

**Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
April 24, 2014
Town Office**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: James Hidden, Steve Gray & John Roberts

OTHERS

PRESENT: Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Sam Martin, Pat Farley, John Gotjen, David Little, Rebecca Boyden, Amy Berrier, Katherine Thompson, Barbara Bloomberg, Jeff Reardon of Davis & Towle, Bob Streeter, Jennifer Mashiak, and Mary Pinkham-Langer from NH DRA.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hidden at 4:07 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT
HEADS:**

Chief Poirier stated he didn't have anything to report things were going well. He did inform the Board that the new generator has been installed and is up and running. Selectman Gray wanted to extend a sincere thank you to Sergeant Colby for her assistance with a traffic cone for the walkway out front of the Town Office where the water main had been sticking out of the ground and someone almost fell last week.

Pat Farley spoke about the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council and distributed a report they did on the economic conditions.

NON-PUBLIC:

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to enter into a non-public session at 4:12 p.m. under RSA 91 A:3 II (c). Motion seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to exit non-public at 4:34 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

**PROPERTY
& LIABILITY
INSURANCE:**

Jeff Reardon and Jennifer Good introduced themselves and presented some information to the Board regarding Davis & Towle and due to the fact that they still need additional information from the Town in order to put a full proposal together so they do not have figures with them this evening. They talked about the policy and the different Towns they currently have listed with them. The Board thanked them for their time and stated that the Town will try to send the additional information their way for a quote for a later date since we must renew now for our July policy.

**TOWN
HOUSE:**

Bob Streeter spoke about the concerns arising from the news that the Town House is going to be used solely for Town Boards and Committee meetings and no longer for outside groups. He feels there is a problem and hopefully there

can be a solution. The Board explained that there was discussion about the Town Office needing space. Architects were brought in for a short consult and the Town was going to be asked for 75,000 in 2014, 100,000 in 2015 and then it was going to be at least ½ million dollars for the actual addition/renovations. The Board felt the best answer in these times would be to use the Town House for meetings, and make the conference room into office space. This was to help defray costs on the taxpayers. There were a number of concerned citizens present to speak about their concerns on the subject. (Bob Streeter, Amy Berrier, Katharine Thompson, Barbara Bloomberg, Jennifer Mashiak, Rebecca Boyden, David Little, and others). There was a lengthy discussion about sharing the space, locking or not locking the down stairs, the use the building gets now, where groups will go and still earn income, the historical value of the Town House and not making changes to it for locking cabinets, the possibility of portables at the Town Office, and how long the “trial” would be for. It was decided that there will be a two month trial beginning June 1st where all committees and Boards will be to meet at the Town House and take what they need with them so that the door to the meeting room will remain unlocked and that the building can be shared, however, Town Boards and Committee meetings will take precedence. This trial will be for two months. The Board will reassess this situation at that time and see if there needs to be a trial with the door locked and the files moved or not.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT:**

Nothing further.

**SELECTMEN
UPDATES:**

Selectman Gray stated he had attended the meeting held by the State regarding Butlers Bridge. He also attended the Library Meeting where he heard that they need to replace the furnace.

Selectman Roberts stated he attended the Cemetery Trustees meeting where they are drafting up some new regulations. He also attended the Planning Board meeting last evening where they approved the Boundary Line Adjustment (with no conditions) for Bob Ambrose. The Planning board is holding a work session on 5/14, when they will conduct a public hearing for PSNH for tree trimming.

Selectman Hidden stated he also attended the meeting on Butlers Bridge, went to the Conservation Commission meeting and the Roy Grace Committee meeting. He would also like to thank Parker for another great Egg Hunt.

NH DRA:

Mary Pinkham-Langer from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenue was present to discuss the Timber billing with the Board of Selectmen. She had been in the office and met with Selectman Hidden and Melanie Streeter at Melanie’s request to go over the billing process again. She explained that the Selectmen should be rating the timber if they choose not to send out the timber monitor and not to leave that up to the office staff. Selectman Roberts stated that is something the Board authorized a year ago giving them a range to use. He stated the Board can delegate that just as the delegate that authority to the timber monitor, and by signing the Warrants the Selectmen are actually agreeing to the amount being billed. She explained the rating sheet for

Selectman Gray who was unfamiliar with it. She understands that the staff was not doing anything wrong by doing what they were told to do by the Board but would encourage the Board to do the rating sheets or give them to the monitor as Tamworth has a lot of timber intents and receives enough revenue to cover the cost of the monitor. The Board thanked Mary for coming in and clarifying the situation.

NON-PUBLIC:

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to enter into a non-public session at 6:15 p.m. under RSA 91 A:3 II (c). Motion seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to exit non-public at 7:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Board approved and signed the following items:

- An intent to cut for Map 403 lots 25, 15, 14, 12-2
- Approved the dental renewal with Health Trust
- Change Order #2 for the Chocorua Village Project
- Gravel tax levy in the amount of \$926.70
- Yield Tax levy in the amount of \$73.14
- A raffle permit for the Friends of the Cook Memorial Library
- PSNH Pole Attachment application for the flags in Chocorua

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to sign the Power of Attorney for Richard Sager for the deeds for the Tax Auction. Motion seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$18,930.97 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$12,205.86 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$6,206.24 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 Hidden to approve and sign the minutes of April 10, 2014 pending one correction, change the spelling of Mr. Gotjen's name in the attendance list. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve and sign the non public minutes of April 10, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

The Board discussed a quote received regarding the locks for the Town Office and other options. They are going to look into the price of key pads and whether or not they can be installed in the current doors.

The Board decided to stay with Health Trust at this time for Property and Liability Insurance.

The Board reviewed the list of potential property to be deeded to the Town on May 9th.

The Board was informed that the plumbing problem in the nurse's office has been taken care of.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Selectman Hidden to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassandra M Pearce

Approved by Board of Selectmen

James S. Hidden

Stephen G. Gray

John E. Roberts