

Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
March 26, 2009  
Tamworth Town Office

Members Present Chairman Tom Abugelis, and Members William Farnum and John Roberts

Others Present Administrative Asst. Cassandra Pearce, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Recreation Director Parker Roberts, Edward Bergeron, Jay Poulin, David Haskell, Nancy Russell, Sandra Flanagan, Robert Abraham, David Little, Pat Farley, Ruth Timchak, Sam Martin and Anne Abear.

Chairman Abugelis opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for this meeting.

Department Heads

Highway Mr. Robinson discussed the roads drying out well but reported some soft spots remain. Mr. Farnum inquired about the roadwork to be done near the Foss residence on Cleveland Hill Road. Mr. Robinson was aware of the work to be done. Mr. Robinson reported the plumbing at the highway garage is just about complete. Mr. Roberts inquired if raking had begun. Mr. Robinson advised the raking had not begun and that the highway crew had been working on filling potholes.

Recreation Department  
& Town House

Mr. Parker Roberts discussed the proposed renovations to the entrance of the Town House and advised the Board he requested quotes from two local contractors.

Report of Selectmen  
From Committee  
Meetings

Mr. Roberts advised a meeting has not been held of the Conservation Commission; therefore, he had nothing to report from that Board.

Mr. Farnum reported on the following:

- Planning Board meeting of March 25, 2009
  - Election of officers
    - Dom Bergen - Chair
    - Nichole Maher Whiteside - Vice Chair and Treasurer
    - David Little - Secretary
    - David Little - TCC rep
    - Tom Peters and Herb Cooper LRPC reps.
  - April 2, 6-8 PM Ossipee Town Hall NH Water Resources Primer presented by LRPC
  - Kim Ayers Award nominations due by May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - LRPC Annual meeting June 22
- CIP Members and a request for a Selectmen representative
  - John Cleveland School Board
  - Bill Jones
  - Steve Jacobs
  - Nichole Maher-Whiteside Planning Board rep
  - Selectmen rep (needed)

### Planning Board

Mr. David Little presented the following from the Tamworth Planning Board:

- A letter signed by Mr. Little as Secretary to the Tamworth Planning Board was presented. The letter was to advise the Board of Selectmen of a potential wetlands violation for map 414 lot 091 property owned by Mr. Scott Finman of Cleveland Hill Road.
- A second letter signed by Mr. Little as Secretary to the Tamworth Planning Board was presented. This letter informed the Board of Selectmen that the Tamworth Planning Board adopted the revised Master plan to serve as a guide to the future growth of the Town. The letter further requested the

Board of Selectmen consider a motion to endorse the 2008 master plan and agree to the implementation steps necessary.

- *Mr. Farnum moved that the Board of Selectmen recognize, endorse and help with the implementation of the 2008 master plan. Mr. Roberts supported this motion. Vote was unanimous.*

### Administrative Part I

- The Board viewed the project listing that was presented by Mrs. Pearce and added items from their individual lists. After some discussion, the Board decided the following items would be the top 10 priority for the Board for 2009:
  - Chocorua Project
  - 2009 Paving of Whittier Road
  - Cleveland Hill Bridge
  - Creating a Long Term Road Maintenance Plan
  - Junkyards
  - Safety/Joint Loss Management Committee
  - DES Application for SWPPP
  - Tri Town Assessor
  - Energy Committee Appointments
  - Cemeteries
- Other items on the listing were discussed and updates were given for each to include:
  - Class VI Road Committee – *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to dissolve the Class VI Road Committee that was created a few years ago. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
  - Combining Town and School Meeting – The Board decided they were unwilling to hold the meetings on the same day, but were willing to look into combining the Town Reports.

## Signature File

1. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the minutes of March 19, 2009 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
2. A timber tax levy was approved for \$729.17.
3. A timber tax levy was approved for \$1378.44
4. 2008 abatement applications were approved as following:
  - Cooperdock 410-022-000 Denied
  - Johnson 415-033-000 Denied
  - Johnson 415-090-032 Denied
  - Flanagan 218-007-000 Granted 1526.44
  - Kimball 420-010-000 Granted 1246.66
5. Elderly exemptions for the following properties to be granted:
  - Edith Macy 410-127-000
  - Copithorne 211-014-031
  - Scanlon 214-180-000
  - Parks 202-039-000
6. Elderly exemptions to be denied:
  - Allain 401-054-000

## Cleveland Hill Road Bridge

Mr. Ed Bergeron of HE Bergeron Engineering, Mr. Mike Bean and Mr. Garth Dubois both of Dubois Excavation attended the meeting for introductions and approval of the 2009 Cleveland Hill Road Bridge contracts awarded to Dubois Excavation. The contract is for \$120,000 payable to Dubois in two payments and the project is scheduled to start by June 1 with a projected completion of July 31, 2009. The notice to proceed was also approved and signed by the Board.

