

TOWN OF TAMWORTH
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Selectman's Meeting 6:00 pm
Town Office

Thursday, October 08, 2020

Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Selectman Farnum. Present are: Willie Farnum, Rebecca Mason, Melanie Streeter, Kelly Goodson, Aaron Ricker, Karen Anthony – Administrator, Ed Comeau – Government Oversight. Present on Zoom are Jim & Maureen Diamond. Tammy Bates - Notary and Linda Cook are also present. Recording secretary Kristin Hatch
- Agenda was set aside for a selectman's deed that needs to be signed and notarized. We are fortunate to have Tammy Bates -Notary here. On tax map 401, lot 037 @ 1067 Washington Hill Road. This property was taken by tax lien and now is being returned to owner after all outstanding taxes, penalties and fees have been paid. A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson.
Selectman Streeter – yes
Selectman Mason – yes
Selectman Goodson – yes
Selectman Ricker – yes
Selectman Farnum - yes
- PUBLIC HEARING: none scheduled
- APPOINTMENTS: none
- PUBLIC INPUT: none
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Facilities Permit Sticker Policy – Final read
Received and reviewed looks like this is good to go. Selectman will wait until the October 22 public hearing meeting for final approval.
 - Administrator Update – Karen Anthony - will be speaking with Michele Clark from DRA tomorrow to review of setting the tax rates. Tamworth could be the first in the state to set tax rates.

HealthTrust – Increase in Insurance by 6.4%, Dental will stay the same, FSA will stay the same.

Contacted by Accessor, Rod, his received an email that said that the board of selectman said that a notification was supposed to be left for owner if no one was home to let the property owner know that we were there, so they could schedule an appointment. He wanted to confirm to the board that if this is how they wanted to proceed that there would be a charge of \$20 for call back appointments. Selectman Mason stated that she didn't think it was to schedule appointment but just to let homeowners know that someone had been there.

Nurses dropped off some guidelines for office visits that they would like to impose it a one page, not a lot of detail, to be reviewed, will look at next week.

Tamworth Outing Club is looking into doing its first Annual Haunting in the Village, they were asking for permission also asked about using our Porch for music, suggested they follow the CDC guidelines and they don't need our permission. We are willing to let them use our power but for liability reasons the porch cannot be used. Suggested that they may want to check with what other activities going on to coordinate. Parking concerns, Police detail may be needed.

Introduced new Administrator Assistant – Kristin Hatch

SIGNATURE FILE:

- Selectmen's minutes for October 01, 2020 - A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Mason.

Selectman Streeter – yes
Selectman Mason – yes
Selectman Goodson – yes
Selectman Ricker – yes
Selectman Farnum - yes

- Non-public meeting minutes for October 01, 2020
 - RSA 91-A: 3 II (e) – unsealed

A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson.

Selectman Streeter – yes
Selectman Mason – yes
Selectman Goodson – yes
Selectman Ricker – yes
Selectman Farnum - yes

- Account payable manifest - \$315,961.30, ytd \$7,716,058.74. A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson.

Selectman Streeter – yes
Selectman Mason – yes
Selectman Goodson – yes
Selectman Ricker – yes
Selectman Farnum - yes

- General Election 2020 Warrant - A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson.

Selectman Streeter – yes
Selectman Mason – yes
Selectman Goodson – yes
Selectman Ricker – yes
Selectman Farnum - yes

- Yield Tax for Map 410 Lot 123 - A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson.

Selectman Streeter – yes
Selectman Mason – yes
Selectman Goodson – yes
Selectman Ricker – yes
Selectman Farnum - yes

- Intent to cut Map 415 123 - A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson.

Selectman Streeter – yes
Selectman Mason – yes
Selectman Goodson – yes
Selectman Ricker – yes
Selectman Farnum - yes

- Intent to cut Map 415 Lot 39123 - A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson.

Selectman Streeter – yes
Selectman Mason – yes
Selectman Goodson – yes
Selectman Ricker – yes
Selectman Farnum – yes

- Driveway Permit for Map 403 Lot 4 located on Mt. Mexico road for agriculture and forestry. Approved by road agent. – A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson

Selectman Streeter – yes
Selectman Mason – yes
Selectman Goodson – yes
Selectman Ricker – yes

Selectman Farnum – yes

▪ **SELECTMANS UPDATE:**

Selectman Streeter - brought up the Town Seal, it has the wrong date and needs to be corrected. It was decided to buy a new one instead of trying to have the current one fixed, the cost of the new one is approx. \$60.00. Melanie will speak with Kim to get this ordered.

