

**Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
March 12, 2015
Town House**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: James Hidden, Steve Gray & John Roberts

OTHERS

PRESENT: Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Executive Assistant Darlene McWhirter, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Recreation Director Parker Roberts, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Pat & Dave Farley, Bruno Siniscalchi, Peter Smart, Sam Martin, Andrea Kennett, Jeanne Bergen, Chris Moneypenny, Chris King, Anthony & Gail Marrone, Brian Clark, and Kim Trammell.

BOARD

ORGANIZATION: Motion made by Selectman Hidden to appoint Selectman Gray as Chairman of the Board. Motion seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

The Board decided on their additional appointments:

Planning Board Ex Officio:	Selectman Gray
Mt. Washington Economic Council:	Pat Farley
Conservation Commission:	Selectman Roberts
Capital Improvement Committee:	Selectman Gray
Cook Memorial Library:	Selectman Hidden
Joint Loss Management Committee:	Selectman Roberts
Economic Development Committee:	Selectman Hidden
Energy Committee:	Selectman Roberts
Road Study Committee:	Selectman Roberts
Lakes Region Planning Commission:	Selectman Hidden
250 th Committee:	Selectman Hidden

**DEPARTMENT
HEADS:**

Road Agent Richard Roberts: informed the Board that they have been working on equipment, cleanouts and that the road posting will be effective Monday morning. He did state for the record that Hall Road is a private road and that a logger would need to take care of it if they log thru there. He told the Board that he is meeting with Steve Tedstone from CAT to finalize the grader purchase. The Board authorized Richard Roberts to sign off on the new grader purchase and to trade in the 2001 grader.

Chief Poirier distributed the stats for the month of February. Chairman Gray asked the Chief to have the reports into the Town Office on Tuesday by noon before meeting night so the Board can pre-review.

Pat Farley mentioned Senate Bill 98 to the Board and the possible affect on the Planning Board. Next LRPC meeting is on March 30th in

Moultonborough, John Gotjen will be going. The EDC is planning a forum for unemployed or unhappily employed regarding job search.

Dave Farley attended a meeting of the LRPC Scenic By-Way Committee and stated there is no money available, no federal interest, no state money, it appears to be Winnepesaukee oriented, marketing visitors, and he does not feel Tamworth needs to be involved since there is very little impact.

Rec Director Parker Roberts: informed the Board that basketball season was wrapped up, and that they had an outstanding season. He received many compliments regarding the conduct and sportsmanship of his teams.

Bruno Siniscalchi: reported on the progress of the 250th Committee. They solicited information from residents attending the School & Town Meeting and those voting on Election Day. They will be meeting every other week until May.

The Board had a brief discussion regarding the cell phones while the department heads were still present. The Board would like the Departments to give the office a list of who needs what for phones. They would like to see a complete pricing sheet and who wants what.

**PETER
SMART:**

Mr. Smart distributed a handout in regards to street lighting in Chocorua Village with results of some testing he had done. Discussed the wattage and the reduction the Town could see if a dimmer was installed. He has sent HEB an email, and is awaiting a response. He would prefer to see the Town dim them rather than shutting them off, or turn off alternate fixtures.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT:**

Brian Clark expressed his interest in extending the hours at the Transfer Station. He stated Tamworth Pines is having problems with “trash” being dumped in their park. He is unsure if it has to do with the limited hours the transfer station is opened. The Board stated the first thing he needed to do is have the Police department look into it.

**GAIL
MARRONE
BALLFIELDS:**

Gail Marrone distributed letters to the Board of Selectmen regarding the plans for new fields, and logging on the Town property located off Durrell Road and the use of Hall Road. Mrs. Marrone wanted to know if the Town could legally use Hall Road. She was informed that it is being looked into at this time but it is believed that the Town has a legal right of way thru this road. The burden for any damage done to the road during the logging is that of the logger and he has stated he understands and is planning on waiting to see if it is too muddy.

