

Town of Tamworth
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2008

Selectmen Present: William Farnum and John Roberts. Tom Abugelis arrived at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Chairman Farnum opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Others present throughout the meeting included: Road Agent Bruce Robinson, T/S Supervisor Glenn Johnson, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Rec Director H. Parker Roberts, Welfare Director Tracy Hayes, Representatives of FST – Peter Howe and David McNamara, John Gotgen, Sam Martin, Jim Bowles, Donna Lane, Ed Bergeron, and Anne Abear

NON – PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to enter into a non-public session at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of meeting with department supervisors to discuss their performance evaluations under RSA 91 A: 3 II a. Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Roberts moved at 4:45 p.m. to adjourn the non-public session. Mr. Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board held supervisor evaluations with H. Parker Roberts, Glenn Johnson, Dan Poirier, Tracey Hayes, and Bruce Robinson.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

The Board discussed the following with Mr. Robinson:

1. Plowing Main Street: Mr. Farnum recommended the town plowing operations remain in the general roadway of Main Street.
2. Salt Ordering: The Board requested Mr. Robinson to hold off on ordering salt as it is coming out of the building now. Additionally, the Board recommended trying to mix the sand heavier with the salt and use that mix on the areas previously salted, tarred roadways. Mr. Robinson was requested to provide a list to the Board of roadways that could go without being salted. Mr. Robinson recommended that "the list" of roads should be published in the local paper to notify residents of this decision. Mr. Robinson advised he would have that listing available for the Board the following day.

CHOCORUA PROJECT UPDATE:

The Board met with members of FST Engineering and Donna Lane to discuss the status of the Chocorua Village Project and the liquidating damages that have accumulated from Nelson. Mr. Farnum advised the Board's concerns are, when will this project be completed and inquired who was

left to be paid under the project. Mr. McNamara gave an update on the damages of Nelson, the contract limits, the labor compliance issues that Nelson faces and the upcoming audits that are due to the State on the project from Nelson.

The Board discussed change order #3, which would authorize a payment request of up to \$190,000 due to Nelson for work completed. A recommendation was made to not release the estimated \$45,000 in damages due from Nelson. A discussion ensued regarding combining this change order with #4. Ms. Lane did not recommend this be done. The Board discussed when the project would be finished and it was decided the Board wished to stay with Nelson, as they were the contractor who was originally selected for this project and advised they would look for the project to be finished in the spring. Mr. McNamara will meet with Nelson to advise them of the Board's decision and will request they attend a meeting with the Board, FST Engineering and Donna on January 8 to review all outstanding issues of this project.

The Board approved Change Order #3 after Mr. Howe signed.

The sidewalk rails continue to be worked on and the final set should be produced this week. Mr. Farnum advised the rails would withstand the full stress test if it is necessary.

Mr. Roberts advised the police Nelson has not paid details due the Town.

Mr. Jim Bowles attended the meeting to discuss a hydrant issue and how to correct the problem that has been created. Mr. Bowles recommended acquiring an easement from the owners of the property that he has already approached and advised they are agreeable to an easement. Mr. Bowles offered two suggestions for correcting the issue and after much discussion between Mr. Bowles, FST, and the Board regarding possible corrective measures; Mr. Howe offered to meet with Mr. Bowles to discuss his concerns and will bring a suggestion back to the Board at the January 8 meeting at no cost to the town.

CLEVELAND HILL ROAD BRIDGE:

Mr. Ed Bergeron discussed HE Bergeron's bid proposal and package for the Cleveland Hill Road Bridge. Members of the Board advised they were willing to go out to bid to get a price, but may not be willing to complete the work in 2009 depending on the bids that are received. The Board signed the final plans. All bids must be delivered to HE Bergeron's office by January 30, 2009.

Mr. Bergeron recommended the Board discuss the "stimulus package" that is being proposed with local and state representatives asking for the funds that come to New Hampshire to be utilized on the bridge repairs and maintenance.

SIGNATURE/ANNOUNCEMENT FILE:

The Board reviewed, discussed and announced the following:

1. The Town Office hours for the 2008 holiday season were read. The office will be open on 12/24 from 9:00 – 12:00, closed Thursday and Friday, 12/25 and 12/26 and closed 1/1/09.
2. Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to accept the resignation of Mr. Mike Ulitz as Town Trustee effective 12/31/08. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
3. Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to hold off on appointing anyone to replace Mr. Ulitz as a town trustee at this time. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
4. Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to accept the encumbrance request for the 2008 year totaling \$132,189.00. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
5. Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to accept the minutes of 12/8/08 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
6. Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to accept the minutes of 12/4/08 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
7. The Board signed agreements with Paul L. King to perform the perambulation of town lines with Madison and Ossipee for the 2009 year.
8. Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to accept a contract between the Town and Mark Conner for painting work to be done at the building at the ball field. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
9. A wetlands violation letter was signed by John Roberts and Tom Abugelis notifying Great Hill Reservation Trust that a violation has occurred on their property.
10. An agreement and release regarding building on a private road was approved for map 215 lot 099 property owned by Richard Mancini & Joseph Buban of Elliott Lane.
11. The 2008 equalization certification was signed to release the assessment and sales information to the State.
12. Letters were signed to Senator Jean Shaheen, Congressman Carol Shea-Porter, and Senator John Sununu requesting their continued support of the Chocorua Village Project.

OTHER

The Board discussed the following:

1. Tractor mower rentals for the 2009-year. It is estimated that the \$12,000 in the 2009 budget will allow for approximately 200 hours of mowing.
2. Gravel for Old Route 25. Mr. Robinson estimated the cost of gravel to be added to this road would cost between \$10,800 and \$13,350.
3. FEMA Storm Damage Assessment: The Board reviewed the proposed storm damage assessment and decided they would notify the emergency management director of the actual cost of the storm, but would not be requesting FEMA funding for the last winter storm.
4. The Board will hold a meeting on Monday, December 29, 2008 to complete the employee evaluations delivered from the department supervisors.

NON – PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to enter into a non-public session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss personnel items under the provisions of RSA 91 A: 3 II a. Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Roberts moved at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn the non-public session. Mr. Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board discussed comp time of the Administrative Assistant. Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to allow Mrs. Pearce to carry over her 2008 unused comp time. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board discussed an employee of the Transfer Station who remains on probation and requested a meeting be scheduled with Glenn Johnson to discuss his recommendations further.

The Board authorized the release of the two stipend checks to Mrs. Pearce and Mr. Noyes as previously decided upon.

Adjournment:

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Selectmen, 1/8/09

William Farnum

Tom Abugelis

John Roberts