

**Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
January 10, 2013  
Town Office**

**PRESENT:** Robert Abraham, John Roberts, & James Hidden

**Also Present:** Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Dom & Jean Bergen, John Mersfelder, Pat & Dave Farley, Charlotte Cooper, Rosiland Gray, Katherine Thompson, Bruno Siniscalchi, Ruth Timchak, Sam Martin, Ned Beecher, Geoffrey Burke, Jay Poulin, John Wacker, Josh McAllister, and Daymond Steere.

**REGULAR MTG  
CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Selectman Abraham.

**DEPARTMENT  
HEADS:**

Police Chief Poirier: Distributed the Police Log for the month of December for the Boards information. There is currently a problem with the expedition which is being worked on at this time. They are hoping to have it back on the road tomorrow afternoon.

Road Agent Roberts stated they had maintenance work on the vehicles to be done which they have been able to do over the past week. Things are going well, the snow has been pushed back, and the sander has been installed in the 10 wheeler. Bushings had to be put in the front end of the one ton. Discussion started about the invoice submitted by the road agent for mileage. Selectmen Abraham reviewed with the Board and the public what has taken place to date to remind all where we are at. Selectman Abraham stated he was surprised to see bill at the end of the year for mileage. The Board held the \$1200.00 check, and met with the Road Agent. He was requested to resubmit the bill with the mileage detail. It was discussed that he would continue to use his pickup and submit for mileage on a monthly basis. A new bill was submitted with mileage at the current mileage rate which was for a new amount. Selectmen Abraham is not happy with the new bill and would not sign the accounts payable. The other two Selectmen have signed the manifest. Richard Roberts said everyone knew he was using his truck, he doesn't bill for filling the furnace on the weekends, he stated he was trying to save the Town money by using his pickup, for instance the trips to Concord for parts instead of one of the bigger trucks. Selectmen Abraham read the minutes of 12/5/11 regarding the use of the town vehicles. Selectmen Abraham said he would have been in favor of the \$1200.00 bill and is not in favor of the new bill submitted. Selectmen Abraham stated he taped the meeting of December 31, 2012. Selectmen Roberts asked Selectmen Abraham if he taped the meeting without notifying the Board? Selectmen Abraham stated the recorder was set on the table.

The discussion then went to the fact that Selectmen Abraham has a problem with Selectmen Roberts signing the A/P manifest for that check. Selectmen Roberts stated he did not feel there was a problem and was not going to stop signing the manifests.

The A/P was approved by two Selectmen and the check for the new invoice has been released. The \$1200.00 check has been voided.

Mr. Bergen asked the Road Agent if there was any damage done to Bunker Hill Road. Apparently a tractor trailer truck had gone off the road.

Parker Roberts was in to see if the Board had anything for him as he will not be able to attend any meetings for awhile.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pat Farley gave updates on Economic Development Commission. Robin Gordon is now a full member, Ellie Griffin is a new alternate, and Keats Myer was moved to an alternate position.

Daymond Steere asked about the road near Chocorua Lake where there is a sign no public walking and wanted to know if it was for the road or woods. He was informed it was a public road and that the sign was for the woods.

Geoffrey Burke is working with 20 students of the Community School, and would like to invite folks to visit. They are there Monday thru Thursday afternoons and are working on a 16' pine boat, all local wood.

Ned Beecher presented a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the planning board public hearing on the two petitioned warrant articles that either amend or abolish the Wetlands Ordinance. He is requesting that the Board of Selectmen take a vote stating their position on the articles. The Conservation will be taking a vote next Monday. Ned stated he would drive an amendment to the Ordinance for next year for some changes that should be made to the Ordinance but would hope the Selectmen will take a stand to keep the Ordinance in place. Selectmen Roberts asked if the petitions are what led him to changes for next year. Ned stated that these proposed changes have been noted for some time and are things that they have been proposed before this came up. They have been compiling this information to make the recommendations in whole. This has brought it to the front burner. Ned Beecher stated it was important to separate this from zoning. Selectmen Abraham stated they are not prepared to take a vote on this tonight. Rosiland Gray feels it is important for the Selectmen to step up and show support for the Ordinance and support for the protection of the waters. Selectmen Abraham asked why the proposed changes were not brought to the Selectmen prior to this. Ned Beecher stated they have just been busy. Ned stated it needs to be about the protection of the wetlands and not whether you are for or against CMI.

John Mersfelder said that the State does not recognize buffers and that is why the Towns have ordinance to protect these buffers. He encourages the Selectmen to take a look at the long view and not the short term which he feels is one issue currently on the table.

Kate Thompson stated her support for the ordinance and the protection of the wetlands. Agrees it needs to be a long term view.

Selectmen Hidden stated he will continue to uphold the ordinance that are in place.

Ned asked that the Board take a vote tonight or set a date that they will be taking a vote. He stated he would be disheartened if the Board does not take a stand. He feels that the town leaders need to show where they stand as it would be listened to by the Town.

Selectmen Abraham stated he supports both warrant articles. Selectmen Hidden stated he is not prepared to vote tonight. He would like to do a little more research as to whether the Selectmen are doing the right thing by taking a vote on this where they are the enforcing parties of the ordinance.