Mr. Bergeron advised Jason Ross would be the project engineer from HE Bergeron and will be updating the Board on the status of this project on a regular basis.

Mr. Bergeron offered to contact Miche Corporation to discuss the bridge.

Route 113 Shoulder Project Mr. Jay Poulin advised HE Bergeron is waiting for the State to decide on what projects will be receiving funding under the stimulus money that are expected to be received in New Hampshire.

2009 Landfill Monitoring The Board approved a contract with HE Bergeron in the amount of \$10,000 for monitoring at the old landfill site.

## Administration Part II

- Drug & Alcohol Testing –
  - The Board discussed the abbreviated listing of town employees who may or may not qualify under the new alcohol and drug testing policy recently adopted by the Board of Selectmen for alcohol and drug testing. The Board was advised that each drug/alcohol test could cost up to \$165 per person depending on the tests that are conducted. The Board of Selectmen will view this listing of employees and will make final recommendations on whom will be tested at the April 2, 2009 meeting. Since the policy includes the fire department, the Board decided they would attend the April 2, 2009 meeting of the fire wards beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the fire station.
  - The Board discussed the free observation training that is offered by Schoolcare for supervisors regarding the use of drugs and alcohol. Mrs. Pearce advised that a minimum of 15 people would have to attend the training and recommended opening the training up to outside agencies such as the school. The Board agreed with this suggestion.
- Energy Committee –
  - Mrs. Pearce advised there were 3 open positions on this committee. Mr. Farnum advised the committee met on 3/25/09 and he understands that an estimated 18 people attended the meeting showing interest in being on the committee. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 2009 Health Insurance Review –
  - The Board reviewed information regarding other health insurance plans that are available from the current provider Schoolcare. After their review, the consensus of the Board was to remain with Schoolcare for the 2009 year and to

consider other providers and or policies that could be offered to the employees for the 2010 budget year.

KA BRETT SCHOOL  
UPDATE

Mr. Dana Littlefield attended the meeting as a member of the Tamworth School Board. He advised that one member of the school board has been requested to attend the Selectmen's meetings to assist in the facilitation of the open line of communication between the two Boards. Mr. Littlefield advised that a majority of the last meeting of the School Board was spent discussing possible areas to cuts from the budget after the annual meeting of the school district removed \$250,000 from the budget. Mr. Littlefield advised the special education capital reserve could not be drawn down, as there was no authorization given by the School District set up when the article was adopted to withdraw the funds. The stimulus money that to be received by the school has been cut down to an estimated \$52,000. Ideas for making the \$250,000 budget cuts included eliminating special programs currently offered along with administration cuts. Mr. Littlefield advised opposition was received from some parents at the last meeting regarding making cuts to the special programs. A public hearing will be held on March 30, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. to present to the School District what the decision of the School Board would be in regards to the \$250,000 reduction.

The current chairman of the School Board is Laura Pike and the vice chair is Dan Rowe.

The School Board will also be working on setting up a committee to look into the possibility of changing SAU's.

Administration Part #3

- Mrs. Pearce presented a listing of current properties owing back taxes that could be dedded on April 30, 2009. The Board will review an updated listing at the April 16, 2009 meeting to determine which properties they will be taking.

- A letter and questionnaire was received from White Lake Home Owners Association. After a review of the questionnaire, the Board requested this information be placed into their read file for further review and will be discussing it again at the April 2, 2009 meeting.
- The Board requested the highway department to begin taking the trash from the town office to the transfer station.
- The Board decided they would entertain a proposed contract from Ms. Donna Lane for Phase II of the Chocorua Community Project as the grant administrator. The Board decided they would phase out the checkbook currently held by the treasurer with the completion of Phase I as it would no longer be necessary. Mrs. Pearce was requested to contact Mr. Jameson of NH DOT to inquire what the status of the Phase II Chocorua Project contracts were.
- Mrs. Pearce advised she would update the project listing for the next Board meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen: 4/9/09

Tom Abugelis

John Roberts

William Farnum