Received a traffic complaint today for the Highland House. Traffic was parked on both sides of the road, with people in the roadway. The road is narrow, and it causes problems with traffic passing through. A letter will be sent asking them to ask their patrons to not park in the road but to park in their driveway.

Discussed the need for new signs at Town Office, needing better directions for people visiting people are getting confused. Let's do this soon.

Selectman Ricker – nothing to report

Selectman Goodson – Pat Farley from EDC was wondering if the board of selectman are going to be doing anything about the ERZ? It is on public notice and will be discussed at public hearing.

Selectman Mason – said that she saw on the exchange that residents could fill out absentee votes inside the building. Kim stated that we are not doing that here.

Spent 3 hours at a health officers training program. There is legislature going through hoping to open up for more health officers, other discussion regarding what will be required and background checks, nuisances, failed septic systems.

Spent 2 hours regarding the Gopher reimbursement, sent same paperwork as before, employees have been changed and they required more documentation. Documentation was provided. Waiting to hear back.

This week we ordered a 50" TV and a Projector for Zoom at a cost of around \$800.00. If Cares Act will not pay for it than we will approach Tamworth Foundation to see if they can help.

Web pages are being cleaned up, Kristin will be trained and will be taking care of this.

Watched another Selectman meeting, they had discussed having to revamp sexual harassment and nondiscrimination policy. Will send our policies out to be reviewed.

Joint loss committee October 21 @ 8:00 am, Kristin Hatch will be new member.

Two weeks until voting:

Goodson – 8:00 to 10:00 and 12:00 to 3:00

Streeter – 8:00 to 3:00

Farnum – All day

Ricker - 3:30 to close

Mason – 10:00 to 12:00 and 3:00 to 7:00

Everyone will be available for cleanup at 7:00.

Will need help setting up need to find out what time the school will be available.

Selectman Farnum –

Meeting with Bruce Knox, engineer, regarding grant that came through from Tamworth Foundation for the Transfer Station, meeting on Saturday.

Looked a little more at the Library parking, chalked out the HC and regular parking spaces. Look like we will gain more parking when it is organized.

Received a complaint about people parking on Narrows Bridge, there was a wedding and people were parked everywhere. We only control the road. We have no event policy. Even though we knew about the wedding we have no authority.

Page Hill, traffic problem, complaints of people pulling over and getting out of cars. Discussion on how and what we can do for this weekend to make this better. More police patrol will be required for this weekend.

Spoke with John from Affinity lighting, regarding the light at the school and fire station they are on all the time. Requesting a shield be put on them and that they turn them slightly, so they aren't blinding drivers.

Kennebec Lumber if Eversource is going in to take it down, make sure it is brought to the town office so that we can use it for a replacement or parts. Affinity is going to send a schematic of all the lights.

Lights on top of flagpole in South Tamworth not working, One at Memorial always having problems that no one seems to be able to fix it. The board has given permission for Willie to fix the one in South Tamworth. Need to look for options for the Memorial one.

New England Solar Garden they are expecting that their letter of credit will be approved and operational within 3 weeks. They plan to start survey work at the site and installing in the spring

Two weeks from tonight, Public Hearing, Four Things: Receipt of funds in excess of \$5,000.00, Facility Sticker Policy, Road Policy and Revitalization.

- NON-PUBLIC:
 - RSA 91-A:3 II (e)

At 7:02 pm, on a motion by Chairman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson, the Board moved into non-public under the above provisions by roll call vote. Mason – Yes, Farnum – Yes, Streeter – Yes, Goodson – Yes, Ricker - Yes.

On a motion by Chairman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson, the Board returned to public session at 7:10 pm by roll call vote. Mason – Yes, Farnum – Yes, Streeter – Yes, Goodson – Yes, Ricker – Yes. On a motion made by Chairman Farnum and seconded by Selectman Goodson stated that RSA 91-A:3 II (e)- the minutes were unsealed.

- ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Selectman Mason, Seconded by Selectman Goodson @ 7:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Hatch Recording Secretary

William Farnum - Chairman R

Rebecca Mason

Aaron Ricker

Kelly Goodson

Melanie Streeter