

TOWN OF TAMWORTH BOARD OF  
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Selectmen's Meeting 5 :00 pm  
Town Office

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: Selectman Mason called to meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
- NON-PUBLIC: RSA 91-A:3 II (C)  
Selectman Mason made a motion to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II(a) at 5:07 pm, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote: Streeter – yes, Goodson -yes; Roberts – yes Mason – yes

Motion to leave nonpublic was made by Selectman Mason at 5:50 pm. Seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote: Streeter – yes, Goodson -yes; Roberts – yes Mason – yes

Meeting recessed:

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Selectman Mason. Present are: Rebecca Mason, Melanie Streeter, Kelly Goodson, Bruno Siniscalchi, Linda Cook, William Farnum, Maud Anderson, Charlie Townsend, Richard Doucette, Gabrielle Watson, Chief Littlefield, and Sue Stowbridge, Present on Zoom: Selectmen Roberts, Linda Eldridge, Susan Goldhor, Jim and Maureen Diamond, Ellen Farnum, Paige Wilson, Louise Taylor, Nancy Sheridan, and Lisa Thompson.

- CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
- PUBLIC INPUT: none
- NEW BUSINESS:  
TSIC: W. Farnum started the TSIC presentation regarding the USDA grant, stating that he would like the BOS to reconsider its application. Paige Wilson from LRPC stated that she was in support of the Town applying for this grant. She stated she had been working with the committee and other towns on developing future waste management options. Through that work she feels that there is a strong likelihood that the grant would be awarded to the Town. She stated that by applying for the grant that it would be a good public service to the Town as it would help offset the cost of the plans for upgrading the Transfer Station. Gabrielle Watson spoke in support of the proposal to be brought before the Town voters to decide, since there was support at the last Town meeting. She stated that there are other regional grants available, but this was the largest one. She stated that large grants like this do not come around very often and if this grant is obtained it makes it look more favorable when applying for other grants. She stated that if something wasn't done regarding the amounts going into the landfill and recycling, then the Town would be facing increased cost. By improving the Transfer Station and recycling, it would allow the Town to receive some money to offset cost. Additionally, she said that there are laws coming that will require towns to reduce the amount of solid waste they are producing. Maude Anderson discussed landfills and the new state laws being discussed. HB 413 requires towns and municipalities to reduce waste starting this year. Selectmen Goodson stated that she is in support of the grant to improve the infrastructure of the Transfer Station to be brought to Town meeting to allow the voters to vote on this. She stated that the grant does not lock the Town into the present project. She stated that she felt the BOS would be

doing their do diligent to let the Town vote on this. Willie Farnum stated that the Town supported article 9 last year to start a Capital Reserve for the Transfer station. Additionally, the Town agreed to increase the amount by 64,000. One problem with projects of this size is that it is difficult to predict inflation cost. He stated that the money for the HEB contract in the amount of \$6750.00 could come out of the Capital Reserve fund. Additionally, he stated that to let this go by would be a failure of the Town to look towards the future. Nancy Sheridan stated she would like more information to make an informed decision. Ellen Farnum spoke in support of the project. Linda Cook stated that stated that the Town had a presentation by another town that stated that they did not make any money on recycling. That the cost of the project did not consider, the cost of handling of the trash. That there would be a continued increase cost to the Town. She wanted to know if it was going to be like the Chocorua project that continues to cost the Town. Additionally, she mentioned that there would be increased cost such as electricity and heat. Selectmen Roberts said the numbers were not accurate concerning the cost of recycling versus the cost of transporting. That equipment cost and employee cost would continue to cost the Town. Selectmen Roberts mentioned that a waste management company tried a number of years ago to allow the plant in the Town and the Town would have saved on their trash removal. Selectmen Streeter stated that she had concerns about the grant regarding being tied to the Bruce Knox plans had to be followed. Additionally, she was concerned regarding the cost to the Town in the future. Selectmen Mason stated that if the grant was awarded that it was the Selectmen who make the decision to accept or reject the grant. It would be up to the Selectmen to approve any changes to the Transfer Station. That the warrant article would state that the plan would move forward only if the grant was received, the same as when the Town voted for the Forestry vehicle. That no matter what the BOS would have control over the project. Selectmen Masson did ask Paige Wilson if the ARPA funds would be affected and possibly require the Town to reimburse the funds used for the water and septic. She stated she didn't believe so. **Motion by Selectmen Mason and seconded by Selectmen Goodson: To allow the TSIC to submit the USDA grant and we approve the \$6750.00 for the HEB contract to be taken out of the Capital Reserve fund. Roll call vote: Streeter – yes, Goodson -yes; Roberts – No, Mason – yes**

