

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
April 2, 2009
Town Office

Members Present Thomas Abugelis, William Farnum and John Roberts

Others Present Administrative Asst. Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Mr. & Mr. David Farley, David Haskell, Nancy Russell, Daniel Dineen, Bob Abraham, Sam Martin, Ruth Timchak and Anne Abear.

Chairman Abugelis opened the meeting at 4:01 p.m. announcing the Board's request for attendees of the meeting to turn off or silence cell phones. Chairman Abugelis reviewed the agenda for the evenings meeting.

Department Reports

Police Department Chief Poirier presented the March 2009 stats for the Board to review. Individual cases were discussed.

Chief Poirier advised the US Census Bureau would beginning their project of conducting the census by sending workers out into the community of Tamworth. Chief Poirier has requested a listing of employees and vehicles that will be working in Tamworth. The start date of this project has not been announced.

Chief Poirier discussed a certified letter received from George Hubbard referencing a complaint of a neighbor's dog running at large. Chief Poirier discussed the fines that have been assessed to the dog owner and the amount of effort that has been done by the animal control officer to assist the owner to restrain the animal. Mr. Hubbard has been advised to contact the police department every time the dog is on his property.

Chief Poirier thanked Mr. Robinson for sweeping the police department parking lot.

Highway Department Mr. Robinson advised sweeping has been done around the villages and intersections. Other areas will be done when the roadways dry out more. The Board discussed the town's sweeping equipment and inquired what the equipment needed for repair. Mr. Robinson explained the repair needed.

Mr. Robinson advised Mr. Boothby had finished the plumbing at the garage.

The Board discussed the work planned for Old Route 25 (Whittier Road). Mr. Robinson will be meeting with FR Carroll on Friday, April 3 to discuss the schedule for this project. The Board discussed the gravel that would be needed on this road. Mr. Robinson recommended the Board allow him to meet with FR Carroll and to crush some of the gravel at the highway garage to determine its quality. Mr. Robinson estimated around 4,000 yards of gravel would be needed on the road. The Board discussed putting the gravel out to bid. Mr. Robinson will meet with Mrs. Pearce at the conclusion of his meeting with FR Carroll.

Mrs. Pearce recommended placing some of the loam from the Town garage at the Town Office.

Mr. Robinson discuss having FR Carroll pave the apron at the highway garage. The Board agreed and approved the expense to have FR Carroll pave the apron.

Mr. Robinson requested the Board hold a meeting at the highway garage to discuss the location of the loam, gravel and where sand will be screened. Mr. Roberts discussed the Town selling material from the highway garage land.

Mr. Robinson advised the grader was still being utilized and that raking had not begun.

Mr. Farnum requested a listing of scheduled items to be done by the highway department over the next few months and advised Mr. Robinson that the Board of Selectmen would like to see the highway department utilizing minimal overtime in addition to minimal use of part time employees.

The Board decided they would put an ad out for bids for roadside mowing.

Liaison Reports

William Farnum discussed the energy committee and announced their meetings would be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested in being on that committee should attend a meeting. Mr.

Farnum advised he recommended the committee place an ad stating they are looking for members.

Public Comment

Cleveland Hill Road Bridge

Mr. Abraham discussed the road closing during the Cleveland Hill Bridge replacement project. He inquired if Meader Road and Great Hill will be maintained well enough to handle the additional traffic. Mr. Robinson advised both roads would accept the additional traffic without any problems. Mr. Roberts advised Cleveland Hill Road would be closed for 2-3 weeks during this construction.

School Board Update

Mr. David Farley discussed the work sessions held by the KA Brett School Board and advised they had discussed the cuts to be made within their budget. A hearing is scheduled to take public comment and final decisions regarding the cuts are planned to be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting in May. Mr. Farley advised the school board has made good progress.

Chocorua Village Clean Up

Mrs. Farley discussed Chocorua Community Clean Up Day that will be held on Friday, April 10, 2009 beginning at 7:00 a.m. Chief Poirier will have a police vehicle available in the area to slow vehicles down and caution travelers of the work areas. Mr. Roberts discussed the amount of sand that has been placed in the Chocorua Community during this past winter and the amount that has migrated to the mulch. Mr. Farnum advised he would look at Mr. Roberts concern. Mrs. Pearce will check the contractor who placed the mulch to see if they have a plan to return. Mrs. Pearce discussed the recent announcement of release of funds from the State.

