

TOWN OF TAMWORTH BOARD OF
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Selectmen's Meeting 5 : 15 p m
Town Office

Thursday April 21, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM by Selectman Roberts. Present are: Selectman Behr, Selectman Prentice, Selectman Goodson, Ed Comeau/ Government Oversight, Melanie Streeter, Richard Doucette, Richard Roberts, Pat Cook, Casslyn Cook, TJ Eldridge, Darren & Mark from Western Maine Timber, Beverly Hammond, Eileen Elbert
- **On Zoom:** Linda Cook, Linda Eldridge, Gabrielle Watson, Evelyn (no last name), Maureen & Jim Diamond, Government Oversight, Gerry (no last name)

NON-PUBLIC: Motion to enter a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) and RSA 91-A:3 II (c) by Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes

- Motion to leave non-public session at 6:00 PM by Selectman Roberts seconded by Selectman Behr. Minutes will not be sealed. Roll call vote: Behr - yes, Roberts – yes, Prentice - yes, Goodson – yes.
- **CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**
Budget line-item transfer request with correct line-item number/signature file
Glenn Johnson – Transfer Station report
Union Hall discussion to be tabled

PUBLIC INPUT:

TJ Eldridge: Asked if Selectman candidates were going to be asked questions at the April 28th meeting. He cannot attend that meeting and would like to answer any question now.
Selectman Prentice explained that the Board was using a Rubric to help keep track of everyone.

Qualities, Skills, Experience:

Previous municipal, board, or committee

Fiscal or budget

Problem solving/conflict resolution

Collaboration

Other unique or impressive attributes which would support the work of this Selectboard

TJ shared that he worked for NH DOT in a supervisory role, currently works at the Town of Ossipee as the Public Works Director, He oversees 6 different department working directly with the department heads.

In regards to the TSIC – he understand the will of the voter, and is up to the Selectmen to wisely spend the money. He would analyze the costs of the Transfer Station and any upgrades to see if that would be a good thing to do.

Currently he looks at things everyday to help keep taxes lower but also keeping the same service for the Town.

Selectman Roberts asked “Why now”? TJ shared that this was a short term a 9 or 10 month commitment. He thought about running in March this year but 3 years might have been too much for him where his job had increased. Selectman Prentice asked if TJ would consider running in March, TJ

stated yes. TJ stated he has lived here his whole life and currently works well with all the current Departments in Tamworth.

Another candidate for the Selectman position is Richard Doucette. Richard shared that he was glad that the Board has options when replacing the open Selectman position. He and his wife bought a house in Tamworth in 2009. He is retiring at the end of this month and will have more time available. He loves Tamworth and would like to give back to the Community. He worked 20 plus years at US DOT working a lot with public engagements, public meetings. Looking at Governments programs and how to fix them. He believes everyone can have an opinion but sometimes these need to be set aside and work with the laws, regulations and policies to get the job done. TSIC – Short answer is, he supports this. He is currently an alternate to this committee and very supportive.

Area of interest: The tax rate and why this is so high. He would like to understand this and help others understand this also. He feels the need for a close working relationship with employees and making them feel part of the team. He having a good repore working with other Boards – Conservation and Planning Board. This would help Increase the flow of information between all. Richard would like to make the Board transparent, currently there is a lack of trust in government at all levels

NEW BUSINESS:

Highway Department: Things are going well. Currently the only Road still closed is Meader Road. Trees were cut on Great Hill Road, 85 % of the roads have been graded. He hopes to start street sweeping on Monday. Selectman Goodson asked if he was able to attend salt brining workshop. Richard was unable to because of bad weather that day. Richard Doucette asked where the sand goes from the street sweeping. Townspeople sign a waiver and use it as fill on their property. Selectman Behr asked for clarification for State Road vs Town Road in the Village.

Transfer Station: Glenn shared that the Boy Scouts will be selling trees on an upcoming Saturday, like they have done in the past. He also has a person who is interested in working per diem at the Transfer Station. Jeffrey Bryan is fully certified.

Mark Greaney-Western Maine Timber:

Land Owner Beverly Hammond and Mark Greaney and Darren Riggins from Western Maine Timber shared with the Board RSA 231:40 – 42 regarding Right-of-Way for removal of timber. In past years there was a right of way off Route 113 to the Hammond property. The property has been sold and the new owners have put up a gate and no trespassing signs. According to the RSA Selectmen can designate a right-of-way. Western Maine Timber is looking for a 4 – 6 weeks start to finish time line to go in and clean up what they had started.

The Selectmen will research this and get back in touch with Mark & Darren in a couple of weeks.

Review Drawings for Rec & Transfer Station for RFP: Looking for feedback from the Selectmen. Is the Board ok with a Mini-Split for heating system? Selectman Goodson asked if there was an eye washing station. Yes there is.

