

TOWN OF TAMWORTH BOARD OF  
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Select Board Meeting, Town Office  
Non Public 4:00 pm  
Public 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 4, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 4:04. Present are selectmen Roberts, Prentice, Doucette, Behr, Town Administrator Myer, Ed Comeau, Government Oversight.

At 5:05 Roberts motion to go into: Non-Public Minutes - RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Session #1, Non-Public Minutes - RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Session#2, Non-Public Minutes - RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Session #3. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes. Goodson entered the room at 4:08. Roberts left the meeting at 5:30.

Goodson motioned to leave nonpublic at 5:45 seconded by, Prentice, roll call vote Doucette yes, Prentice yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes. A fifteen minute recess was called.

Call to order at 6:00 pm. Present are selectmen Goodson, Prentice, Doucette, Behr, Town Administrator Keats Myer, Ed Comeau of Government Oversight, Chief Colcord, Jim Bowles, Linda Cook, Bruno Siniscalchi, On Zoom Maureen & Jim Diamond.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC INPUT:

Linda Cook asked if anyone called to have the porto-potties picked up after 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Karl had called, and it was the company stated it was their fault that the potties had not been picked up. They should have been picked up today.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Department Report:** Fire Chief Colcord thanked Keats Myer, the Board, and Elaine Sherman for their assistance with getting the SUV purchased. The vehicle still needs radios, which have been ordered. Mr. Siniscalchi wanted to know what's happening with the old one, which he saw at Tice's. Chief Colcord reported that the old one is at Tice's and is getting fixed up (brake pads, and a few rust repairs). The plan is for the Fire Department to keep the vehicle for people to drive to classes and for other needs. Fire Ward Bowles added that as long as the old SUV holds up without major repairs the department will hang on to it. When it needs a big repair it will be disposed of. Prentice asked about the drought causing more fires. The morning humidity has helped, but there have been a lot of rescue calls due to high temperatures. He mentioned that the Department has shifted from the VIP points system of to a payroll system beginning on July 1st. He thinks it has helped getting more people to show up for the calls. There is still some work to be done on pay scales. A member of the public asked about workman's comp, and if it would change as a result of this pay change, Fire Ward Bowles responded that all volunteers are always covered by workman's comp per state law, so there would be no change in workman's comp costs. Ms. Cook asked about what happens if there are a lot of calls. Jim responded that at town meeting the budget was raised by \$40,000 this year, so we should be good, but it is something they are concerned about and keeping an eye on. Chief Colcord's projection feels like it is right on target. Fire Ward Bowles added that he thinks it is too early to tell if the new pay system has made a difference in getting firefighters to come to fire calls.
- **Deeded Properties:** Goodson made a motion to accept the tax deeded properties Map 407, lot 026, Map 208 Lot 004, Map 215, Lot 001. Prentice seconded, roll call vote: Doucette yes, Prentice yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes.
- **Disposition of Town Property, Map 420 Lot 34 sub lot 100.** This is a trailer, and is town property on private land. A brief discussion ensued, and it was noted that our Health Officer, Louis Brunelle reviewed the property

and deemed it safe. The Board agreed that the property should be sold, and that terms must include that it be removed within 30 days from the date of sale, and at the purchaser's expense. The sale will be via a sealed Bid. Keats will find out the rules on how to sell properly and legally. Goodson made a motion to put this property up for sale with a sealed bid and with the contingency that it is removed from the property within 30 days at purchaser's expense. Prentice seconded. Roll call vote Doucette yes, Prentice yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes.

- **91A Training** – Myer presented the options:
  - There is a 6 part course that is free for elected municipal leaders. It is run by NHMA, and sponsored by Primex. Selectman Doucette plans on taking the course. Keats will share with all elected to see if anyone else is interested. This course is broader than just right to know law training.
  - Right to know Law training:
    - To have the NHMA come and do a training for any number of people at a cost of \$550 for a two hour session, that would be their standard training, we can make it available on Zoom;
    - We can also hire our Law Firm to do a training, it might be a little more expensive, but could be tailored to be specific to the Select Board's needs.
    - Prentice requested that we understand how broad the NHMA presentation is. Maureen Diamond commented that the 91A issues have been a burning issue of late, and she thinks this is a very important topic, it would be very great for there to be a summary of what we learned from the session. Having good public information will magnify the dollars invested. Ms. Cook noted it will be a public meeting, and that it could be shared on Zoom.
  - Town Email Addresses: The Board agreed that we would ask all the elected and appointed board and committee members if they would want a town email, and that we will explain the purpose, and that it is considered to be best practice and see who signs up.
  - Phones for Select Board members – all agreed they did not want an additional phone.
- Audit Form - the board discussed the audit form and collectively answered the form. Keats will finish the process by pulling specific policies to attach.

#### ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Account Balance: \$ 4,651,241
- We received ARPA second tranche, Myer will be taking a training to learn more about how funds can be used. She is also speaking with the accounting firm on what lessons they have learned assisting other towns with their ARPA related work.
- Myer filed for the fire truck grant.
- The town retired a welfare lien and brought in approximately \$1400
- We had three welfare calls this week, some dealing with electric costs.
- We continue to work on the junk yard documents
- We have received our first pole inventory, though as of yet no applications for the license. They have until August 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### SIGNATURE FILE:

- Motion to approve Selectmen's Meeting Minutes –July 28, 2022 Seconded by Behr, roll call vote Doucette yes, Prentice yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes.
- Motion to approve Non-Public Minutes - RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Session #1, minutes sealed. July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Seconded by Behr, roll call vote Doucette yes, Prentice yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes.
- Motion to approve Non-Public Minutes - RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Session #2, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Seconded by Behr, roll call vote Doucette yes, Prentice yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes.
- Motion to approve Non-Public Minutes - RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Session #3, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Seconded by Behr, roll call vote Doucette yes, Prentice yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes.
- Motion to approve Non-Public Minutes - RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Session #4, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Seconded by Behr, roll call vote Doucette yes, Prentice yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes.
- Motion to approve Intent to Cut, Map 212, lot 21 sub lot 6 Seconded by Behr, roll call vote Doucette yes, Prentice yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes
- Motion to approve Yield Tax on Timber Cut: Map 410, lots 139, 140, 141, \$1,432.54 Seconded by Behr, roll call vote Doucette yes, Prentice yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes.
- Motion to approve Accounts Payable - \$38,722.64 Seconded by Behr, roll call vote Doucette yes,

Prentice yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes

- Motion to approve Payroll: \$32,405.46 Seconded by Behr, roll call vote Doucette yes, Prentice yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes
- YTD \$4,612,533.92

SELECTMEN'S UPDATE:

Doucette: nothing to report

Behr: Nothing to report

Prentice: Worked on 91A request

Goodson: Nothing to report this week

PUBLIC INPUT:

Bruno wanted to know if he comes in to the office, will the nonpublic minutes be available. Goodson assured him that they would be. Maureen thanked Bruno and Linda for their questions, she learns a lot more as a result of their questions. She also enjoyed the report of the fire chief.

ADJOURNMENT: Goodson motioned to adjourn at 6:44

Emery Roberts, Chair\_\_\_\_\_

Karl Behr\_\_\_\_\_

Richard Doucette \_\_\_\_\_

Kelly Goodson\_\_\_\_\_

Lianne Prentice\_\_\_\_\_