

**Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
July 31, 2014
Town House**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Jim Hidden, Steve Gray & John Roberts

OTHERS

PRESENT: Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Sgt. Penny Colby, Kevin Newbury, Bruno Siniscalchi, Pat Farley, Ruth Timchak, Rosalind Gray, Josh McAllister, Nelson O'Bryan, and Sam Martin.

The Board began their meeting at 3 p.m. on a site walk at Ricker Auto Salvage on Maple Road and then recessed at 3:35 to return to the Town House.

**NON PUBLIC
SESSION #1:**

Upon their return Chairman Hidden reconvened the meeting at 3:47 p.m. at which time a Motion was made by Selectman Hidden to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91 A:3 II (b). Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to exit non-public at 4:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT
HEADS:**

Sgt. Colby: stated everything was fine and she had nothing further to report.

Bruno Siniscalchi reported on the 250th Committee: Only three people were in attendance at the last meeting, he distributed an organizational chart to the Board, and informed them that they will be meeting the 4th Thursday of the month.

Pat Farley informed the Board the Economic Development Committee did not meet in July due to other commitments, gave them updates on the LRPC happenings, discussed the recent issue regarding the taxing of poles in communities, and discussed the recent presentation with the Planning Board regarding the groundwater.

**CHOCORUA
VILLAGE PRJT:**

Josh McAllister was asked to attend to discuss the email he sent regarding additional funds for HEB to continue the onsite engineer review. Mr. McAllister explained that HEB has exhausted their expenses on the project and due to the extension will need additional funding. Therefore they are requesting an amendment to the contract. It was mentioned to him that it would have been helpful for him to bring this up when they were discussing the extension. Two members agreed

to estimate the additional work and submit it to HEB to send for DOT review and approval.

The Board then reviewed and discussed a change order for the lighting conduit. Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve change order #9 in the amount of \$12,129.00 for the installation of lighting conduit between light pole bases 8 – 10. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed with a vote of 2-1. Selectman Roberts opposed.

The Board reviewed a payment request (#3) for LA Drew in the amount of \$147,641.25. The Board signed the request and stated a separate check should be cut.

**TRI COUNTY
CAP PILOT:**

Michael Coughlin of Tri County CAP was in at the Board's request to discuss a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) for the CAP building on White Mountain Highway. Mr. Coughlin explained the hardship that Tri County went through and the deficit that they have slowly been trying to recover from. He asked that the Board forgive a PILOT for CAP for another two years. Selectman Hidden stated he was happy that they are recovering from their situation but he would prefer to meet in a year. Selectman Gray stated he would be willing to talk in a year if it would be possible to discuss any back payments. Selectman Roberts stated it would help if they could provide to the Board a list of what is being done at this building, what is used for space, rentals etc and what they have for income from it. Mr. Coughlin stated he would send that to the Town Office.

CC EASEMENT:

Nelson O'Bryan was in to address the Board about a potential conservation easement in which the LRCT would hold the easement and the TCC would have executory interest. A draft of the easement is in the works and Nelson will forward it for the Board's review once he has received it. The Board gave no opinions on this easement at this time until more details can be provided.

Nelson was thanked for his VOLUNTEER services regarding the testing of the landfill monitors. He has saved the town a great deal of money over the years and the Board wanted to thank him for this.

**SELECTMEN
UPDATES:**

Selectman Roberts stated he attended the Planning Board meeting Pat spoke of earlier where a presentation was given on drinking water, and continued the hearing on Hollow Hill for PSNH. He has been attending the Chocorua Village Project Meetings as well.

Selectman Gray stated he had given the wrong date for the next LEOP meeting which is actually August 21 at 7 p.m. at the Central Fire Station. He also has been attending the CVSP meetings, went to the Ambulance

meeting, Hazardous Waste meeting, the CIP meeting and the Cook Library Meeting where it appears they are having roof issues.

Selectman Hidden stated he attended the ambulance meeting, and was at the onsite in Chocorua.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT:**

Pat Farley stated that she had heard at the MWVEC meeting that the commissioner of Transportation, Chris Clement had stated the paving would be pushed to 2015.

Bruno asked about liability insurance for the 250th activities. The office will look into the insurance coverage.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Board approved and signed the following items:

- A Raffle Permit for the Center of Harbor Food Pantry to sell tickets at the Farmer's Market.
- A veterans credit to be denied for 215-006-000
- Veterans credits to be approved for the following properties:

➤ 202-025-000	➤ 213-030-000
➤ 407-010-000	➤ 408-044-000
➤ 411-002-000	➤ 414-047-000

- An abatement for property taxes on Map 401-029-000
- A Current Use application for Map 401-029-000
- A Junkyard License for Ricker Auto Salvage.
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Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve & sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$267,537.69 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 \$267,537.69. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$19,428.89 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$12,311.69 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$6,429.28 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 Hidden to approve and sign the minutes of July 17, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve and sign the non-public minutes of July 17, 2014. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve and sign the minutes of July 23, 2014. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve and sign the minutes of July 28, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve and sign the non-public minutes of July 28, 2014. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

The Board was informed that the sprinkler system in the basement was leaking and that Chief Colcord has taken a look at it and believes he has fixed it. It will be checked again tomorrow.

The Highway department along with John E. Roberts Excavation completed the ground work for the addition at the transfer station. The footings were poured and J E Roberts Excavation came back and backfilled.

The Board discussed 3 applications for Barn Easements and the need for a public hearing.

The Board reviewed a letter from Ronald J. Grandmaison, Project Manager for NHDOT regarding a safety project to repair/replace signage along State roads in Tamworth in an effort to make roads safer. The Board agreed to send a letter that they are in favor of the update of the signs.

The Board received a letter requesting that a parking ticket be waived from someone that was attending the Farmers Market. After review and information obtain the Board decided the ticket would not be waived.

The Board reviewed and approved the letters to be sent to the property owners regarding the new assessments.

2015 Budget items were discussed. The Board stated they would prefer to ask Davis and Towle to quote with the information they have but they do not wish to spend any additional time on the application.

Wage and Classification Study: the Board discussed having or doing a wage and classification study to determine where the Town Employees fall in wage rates compared to others. Discussion was held as to

whether the Town could do it themselves; or to have citizens do it, and then they discussed different Towns, and different resources. It was decided that three citizens (1 chosen by each board member) would be asked if they are interested, and if so asked to attend the meeting on August 28th to discuss further. In the meantime, we will pull the 2005 W & C to see what towns were used then to compare to.

**NON PUBLIC
SESSION #2:**

Motion was made by Selectman Hidden to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91 A:3 II (b) at 6:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to exit non-public at 7:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to adjourn at 7:46 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