Union Hall: Selectman Prentice asked that this be tabled for a later date.

INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: The Board was asked if they would like to continue with the Junk Yard letters that were sent out last Spring. The Selectmen will review the previous letters before next week. A new list may be generated.

Vacation Policy: Selectmen Prentice would like to table this discussion and work on all of the Personnel Policy.

HEB contracts will be in the read file for the Selectmen to review before they are signed at the next

meetings.

SIGNATURE FILE:

- Selectmen's Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2022. Motion to approve by Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Behr. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes
- Non- Public Minutes – Not Sealed
 - RSA 91-A:3 II (b) – Session # 1 – 5:02 pm
 - RSA 91-A:3 II (c) – Session # 2 – 5:31 pm
 - RSA 91-A:3 II (c) – Session # 3 – 7:54 pm
 - RSA 91-A:3 II (b) – Session # 4 – 8:05 pm

Motion to approve by Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Prentice. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes

- Account Payable- **\$278,056.04**
- **Year to Date – \$2,837,155.11**
- Bank Balance: - \$1,896,337
- Application For Raffle – Friends of Cook Memorial Library. Motion to approve by Selectman Roberts seconded by Selectman Prentice. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes
- Dupont Storage Systems – Motion to approve agreement by Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Prentice. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes
- Profile Powersports – Motion by Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Prentice to order new lawn mower for \$5099.00. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes
- Thank-You letter Tamworth Foundation. Motion by Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Behr to sign Thank you letter. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes
- Thank-You Letter – United Sports Found. Motion by Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Prentice to sign Thank you letter. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes
- Letter State of NH Liquor Commission – Farmer's Market – Hills LLC. Motion by Selectman Roberts, second by Selectman Goodson to sign letter to NH Liquor Commission. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes
- Gravel Tax Levy – Map 214 Lot 162.2 - \$400.00. Motion to approve Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Prentice. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes
- Certification of Yield Tax
 - Map 205 Lot 26, 27, 29, 29.1, 29.02 - \$2043.21
 - Map 218 Lot 119 - \$397.81

Motion to approve by Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Prentice. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes

- Intent to Cut – Map 401 Lot 52. Motion to approve by Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Prentice. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes

Motion by Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Prentice to sign Budget Line Transfer request. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes

▪ **SELECTMEN'S UPDATE:**

- **Selectman Goodson:** No meetings for the Town. Will be attending the LRPC meeting regarding the housing crisis. Helped put out the Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt.
- **Selectman Behr:** Attended the Sewer Commission meeting. Katy Thompson and Peg attended the meeting with an Attorney. They are questioning what can be done so they can move forward with their projects. Mark Lucy and Jim Rines will be attending the next Sewer Commission meeting to do a presentation.
- **Selectman Roberts:** Made a motion to accept the resignation of Aaron Ricker as Selectman,

seconded by Selectman Prentice. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes. Read resignation letter from Becky Mason as Interim Administrator. Motion to accept by Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Behr. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes. The Gentlemen’s Club seemed to be a hot topic in Town.

- **Selectman Prentice:** Week one of how each Department works. How they are paid hourly, salary. Asking Department heads about their jobs. Finds it very interesting. Looking at personnel policy to update it. She has three meetings next week to attend.

▪ **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Ed Comeau asked what Department is purchasing the lawn mower. Answer the Rec department. Richard Doucette asked about the timetable for the new Selectmen. It will be decided next week. Lianne will reach out to the other candidates for Selectman opening. Maureen Diamond commented her questions had all been answered from the discussions. Thanks to the Board for all they do. Letters of interest regarding the Selectman position received from: Jim Hidden, Kathi Padgett, Richard Doucette, TJ Eldridge, and Sherryl Hitte.

Selectman Roberts read an email from Planning Board Chairman Sheldon Perry regarding the subdivision of Paul King. This is in regard to building on a Class VI road. Motion to allow access of driveway on Locke Falls Road for the Paul King subdivision, seconded by Selectman Behr. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes. Melanie will research letter that was sent to property owner from last year regarding this same issue.

NON-PUBLIC: Motion to continue a non-public session at 7:31 pm under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) and RSA 91-A:3 II (c) by Selectman Roberts, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes

- Motion to leave non-public session at 8:02 PM by Selectman Roberts seconded by Selectman Behr. Minutes for RSA 91-A:3 II (c) will be sealed. Additional session for RSA 91-A:3 II (e) was added. Roll call vote: Behr – yes, Prentice – yes, Roberts-yes, Goodson-yes.

- **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn @ 8:04 PM by Selectman Roberts

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Streeter

Emery Roberts – Chairman

Kelly Goodson

Lianne Prentice

Karl Behr