A lengthy discussion was held on the number of fields, the needs of the Town, the parking lots, the access to and from, the maintenance of the

roads and fields, and the river banking. The Grace Committee is going to have a meeting on March 23, 2015 at 6 p.m. at Union Hall to discuss the matter further with the Marrone's and others concerned.

TOWN CLERK

TAX COLLECTOR:

Apologized for being late and asked if she needed to do anything with her budget after last night's Town meeting. The Board stated she was set as far as the budget. Selectman Roberts did ask her about the comment that was made at Town Meeting by a resident that they had gone to the Town Clerks office to discuss an ambulance bill; she stated she had not spoken with them about this and she would check with her deputies. Selectman Roberts stated residents should be referred to the Selectmen's Office when it does not relate to Town Clerk/Tax Collector issues.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Board approved and signed the following items:

- Intent to cut 408-004
- An abatement for Map 210 Lot 3 in the amount of \$1,065.24
- A letter to the State of NH Liquor Commission regarding selling Wine at the Farmer Market for Mr. Dube.
- Two appointments for the LRPC TAC (John Gotjen & David Bowles)
- A denial for a PA – 30 for Map 408 lot 001

Motion made by Selectman Gray approved sign the minutes of March 9, 2015. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Gray to approve and sign the minutes of March 2, 2015. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Gray to approve and sign the non public minutes of March 2, 2015. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Gray to approve and sign the minutes of February 26, 2015. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Gray to approve and sign the non public minutes of February 26, 2015. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Gray to approve & sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$234,413.02. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Gray to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$234,413.02. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Gray to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$19,282.36 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$12,210.50 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$6,139.39 to be transferred for the Federal tax deposit (not included in the amount above). Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

It was noted that Ms. Velardo passed away on 3/4/15 at the age of 100. She was the current holder of the Boston Post Cane. The Board reviewed a list and the office will confirm the next holder of the cane.

Mrs. McWhirter informed the Board she had contacted the Secretary in Sandwich regarding meeting with their Select board. They meet every Monday at 5 p.m. The Board would like to meet with them on March 23 and asked Mrs. McWhirter to set it up.

The Board discussed the meeting with DRA and the Utility value issue. Motion made by Selectman Gray to use the DRA assessment figures. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed by a vote of 2-1. (Selectman Roberts voting nay).

The Board reviewed a proposed application for an involuntary merger that another Town uses, and has been modified for Tamworth's use. The Town has received a letter from a property owner stating they wish to have their land unmerged. The Board discussed the application and fees involved. Fees were set and the form will be updated and sent to the applicant.

The Whittier Road Bridge RFP has been received and sent to the firms on the short list of bidders.

The Board gave Mrs. McWhirter the ok to go ahead and inform the Website administrator that the funds have been approved for the update. Departments, Employee's and Committee's were given until March 15th to present requests for recommendations or changes to their page.

The Board was asked where the meetings were going to be held in light of the Motion made by Mr. Little at Town Meeting to have all meetings moved back to the Town Office. Selectman Gray stated the other groups can move back but the Selectmen can stay at the Town House. Selectman Hidden agreed. Selectman Roberts did not agree that the Selectmen should stay and felt they too needed to return to the Town Office Building. He reminded Selectman Gray and Selectman Hidden that the deal was to move down to the Town House and put offices in the conference room. The construction was put on hold, the warrant article for renovations

failed, and a motion was made to return the meetings to the Town Office and for the Selectmen to stay at the Town House would be against the wishes of the people.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to return all town board and committee meetings back down to the town office. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

They briefly discussed property and liability insurance and a quote that was received from Primex. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Board was informed of a letter received from an employee regarding the personnel policy. All letters and suggestions received will be kept together and the board can meet to discuss them when working on the policy changes.

It was decided by the Board that the light bill for the light at the Veteran's Memorial should be being charged to the cemetery budget and not street lighting.

The Board was reminded that the auditors will be here next week.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassandra M Pearce

Approved by Board of Selectmen

Stephen G. Gray

John E. Roberts

James S. Hidden