Tamworth Pines – CDBG Grant

Mr. Daniel Dineen of Tamworth Pines was at the meeting to discuss the upcoming hearing for the CDBG Grant public hearing scheduled for April 23, 2009. Mr. Dineen thanked the Board for the work that they have done on this project this far.

Administrative Matters

1. The Board viewed the project listing which Mrs. Pearce revised after last week's Board meeting. Chairman Abugelis discussed the top priority items and the remainder of the listed items for those in attendance.

Individual items discussed at length included:

- Long term road maintenance plan – The Board requested this item be placed on the agenda for the April 9 meeting and requested Mr. Robinson attend the meeting for discussion. The Board discussed the need to have Mr. Robinson schedule project reports. The Board discussed creating a committee to assist in the establishment of the road maintenance plan.
- Master Plan – Mrs. Farley advised a meeting is scheduled of the Master Plan Committee in which a formal proposal will be established and presented to the Board of Selectmen as to what steps they are requested to take to implement the master plan. Mr. Farnum reminded the Board of the correspondence received from David Little at the March 26 meeting regarding the steps to be taken to implement the Master Plan.
- Safety Committee – Mr. Farnum advised he was reviewing the information, but thought a starting point would be to appoint a committee made up of equal representation between employees and supervisors.
- Tri Town Assessor - John Roberts recommending a letter of interest be sent to surrounding committees to inquire if they were open to discuss this option. The Board requested a meeting be held in May with any town who may express interest.
- Cemetery Trustees – The Board requested a meeting with the trustees on Thursday, April 9, 2009 beginning at 4:45 p.m. to discuss the summer schedule.
- Library Trustees – The Board requested a meeting with the library trustees be set up for April 9, 2009 to discuss communication and budget.
- Possible Wetland's Violation – A letter was received from David Little of the Conservation Commission advising a possible wetlands violation for map 414 lot 091. The Board discussed how the Commission first identified the potential violation. Mr. Farnum advised a waiver application had not been received by the planning board. The Board decided they

would send a letter to Mr. Finman notifying him of the possible violation.

- Pine Tree Power Tax Exemption Status – Mrs. Pearce advised a decision had been received from the State regarding the tax exemption application that they applied for. The exemption status decision will affect the taxation amount in which the Town can tax this taxpayer. Mrs. Pearce will place this information into the Board's read file for their review.
2. A junkyard application was viewed by the Board for the Guy Pennell property. The Board advised they would be conducting a site walk of the property on either April 9 or April 16 at 3:00 p.m. The Board would like a map or plan of the property available for that site visit and a copy of the best management practice plan for that is required.
 3. Drug & Alcohol Policy – The Board reviewed a listing of employees and made final decisions on which employees would be tested. Mrs. Pearce reviewed the cost items associated with the two coalitions that the employees will belong to. Mr. Pearce discussed the training that will be held by Schoolcare for department supervisors. A recommendation of offering this training to local communities and the school was given.

Signature File

The following items were viewed and signed by the Board:

- Municipal Agent Agreement – Chairman Abugelis signed a Municipal Agent Agreement for the MAP program (State of NH Registration agreement).
- Driveway permit for map 211 lot 036, property on Depot Road owned by Homestead Trust.
- Abatements as corrected for map 214 lots 143 & 142 for the tax year 2008
- Meeting schedules – The Board discussed their spring vacation schedules and announced when they would be unavailable.

Ricker's Junkyard Public Hearing

At 5:30 p.m. Chairman Abugelis opened the public hearing for Ricker's Junkyard Application.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to continue this public hearing to April 15, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Recess

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to recess the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to the Central Fire Station Fireward's Meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Reconvene

At 7:30 p.m. the Board reconvened at the Tamworth Central Fire Station with the Tamworth Fire Wards. Chairman Abugelis read a few paragraphs from the Drug and Alcohol Policy to the Fire Wards. The Fire Wards advised they have a zero tolerance policy on drugs and alcohol and are not opposed to the testing, the only trouble is that they are volunteers and how could it be set up so that they were not taken from work to be tested. Some suggestions made were: testing at meetings by having a testing van come to the meeting, or after a fire the individual could go to a facility to be tested. Chairman Abugelis said that this is an item that would have to be discussed with the testing company to see if they had some provisions set up for this. David Bowles questioned who would be paying for the testing. Mr. Farnum advised that he hoped that there would be a reduction in the insurance bill we pay as a result of the policy and its application of testing. I would need to be in each department's budget annually.

Adjournment

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

(Reconvened minutes respectfully submitted by William Farnum)

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Abear

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

Thomas Abugelis

John Roberts

William Farnum