

**Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
February 27, 2014
Town Office**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: John Roberts, James Hidden & Steve Gray

OTHERS

PRESENT: Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Secretary/Assessing Clerk Melanie Streeter, Craig Nichols State of NH, and Town Assessor Rod Wood.

Acting Chair Jim Hidden called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m.

Mr. Nichols was present from the State of NH to discuss with the Board the Certification/Review process for 2014, the equalization ratio and the statistical update.

Mr. Nichols started with the equalization ratio that the Town just received. With the rate, the COD and the PRD where they are it is good that the Town is doing the statistical update.

Mr. Nichols asked Mr. Wood questions on his process on the update and explained the process to the Board at the same time. They will be looking for a data collection manual for revaluation process.

Mr. Nichols then discussed the Certification/Review process which is done once every five years by the State verifying the data in the Town. They review the credits and exemptions, current use, the A-9 & A-12's etc.

Mr. Nichols was asked about the recent letter sent out by the County Registrar about the Towns selling copies of the deeds and the watermarks placed on the deeds. Mr. Nichols was unaware of the situation but stated he would ask around. A brief discussion was held with the Board about the issue and whether or not the Town can sell them. Matter will be discussed again after further investigation.

Discussion ended at 3:47 p.m.

The Board took a 10 minute recess.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Recreation Director Parker Roberts, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Pat Farley, Ruth Timchak, Bruno Siniscalchi and Doug Barron.

**DEPARTMENT
HEADS:**

Parker Roberts was in at the Board's request to discuss the Town House usage and moving the Board and Committee meetings to the Town House.

They reviewed the different events of the Town House and the different committee meetings and will plan on trying to hold some meetings there beginning in May.

Selectman Roberts mentioned to P. Roberts that last year town meeting, there was an article to name the Ball field on Durrell Road the Roy Grace Memorial Park, and asked P. Roberts what has been done to accomplish or to start this process. Parker mentioned they were looking into an score board with his name on it. Selectman Roberts stated he would like Parker to be ready to address this matter at Town Meeting and would like his plans available or known as to what he will be doing.

Richard Roberts: Things are going good, Turkey Street has a soft spot and FR Carroll is coming in the spring to fix it at no cost to the Town. It was noted that it should be done as early as possible. Selectman Roberts stated 3 years ago the Selectmen decided to take on plowing the School, this year doing it with loader; he would like to see the Town buy pusher for tractor at the transfer station, and have the employee at the transfer station plow the school and the transfer station with the pusher. The Board asked Richard to talk with Glenn to see if they could make this work.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT:**

Doug Barron asked if he could show a video at Town Meeting. The Board informed him that he would have to get in touch with the Moderator as he is in charge of the Town Meeting not the Selectmen.

Pat Farley: Discussed the MWV progress report which mentions the meeting held by the EDC. LRPC is still looking for Commissioners from Tamworth. There will be a LRPC meeting at the Tri Cap building on March 31, 2014 at 6 p.m. There are residents of Tamworth on the Scenic Byways committee.

**SELECTMEN
UPDATES:**

Selectman Hidden attended the Planning Board meeting where there was a public hearing held for PSNH to install poles and do tree trimming on Hollow Hill Road. There were many less than happy people with the “zig zagging” poles planned for this road. Bob Bernier from PSNH was present but unable to answer all the concerns as he is only the “tree guy” and not the engineer. PSNH was proposing this route from Cleveland Hill Road because Ms. Colten was against running underground power from her property as there would need to be tree trimming and cutting for this as well. The Public Hearing was continued until the March 26 Planning Board meeting.

Selectman Gray had nothing to report.

Selectman Roberts had nothing to report.

MODERATOR:

Chris Canfield asked the Board if they had talked to the construction company working on the old Tamworth Inn to see if they would not park

on the street during voting day. The Board has not and Chris stated he would do this. He stated he would not be at the polls in the morning and that Margaret Rieser will be filling in for him. He asked the Board if they had anything for him. Selectman Roberts informed him that Doug Barron was in earlier requesting to show a video at Town Meeting and they referred him to Chris. Chris thanked the Board for the heads up.

ADMINISTRATION: The Board approved and signed the following items:

- An intent to cut for Tax map 405 Lot 20
- An intent to cut for Tax map 411 Lot 30
- An Elderly and Disabled tax deferral for tax map 411 lot 13
- A letter of agreement with HEB for the 2014 Landfill Monitoring

Motion was made by Selectman Roberts to appoint to the Conservation Commission: Ned Beecher, Richard Gerard and Robert Seston as regular members for three year terms, Sharon Maes as regular member for a two year term, and reappoint Charles Townsend as an alternate for a three year term. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$21,841.91 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$11,965.82 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$7,434.85 to be transferred for the Federal tax deposit (not included in the amount above). Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$238,700.54. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$238,700.54. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of February 13, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATION
(Continued):**

The Board discussed meeting with an additional vendor for a quote on Property and Liability insurance. The Town Administrator will set this meeting up for 3/27/14 if possible.

Correspondence was received from Town Counsel discussing the auction for the tax acquired property being held in April.

The Board was informed of an email received from Bob Landry of Bureau of Bridge Design, State of NH stating that they will be having another meeting about the bridge on 113 over Bearcamp River in April.

Mrs. Pearce informed the Board that she had spoken with the State regarding Amendment # 4 with HEB. Another amendment is in the works so at this time the Board is going to hold off on this amendment and include the two on one amendment labeled #4.

NON PUBLIC:

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to enter into Non Public session under RSA 91 A 3:II c at 5:06 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by to exit non public at 6:09 p.m. by Selectman Roberts. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassandra M Pearce

Approved by Board of Selectmen

John E. Roberts

James S. Hidden

Stephen G. Gray