

TOWN OF TAMWORTH  
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Selectmen's Meeting 6:00pm  
Town office

Thursday, October 3, 2019

MINUTES

*Approved as written: October 17, 2019*

Present: Selectmen Farnum, Ricker, Mason and Streeter, Police Chief Littlefield, Fire Chief Colcord, Assistant Fire Chief Bowles, Road Agent Roberts, Transfer Station Manager Johnson, Recreation Director Roberts, Friends of the Town House members C Cook and L Cook, CIP Chairman Waldron, Sportsmen's Club representative D Giampietro, Resident Doc Lowe, Gilmanton resident Joseph Haas, Town Administrator McWhirter, Videographer from governmentoversite.com and several members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER: At 6:00pm, Selectman Farnum called the meeting to order.

DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES:

- Fire
  - Fire Chief Colcord submitted the department's September stats. He stated all requirements have been met to move forward with the EMS Warm Zone Grant. The new fire engine should be in service next week.
- Police
  - Police Chief Littlefield submitted his department's September Stats. He reported he ordered the new police vehicle and explained the plant that it would be coming from is on strike. Drug Take Back Day is October 26, 2019 from 10am-2pm.
  - Doc Lowe spoke concerning illegal activity at 725 Turkey Street. He is concerned about the number of trailers on one lot, illegal activity and dumping of sewerage on private and public property. Selectman Mason asked that he give her a written statement and took possession of photographs he had of some activity. She stated she has been working with the NH DES on how to address some of the issues as discussed.
  - As a member of the Advisory Budget Committee Casslyn Cook explained to the Selectman that Police Chief Littlefield refused to give the committee his department's timesheets. The committee is concerned about the potential overspending of the Police overtime line. Chief Littlefield replied that he feels the committee is over stepping their mission. He also feels that under 91-A:5 the timesheets are exempt for safety reasons. He also stated that all the committee must do is ask him why his overtime line is so high. After some discussion Selectman Farnum stated that the board would ask town council if the Police Department time sheets should be made available to the public.

- Highway
  - Road Agent Roberts reported his crew has completed drainage and maintenance on Pine Hill Road. The grounds at the town office and Remick Park have been cleaned up. He reported that Fowler's Mill Road is being widened. He put up the street signs in Tamworth Pines Coop. He stated that in the future, any signs ordered by the highway department for private roads should not be paid for by the highway department. He has completed paperwork for the salt prices 2019/2020 season. The highway crew is working on the culvert on Gardner Hill Road and continuing with fall maintenance. Mr. Roberts stated he will have a per diem employee shovel the sidewalks in Chocorua this winter. He will ask if any of his per diem employees are interested in shoveling the town office, town house and fire stations this winter season. The Police Department will shovel at the station. The town received a bid from Irving Energy and Carroll County Oil for off road diesel for the highway department. After a brief discussion:

*Selectman Mason made a motion to accept the diesel bid from Carroll County Oil at a base price of \$2.0585 per gallon which fluctuates daily and an over rack price of \$0.22 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Selectman Streeter and passed unanimously.*

- Transfer Station
  - TS Manager Johnson reported that the roof over the compactor is being built. Road Agent Roberts will begin the dirt work next week. Town Administrator McWhirter is working with Planet Aid to have a clothes recycling bin placed at the transfer station.
- Recreation
  - Recreation Director Roberts reported that soccer season is underway. There are 38 kids participating in the program. There are games and/or practice 3 to 4 times a week. He has begun fall cleanup at the fields. The recreation department offers pickle ball and basketball for adults. There is a play group on Saturday afternoon for kids in the KA Brett School gym.
- Friends of the Town House
  - The work to repair/replace the duct work in the basement will begin the week after Columbus Day. There has been a request to host Sunday school for 45 min per week.
- Administration
  - Town Administrator McWhirter will check with the Road Agent to see if one of his per diem employees would be able to shovel for the 2019/2020 season. The assessor has held 2 full days of hearings. The 2 final hearing days are October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. McWhirter will send sample PILOT agreements to the tax-exempt organizations for their review. Per the following vote the board accepted funds from the Tamworth Foundation. A letter will be sent to David Haskell to ask for any documents and checkbook from the previous Veteran's Committee.

