### Town of Tamworth Board of Selectmen's Meeting June 19, 2014 Town House

**BOARD MEMBERS** 

**PRESENT:** Jim Hidden, Steve Gray & John Roberts

**OTHERS** 

**PRESENT:** Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Fire

Chief Richard Colcord, Rosalind Gray, Ruth Timchak, John Gotjen, John Wheeler, Peter Smart, Josh McAllister, Mitch Gove, Lorna

Gordon, Ned Beecher and Sam Martin.

Chairman Hidden called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:** 

Police Chief Dan Poirier: distributed stats from May. He informed the

Board that Joanne Gayer has given her notice and her last day is June

30<sup>th</sup>. The position is being advertised.

Fire Chief Richard Colcord stated all is well.

**CARE PLUS:** 

Mitch Gove was present on behalf of CarePlus to answer any questions the Board or the Fire Chief may have regarding the recent discussions the committee and CarePlus have been having about the possibility of a new contract incorporating Ossipee and Effingham. There is a meeting tonight at 6 and they will be discussing prices and options, along with other types of resources to try to shave off some cost. Ossipee is looking for the other Towns to join this contract and drop their current contract a year early which in Tamworth's case would increase our payment in 2015 from around 40,000 to around 90,000. Selectman Roberts asked if the plan was to put the new proposal out to bid. Concerned with breaking current contract and the increase in the 2015 price. This is to renegotiate a new contract with Ossipee and Effingham, but they were asked when the original contract was established and they were not interested then. The Board thanked Mitch for coming in.

CHOCORUA VILLAGE:

Josh McAllister was present to discuss the Chocorua Village Safety Project. He asked the Board to sign Change order #4 which was for the Dyrenforth's driveway approved at the last meeting. He then presented Change Order #5 as the efforts necessary to bring the light pole bases up to the standard necessary to attach the light pole chosen for the project. Additionally, the electrical pull boxes are going to be upgraded to the current electrical code as part of this phase of the project. The Board would like a certificate of compliance from the electrician once work is completed. Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve and sign change order #4 in the amount of \$1,293.00 for Dyrenforth's driveway

to be paid with non participating funds. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed by a vote of 2-1 Selectman Roberts voting against the motion. Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve and sign change order #5 in the amount of \$19,967 for the lighting. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed by a vote of 2-1 Selectman Roberts voting against the motion.

# TAMWORTH VETERANS MEMORIAL:

David Bowles was present to discuss with the Board water for the Tamworth Veterans memorial. He presented the Board with a plan showing a water line from the river up Main Street to the church. They would need to cross two paved driveways. The question of who was going to be responsible for the maintenance was the big issue. The Cemetery Trustees had already stated at their meeting that they would not take on the maintenance responsibility of this. The next meeting of the Trustee's is 6/24/2014 at 5 p.m. at the Library. Selectman Hidden stated he is not opposed to the water line if the maintenance issue can be worked out. They have applied to the Foundation for funding but the funds would have to be disbursed thru an organization that is a non-profit. Mr. Bowles will work on maintenance agreement.

### PETER SMART/ DAM ICE CREAM SHOP:

Peter Smart was in to address the Board regarding the property he recently purchased known as the "Dam Ice Cream Shop". He wanted to inform the Board that he will be having the building demolished within 2 weeks. His intention is to turn this into "green area" and allow the public access. He asked the Board if he could remove the 3 or 4 large boulders that are on the property line between the two properties. He will fill in any holes or unlevel surface areas once these are removed. Selectman Gray stated he would be ok with this. Selectman Roberts stated he is abstaining from this discussion due to a conflict of interest. Selectmen Hidden is fine with the removal as well. The second item Mr. Smart wished to address was the status of the water system. He had provided the Board with a copy of the well agreement. When the demolition is done, there will no longer be any electrical to run the pump. If the Board has any questions or suggestions after reviewing the well agreement they can contact him. His third item to discuss with the Board is the Japanese Knot weed that is on both properties. He is having his removed and would like to continue along and have it removed off the Town property so it does not continue to grow back along his. The Board agreed to allow this.

