

**Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
June 05, 2014
Town House**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Steve Gray & John Roberts

OTHERS

PRESENT: Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Fire Chief Richard Colcord, Rescue Captain Jeff Tavares, Bruno Siniscalchi, Rosalind Gray, Ruth Timchak, Kathy & John Dyrenforth, John Gotjen, John Wheeler, Peter Smart, Judith Reardon, Tom & Joan Peters, Dana & Laure Bonica, Lorna Gordon, Ned Beecher and the following:

Former Selectpersons: Donald Hutchins, Mariette Ross, William Farnum, David Haskell, and Samuel Hidden.

Selectman Roberts called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Selectman Roberts made a motion to appoint Donald Hutchins to fill in for Selectman Hidden who is unable to attend this evening. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed with a vote of 2-0. Selectman Roberts stated that Mr. Hutchins is the only Selectperson here this evening that had ever served on the Board when the meetings were held at the Town House. Pictures were taken of the members present this evening and all were applauded for their service to the Town.

**DEPARTMENT
HEADS:**

Road Agent Richard Roberts: informed the Board that the top coat has been applied to Turkey Street & Mason Hill and that the shouldering is complete. Comments were made on how great these roads look. He informed the Board that he has installed reflectors at the eastern end of Whittier Road where someone has cut thru or made a path and is cutting off those who actually use the road. Selectman Gray mentioned the intersection of 41 and Ossipee Lake Road and the need for some additional intersection markings. Selectman Roberts asked when or if the Highway Department would be renting an excavator during the summer and if so maybe the little bit of work that needs to be done at the Transfer Station could be done at the same time. Richard stated he would be willing to take care of that if they do rent one.

Fire Chief Richard Colcord stated things are going fine at the Fire Department. He informed the Board that the next meeting of the Ambulance Reorganization meeting is 6/19/14 at 6 p.m. and mentioned that they discussed options at the last meeting and Tamworth's cost/benefit to be part of the co-op. CarePlus will be at the Board of Selectmen's meeting of June 19th.

Rescue Captain Jeff Tavares: stated the training on the new cardiac monitor is complete and the monitor is in service. They would like to be able to change the Rescue cell phone to a smart phone which would give them the capability of sending the readings from the monitor directly to the hospital. The Board requested he look into the cost of it.

**FUEL
PROPOSALS:**

Fuel proposals were received from Jesse Lyman, Irving Oil, Reliable Oil & Propane, and Carroll County Oil. Motion made by Selectman Roberts to accept the proposal from Jesse Lyman for the fixed rate of 3.299 per gallon for the 14-15 season. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT:**

Bruno Siniscalchi informed the Board that he had spoke with Jenn Wright who is interested in the 250th Committee and will be attending the next meeting.

**SELECTMEN
UPDATES:**

Selectman Gray stated he had attended the 250th Committee Meeting and their next meeting is 6/26. He also attended the last part of the Ambulance Co-Op meeting that Chief Colcord previously discussed, the Chocorua Village Safety Project meeting, and the LEOP meeting where Dana and Chief Colcord worked on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Board was asked if they still wished to have the EOC (Emergency Operation Center) at the Town Office. The Board said yes.

Selectman Roberts stated he met with Glenn at the Transfer Station to discuss the project that is scheduled down there. Selectman Roberts stated he is willing to dig it out, and/or do the pavement cutting and maybe the Highway Department will assist when they rent an excavator this summer. He also attended the 250th and the Chocorua Village Safety Improvement Project but missed the last Planning Board meeting.

**CHOCORUA
VILLAGE:**

The Dyrenforth's were present to discuss the request for a curb cut again on their property off the Chocorua Road side to access their back land. They have received verbal approval from the State for this driveway and would like the Board to reconsider a change order for a curb cut at that location.

Selectman Gray stated he felt it should be revisited now that the situation has changed and that the permits are being obtained, however, he feels it should be reconsidered at the next meeting as he does not feel there would be a majority vote this evening.

Mrs. Dyrenforth respectfully requests the Board approve this change order so the grant will pay for this curb cut that they are requesting be put in and not take an access away that they have been using.

Mr. Peters stated he feels it is perfectly logical for the grant to pay for it as if it was permitted earlier it would have had to be picked up anyway and been paid for thru grant monies.

Mr. Wheeler stated the project is supposed to be for the benefit of the community and land adjacent to the project should not be penalized for it. He feels it is logical to say yes to do it and have the grant pay for it.

