

**Town of Tamworth
Selectmen’s Meeting
January 24, 2008**

Selectmen Present: Chairman William Farnum, Tom Abugelis and John Roberts

Meeting Convened: 4:02 pm

Town Employees Present: Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce and Recording Secretary Linda Jones

Highway Updates

Highway Department – Bruce Robinson presented a list of equipment needed if the Town decides to lease or purchase enough equipment for day-to-day operations for the highway department. The Board discussed leasing versus purchasing and trying to get budget numbers to be able to long-range forecast for the Town meeting. For the next Board meeting they requested a specification sheet and the rental price Bruce would charge to house any equipment the Town would purchase. Bruce will try to set up a meeting with one of the dealers for next Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 3 pm.

At 5 pm Police Chief Dan Poirier and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kim Noyes joined the meeting.

Ashley Rigazio from the Carroll County Independent introduced herself

Department Head Updates

Police Department—Chief Poirier provided a year’s worth of statistics to the Selectmen; he is consolidating the numbers for the Town report. Accidents were down for the year and Car 54 will help to identify repeat problems. The Board reviewed the report and asked several questions. Chief Poirier and William Farnum went to Concord Wednesday for a hearing about Angel Auto getting their dealer’s license back. Chief Poirier reminded everyone about the sled dog races this weekend.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector—Kim Noyes presented the Board with a handout about her office starting to issue license plates. The State is requiring everyone to be on line by Sep 7, 2008. The State will provide the equipment to the towns for free until September, so we need to convert soon. The fee that will be collected for the Town will be \$2.50 per registration. There are about 4000 vehicles currently registered; however, some people will still want to go to the sub-station and some licenses have to be processed there, so the potential revenue to the Town is not predictable at this time. The town clerk’s office may also start being open on Thursday evenings. Kim will review after one year and see how cost-effective this is. *Tom Abugelis made a motion that the Board approve the Municipal Agent Automation Project (MAAP) user agreement; John Roberts seconded; unanimously approved. The Board also signed a new letter appointing Kim Noyes as the agent.*

On another issues, Kim reported the primary election recount has stopped.

Public Comment

Diane Bowles had asked Willie if the local Girl Scouts could sell cookies at the Transfer Station for one day in February or March. After discussion, the Board decided not to support the request because of safety concerns.

The public hearing on the Town budget was set for February 14, 2008 at 6 pm. Petition articles have to be received by February 5, 2008. The Board will review everything on February 7, 2008 and the Finance Committee will meet on February 8, 2008.

Committee Updates

Herb Cooper, chairman of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), presented an update to the Planning Board at their meeting this week. The CIP now has a clear vision of how to proceed.

Master Plan committee met this week and they are getting near the end of their writing and are at a critical point of implementation. Chairman Tom Peters is contacting everyone who has served on the committee at various stages of the work.

Ordinance Review Committee is having a hard time finding ordinances when the office moved twice and some files were just moved into storage in the basement of the new building. Eventually the goal is to have certified copies of all Town Ordinances and a book for policies. Some policies may have been superceded by the State and Town Council will have to help sort them out.

Administrative Matters

Intent to cut map 419; lot 007; *John Roberts moved; Tom Abugelis seconded; unanimously approved.*

Kate Thomson walked in to the meeting to provide the Board with an invitation to attend the public hearing in Concord on January 29, 2008 at 1 pm, on the bill about municipal water systems. William Farnum explained the details of the bill are available on the Tamworth exchange. *William Farnum made a motion to send a letter endorsing the bill to Concord Tuesday with the Tamworth delegation. John Roberts seconded; unanimously approved.*

Timber Tax Warrant for \$3609.68 was submitted for approval; *John Roberts moved; Tom Abugelis seconded; unanimously approved.*

Intent to cut for Map 206, lot 38, supplemental, was presented for approval; *John Roberts moved; Tom Abugelis seconded; unanimously approved.*

Letter was presented for the Board to sign for the release of capital reserve funds from the Atwood gift and revaluation; *John Roberts moved; Tom Abugelis seconded; unanimously approved.*

Driveway permit for Map 414, Lot 030 was submitted for approval; *John Roberts moved; Tom Abugelis seconded; unanimously approved*

Minutes from the January 17, 2008, Selectmen's meeting were presented for approval; *John Roberts moved; William Farnum seconded; approved; Tom Abugelis abstained because he was not at the meeting.*

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A \$15,200 supplemental warrant for property tax on Map 206, Lot 041 with \$13,612 abatement was submitted for approval; *John Roberts moved; Tom Abugelis seconded; unanimously approved.*

State of NH has a law that unfunded mandates cannot be done. They solicited the Town to support a lawsuit against the retirement system; *Tom Abugelis requested Town Council review it first; John Roberts agreed, no action will be taken.*

A request was received from Julia Chase, new Homeland Security manager for Carroll County, asking for the name of Tamworth's emergency management director. Dan Poirier is currently filling the position. *The Board agreed to talk to Dan before Cassandra Pearce submits his name.*

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Xerras asking the Board to consider an abatement of the \$16 from non-receipt of their 2007 property inventory was presented. Consensus after discussion was to deny the request for abatement.

Northeast Resource Recovery Association sent a report on the Town's recycling, which was 81 tons in 2007. This should be part of the Transfer Station report.

Chocorua Village Project is still waiting for the wetlands permit so the project has not gone out to bid.

George Ricker came in to the meeting with some questions about the road agent position that is up for re-election this year. He asked about the status of Town employees working for the Highway department, whether someone needs a garage to run for the position, and whether the Town will appropriate money for equipment in the same year if a new road agent is elected. Mr. Ricker ended his questions with a request for a certified copy of the Town's request for him to apply for a junkyard license. William Farnum declined the request since Mr. Ricker was already provided the information and had attended the initial meeting with the Selectmen.

There being no further items to discuss, Tom Abugelis made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm; William Farnum seconded; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Jones
Finance Administrator

William Farnum, Selectmen Chair

John Roberts, Selectmen

Tom Abugelis, Selectmen