# CONSERVATION EASEMENT:

Ned Beecher was present to request the Board sign the Conservation Easement for the Reich property. He reminded the Board that SPNHF would be purchasing the easement and the Town would have an executory interest in the easement. Ned stated Attorney Sager has reviewed the easement and only had grammatical suggestions for the Committee. Motion made by Selectman Hidden to accept an executory interest in the Conservation Easement being granted by Donald & Robert Reich to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests on their piece of property of approximately 103 acres south of Durrell Road (Tax Map 414 Lot 017). Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously. The Board signed the easement and had it notarized by Michelle Miller. Ned thanked the Board for their support and acceptance on the recent easements.

Lorna Gordon asked Ned about the Conservation land off Route 16 in Chocorua. Ned will take a look at it.

#### LORNA GORDON:

Mrs. Gordon was present to follow up with the Board regarding her meeting with the Assessor. She was given a copy of her new assessment card and was informed that the "spring house" has been added to the tax card. She stated she has talked with her Attorney about their concern of being held accountable for someone who becomes ill by drinking the water from the spring house. She read the following statement to the Board and the public: "Due to this liability if there is not a deeded water right then as a matter of public records this is a 30 day notification that the water line will be removed." The Board informed her that this had nothing to do with the Town. She stated her Attorney recommended she read this to the Board and notify them that she will be removing the water line in 30 days.

# PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Smart stated he had mentioned to Selectman Roberts his concerns regarding the safety cones at the CVSP, and that he did notice someone pulling them back this afternoon around 3. They have been way to close and narrow and he has seen them being hit and thrown great distances by vehicles. He also mentioned the sign that appears to have been temporarily installed for the construction but staked thru a town culvert. Richard Roberts has been made aware of the situation.

### SELECTMEN UPDATES:

Selectman Gray stated he had attended the Cook Memorial Library meeting where they discussed the search for a new director which will be advertised in October. He attended the CVSP meeting, and the meeting presented by the Historical Society on Old Town Meeting Houses.

Selectman Roberts stated he received a call from Liz Rowe regarding a memorial service for Marion Cleveland and possibly holding it at Remick Park. They would like to serve alcohol at the event. Selectman Roberts questioned the other Board members about this. It was stated that even though it is not believed there is a written policy the Town has not allowed it on Town Property or in Town buildings in the past and do not feel it should be done now. Recommend they contact Remick Museum or Katy's Store.

Selectman Hidden stated he attended the Economic Development Committee meeting, the Conservation Committee meeting where they discussed the Reich easement, (no July meeting for CC), Sue Stowbridge reminded the CC of the Household Hazardous Waste Day. He informed the Board of two requests regarding the Town House meetings, one is for public internet access, and the other is for a copier to be put here at the Town House.

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

The Board approved and signed the following items:

- An Intent to Cut for Tax Map 406 lots 57 & 58
- An abatement for Tax Map 217 lot 47 units 1-10 (granted)
- An abatement for Tax Map 407-108-000 (granted)
- An abatement for Tax Map 409-002-000 (granted)
- An abatement for Tax Map 210-008-001 (granted)
- An abatement for Tax Map 211-036-000 (granted)
- An abatement for Tax Map 404-007-000 (denied)
- A forest fire bill in the amount of \$311.36
- A Municipal Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs
- An application for a Raffle permit for Chocorua Community Church to be held 7/26/14.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve & sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$258,305.93 Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$258,305.93. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$18,807.83 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$11,431.47 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$5,784.41 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 Gray to approve and sign the minutes of June 5, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed by a vote of 2-0-1 Selectman Hidden abstaining.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve and sign the minutes of June 11, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve and sign the minutes of June 16, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

The Board was given the letter from Mr. & Mrs. Bonica of vehicles currently on their property that the Board requested at their last meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**:

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassandra M Pearce Town Administrator
Approved by Board of Selectmer
James S. Hidden
Stephen G. Gray
John E. Roberts