Mrs. Reardon stated if it had been noticed at the preconstruction meeting the plans could have been changed and the permits could have been sought but since this did not happen she would hope the Board would have compassion and approve this change order.

Mr. Gotjen asked about current and prior driveway access and whether or not they are permitted.

Mr. Farnum stated maybe the Board could just do the curve in the granite and the land owners could be responsible for the apron.

Mr. Smart questioned Whipple Roberts access and was told they are used for agricultural purposes and allowed by the State. He also stated he feels this is just correcting something that was not identified by the engineers.

Selectman Roberts stated he is not changing his mind and feels this discussion should be tabled for another meeting which will be posted 24 hours in advanced.

GORDON:

Mrs. Gordon was present to discuss with the Board of Selectmen her assessment card. She distributed a letter she prepared and then read it to the Board. Selectman Roberts stated he needed more information as he did not understand her request. Ultimately she was unsure herself but apparently was questioning items on her tax card. Selectman Roberts suggested she meet with the Assessor this coming Tuesday. Mrs. Pearce will call her with a time.

WHITE/BONICA:

Ms. White was invited back from the previous meeting as she had requested the Board review the property of the Tamworth Camping Area as she felt it was a "junkyard". She called and was unable to attend this evening but would like to know how the Board made out at their site walk. The Board visited the property on 5/29/14 and asked the Bonica's to attend tonight's meeting as well. Selectman Roberts stated that Mr. Bonica met the Board at the property and allowed them to walk the site. He also brought to the Board's attention RSA 236:111-a-III regarding antique vehicles. Selectman Roberts asked Mr. Bonica to

provide the Selectmen with a list of vehicles on the property with the year of them prior to the next regular Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Bonica agreed to do so. Selectman Roberts stated the Bonica's do have a fence around the area where the cars are being stored which doesn't give him permission to have a junkyard but Mr. Bonica understands that. The fence was placed there as he was trying to be a good neighbor. The Board thanked the Bonica's for coming in and for allowing them to view the property.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT:

Ned Beecher was present to request the Board review and sign the Conservation Easement for the Reich property. He stated that SPNHF would be purchasing the easement and the Town would have an executory interest in the easement. The closing is set for June 17th and Ned is requesting that the Board sign the easement this evening and the signature page can be held at the Town Office until the easement is complete and reviewed by Town Attorney. The monitoring will be done by SPNHF, and the Town's fundraising was very successful. Selectman Roberts stated he was not ready to sign this evening but is willing to call a special meeting to sign after the easement is complete and reviewed by Town Counsel. At this time the Board agreed to hold a special meeting next Wednesday, June 11th at 6 p.m., Ned will send the easement to the Attorney no later than Monday for review.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Board approved and signed the following items:

- An Intent to Cut for Tax Map 414-009
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- An Intent to Cut for Tax Map 410-042
- An Intent to Cut for Tax Map 206-098 & 415-082
- A veterans credit for Tax Map 211-014-039
- An elderly exemption for Tax Map 415-019-100
- A Yield Tax Levy in the amount of \$3,368.30
- A Yield Tax Levy in the amount of \$1,589.16
- Chocorua Village Pay Application to LA Drew (#1) in the amount of \$89,314.65.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$421,693.39 Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$421,693.39. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$19,985.55 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$13,069.13 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$6,461.96 to be transferred for the Federal tax deposit (not included in the amount above). Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of May 22, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the non-public minutes of May 22, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of May 29, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

A request was received by Mark Lawton to use the Town House on Thursdays for the Rescue Rangers which he states is an organization affiliated with the Church. The Board stated there will be no added groups at this time.

The Board discussed a letter from Attorney Sager's office regarding one of the auctioned properties that an individual is trying to back out of. The Selectmen agreed to force the sale at the Attorney's recommendation.

The Board reviewed the Cash Receipt & Petty Cash Policy regarding the requested change to the returned check fee. Mrs. Pearce explained to the Board that the bank is now charging the town fees and the \$25.00 penalty currently in the policy is not covering the Town expenses. Motion made by Selectman Roberts to increase the check penalty from \$25.00 to \$50.00. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

A letter was received from Sue Stowbridge regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Day. The 2014 schedule is July 26th and August 2nd.

Mrs. Pearce informed the Board that copies of the proposed wage and classification study for another Town has been obtained for their review, and that a request for information has been received for this study. Any Town completing the questionnaire is to receive a complimentary copy of results.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Selectman Roberts to adjourn at 5:56 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassandra M Pearce
Town Administrator

Approved by Board of Selectmen

James S. Hidden

Stephen G. Gray

John E. Roberts