*Selectman Farnum made a motion to accept and expend unanticipated revenue from the Tamworth foundation of \$8,000. The funds will be used*

*to repair/replace the duct work at the Town House. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Mason and passed unanimously.*

#### APPOINTMENTS:

- Bearcamp Valley Sportsmen's Club Representative D. Giampietro came before the board to discuss the fundraising raffle of a pistol. Mr. Giampietro stated the pistol was purchased by a licensed dealer and all the regulations to buy/sell the firearm will be followed.

*Selectman Farnum made a motion to approve and sign the raffle permit for the Bearcamp Valley Sportsmen's Club. The motion was seconded by Selectman Streeter and passed unanimously.*

- CIP Chairman Waldron presented the final Capital Improvement Program Report for 2020 to 2025. He highlighted the CIP decision to put \$200k each year into a bridge capital reserve fund over the next 5 years. He reviewed other items which will be included in this year's warrant.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Selectman Mason stated that the 6-town ambulance committee has agreed to work with Action Ambulance out of Wilmington MA. The committee will meet on October 21, 2019 to work on contract details.

*Selectman Mason made a motion to allow the Selectmen representatives to enter into contract negotiations with Action Ambulance. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.*

- The preliminary discussion of the landfill solar project was tabled to a later date.

#### SELECTMEN UPDATE:

- As the Heath Officer, Selectman Mason is aware of issues at 725 Turkey Street. She has been working with DES regarding the NH Recreational Campground Statute and has determined the owner of the property is in violation.

*Selectman Mason made a motion to have town counsel draft a cease and desist letter regarding recreational campground at 725 Turkey Street. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Streeter and passed unanimously.*

Selectman Mason is requesting any documents, pictures and information regarding activity at 725 Turkey Street.

Carroll County Broadband will meet on Monday, October 7, 2019. Also, on October 7, GWRSD is meeting in Effingham.

- Selectman Farnum stated that the Municipal Building Committee is meeting on October 7, 2019.

#### SIGNATURE FILE:

- Selectman Farnum made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes dated September 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.
- Selectman Farnam made a motion to approve and sign the accounts payable manifest dated October 3, 2019 in the amount of \$369,566.21. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.
- Selectman Farnum made a motion to approve and sign the accounts payable manifest dated October 10, 2019 in the amount of \$30,728.85. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.
- Selectman Farnum made a motion to approve and sign the appointment form for Becky Loughran as an alternate member of the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.
- Selectman Farnum made a motion to sign the application for Planet Aid Collection Box to be placed at the Transfer Station. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Mason and passed unanimously.
- Selectman Mason made a motion to all Selectman Farnum to the sign the Planet Aid agreement. The motion was seconded by Selectman Streeter.
- Selectman Farnum made a motion to approve and sign the following items. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.
  - (A-10) Application for Current Use, Map 409-007
  - (PA-7) Intent to Cut, Map 414-078
  - (PA-7) Intent to Cut, Map 414-078.1
  - Yield Tax, Map 410-022
  - CU-12 Stewardship Plan, Map 411-53.2
  - CU-12 Stewardship Plan, Map 405-008
  - CU-12 Stewardship Plan, Map 403-011 and 403-010

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Custodial position was not discussed
- Social Media Policy was not discussed
- 2019 BOS Goals was not discussed

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Gilmanton resident Joe Haas has been attending several Selectmen's meetings throughout the county discussing his view of the State-Wide Education Property Tax (SWEPT).

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:39pm, Selectman Farnum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Streeter and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene McWhirter  
Town Administrator

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Daniel J. Poirier

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Rebecca Mason

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Aaron Ricker

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Melanie Streeter

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William W. Farnum