- ADMINISTRATOR: Bank balance is \$3,937,948.11. Budget is being worked on. First budget hearing will be January 13, 2022, at 6:00 pm the Townhouse.
- SIGNATURE FILE:
  - Selectmen's minutes for December 30, 2021 – Selectman Mason made a motion to approve, Selectman Goodson seconded. Roll call vote: Streeter – yes, Roberts – yes, Goodson – yes, Mason – yes
  - Non-public meeting minutes for December 30, 2021
    - RSA 91-A:3 II (c) – session 1 - minutes are not sealed – Selectman Mason made a motion to approve, Selectman Goodson seconded. Roll call vote: Streeter – yes, Roberts – yes, Goodson – yes, Mason – yes
    - RSA 91-A:3 II (c) – session 2 - minutes are not sealed – Selectman Mason made a motion to approve, Selectman Goodson seconded. Roll call vote: Streeter – yes, Roberts – yes, Goodson – yes, Mason – yes
    - RSA 91-A:3 II (e) – session 1 @ 7:23, minutes unsealed –Selectman Mason made a motion to approve, Selectman Goodson seconded. Roll call vote: Ricker – yes, Streeter – yes, Roberts – yes, Goodson – yes, Mason – yes
  - Accounts Payable Manifest – Selectman Mason made a motion to approve in the amount of \$95,330.58 Selectman Goodson seconded. Roll call vote: Streeter – yes, Roberts – yes, Goodson – yes, Mason – yes
  - Payroll Manifest – Selectman Mason made a motion to approve in the amount of \$35,839.08 Selectman Goodson seconded. Roll call vote: Streeter – yes, Roberts – yes, Goodson – yes, Mason – yes
  - Intent to Cut – Map 419 Lot- 7 – Selectman Mason made a motion to approve seconded Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote: Streeter – yes, Roberts – yes, Goodson – yes, Mason – yes
  - Professional Agreement Contract for Financial Services: Selectman Mason made a motion to approve seconded Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote: Streeter – yes, Roberts – yes, Goodson – yes, Mason – yes

▪ **SELECTMEN’S UPDATE:**

**Selectman Streeter** – Reported that the Boston Cane recipient is willing to accept the cane but does not want their name used or any publicity. The BOS would like to be able to use the individuals name but agreed that nothing else would be done. She reported that the two canes have been received and that they need to be engraved. Additionally she informed the BOS that the Tamworth Foundation would like to meet with the BOS and the Recreation Director regarding the recreation program. The BOS will invite them in for the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Selectman Roberts** – Nothing at this time. Stated he has been out of Town but will return this week.

**Selectman Goodson** – attended the TSIC meeting where the committee discussed the grant, presenting to the BOS and Town Meeting.

**Selectman Mason** –informed the BOS that they were now the Health Officers for the Town. Stated she meet with the Eaton BOS for discussion of regional Health Officer., they will keep us in the loop. She informed the BOS that the Town of Sandwich Health Officer reached out and they are willing to try a six month contract. The BOS will invite the individual to the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. She informed the BOS that she hopes to have the budget ready to post by Monday.

- **PUBLIC INPUT:** Maureen Diamond thanked the BOS for reconsidering the grant. Linda Cook asked it the Maintenance Director to be contacted about not being used on the Town House walkway. Additionally she thinks that the side emergency entrance should be cleared as there are classes being held upstairs. She stated since the Community School is no longer a school could the “School Zone” sign be removed on Bunker Hill Road. She asked if we knew why the Bunker Hill bridge is elevated more than it has been when you drive onto it. She asked if the Swim Program was still being looked into because she felt it would be sad if the Town lost the program. Additionally, she asked if the Department Heads could attend the meetings so that these issues could be answered.

▪ **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Nuisance Ordinance
- Job descriptions/Personnel Policies/Earned Time

- **ADJOURNMENT:** Selectman Goodson made a motion to adjourn, at 7:17 pm. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Mason, Chairman

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Rebecca Mason – Chairman

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Melanie Streeter

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Kelly Goodson

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Aaron Ricker

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Emery Roberts