

The Board requested time during the March 19 meeting to meet with Attorney Sager regarding future Town Meetings.

Mrs. Pearce discussed upcoming training for Vision Appraisal Technologies and the Board approved closing the office on May 5 – 6, 2009 to allow the office personnel to attend this training.

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to approve the minutes of March 5, 2009 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

David Little discussed the need for a web master to be assigned to keep the website current.

Mrs. Farley discussed the road surface that is done in Vermont.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Farnum moved to enter into a non-public session at 5:32 p.m. per RSA 91 A:3 II a & c. Mr. Roberts supported this motion. Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the non-public session at 6:09 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board discussed correspondence from Town Counsel and met with Ms. Kim Noyes during this non-public session. No decisions were made during this session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.