Motion made by John Roberts to take a vote on the proposed wetlands articles at the 1/24/13 meeting. Motion seconded by Robert Abraham and passed unanimously.

## **CONSERVATION UPDATE:**

Ned Beecher was present to update the Board on Conservation issues. There are three pieces of land, the first being the Bearcamp Valley farm, (Floyd property) is interested in putting additional land into a conservation easement, the Conservation Commission continues to pursue this option. The Forest Society has been approached to add acreage to their easement they currently hold on the property on Bunker Hill and Hackett Hill Road. The town would just be the holder of the easement. The third easement would be with the Forest Society for the Reich property located on the south side of Hackett Hill Road. The easement would be held by the Forest Society and the Town would be a backup holder of the easement. Ned stated he will continue to keep the Selectmen up to date on these issues.

## **CHOCORUA COMMUNITY PROJECT:**

Jay Poulin and Josh McAllister of HE Bergeron and John Wacker were present to address the Board regarding the Chocorua Community Project. The preliminary design has been completed. Environmental permitting has been what has stalled the project, including the noise analysis which needed an amendment from the State. Should be getting ok from State anytime now for the environmental clearances which will put us in final design. Discussion began on the next steps for final design. Items discussed where the gateway signage, traffic control islands, landscaping and lighting on Runnells Hall,

parking, guardrail posts that needs to be replaced, and the dry hydrant issue. The area surrounding GIII was briefly discussed. Then the re-alignment of Chocorua Road was discussed along with drainage items and lighting at the intersection with Page Hill Road, curbing, and storm water treatment areas. Looking to have final design in March 2013, Easement Coordination in March of 2013, Review by NHDOT April 2013, bidding in May of 2013, and looking for Construction June-November 2013.

HE Bergeron will keep the Selectmen up to date.

**SELECTMEN  
UPDATES:**

Selectman Roberts stated he had been to a Cemetery Trustee meeting Tuesday night; they discussed proposals for mowing of the cemeteries and worked on the town report. The Trustees of the trust funds didn't meet as there was no quorum.

Selectman Abraham went to the meeting of the Class VI Road Study Committee. Still making progress and at the next meeting will be getting a map together of what has been done so far.

Selectmen Hidden stated at the Economic Development meeting they discussed web cam, and had someone in about business loans. The Planning Board was the Public Hearing on two petitions, one to amend and one to abolish the Tamworth Wetlands Ordinance. There was concern as to whether it should say abolish rather than amend, and whether the petition is legal that had the signatures on a separate page. The Board feels both petitions are ok as previously stated by Town Counsel.

**ADMINISTRATION:** The Board approved and signed the following items:

The Board reviewed and approved the Capital Assets Policy.

A Yield Tax Warrant in the amount of \$12,859.55.

An intent to cut for Map 204 Lot 002

An intent to cut for Map 413 Lot 008

An intent to cut for Map 209 Lot 026

An intent to cut for Map 202 Lot 031

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to approve & sign the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$22,309.72 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$13,733.61 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$7,754.70 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 & sign the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$1,010,689.63. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Roberts and passed with a vote of 2-1. Selectman Abraham opposed.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$1,010,689.63. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Roberts and passed with a vote of 2-1. Selectman Abraham opposed.

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to approve and sign the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 27, 2012. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Hidden and passed unanimously

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to approve and sign the minutes of the Non-Public session of December 27, 2012. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of December 31, 2012. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Hidden and passed unanimously

The office received a building notification form from St. Andrews Church for handrails, insulation, repairs to the parking lot, repairs to the stone façade, and the parish entry. The Board authorized the issuance of the notification form with a note being sent to obtain any additional permits if needed.

The Board reviewed and signed the Proclamation for the Boston Post Cane to be presented on January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Mountain View Nursing Home to Rita Bookholz who is 104 years young.

A petitioned warrant was received regarding the ball field on Durrell Road. The Board was asked where on the Warrant they wished it to be placed. The Board decided they would like it to be article 6.

The Board discussed the following budget items:

Library: They reviewed the information that was submitted by the Library Trustees as requested by the Selectmen without any increases to salaries. There was a change thou in the amount budgeted for the new automation system due to the need for new registration numbers. The new request is for \$134,437.00 vs. \$135,998.00 previously requested. The Selectmen would support the new request without the increases.

Workers Comp increases/ Electrical increases/ Town Report budget: The Board agreed to allow the changes to be made to those line items affected by the three items listed and a new budget will be given to the Board for their review.

Public Hearing time: The Public Hearing was set for February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

The Board was asked if they wish to meet with the employees for any reason on January 28<sup>th</sup> as they will be here for a mandatory training at that time. The Board stated they would like a few minutes with the employees on that date.

Town Report printing: Reviewed four quotes that were received and the Board agreed to go with NH Prison for the printing and would like a quote for 900 books.

Discussion took place about the information the Selectmen receive from the Town office. Selectmen Abraham stated Selectmen Roberts is not receiving correct information and is receiving a lot of information. Administrator Pearce stated Selectmen Abraham was also given a lot of information from the office as requested. Administrator Pearce stated Selectmen Hidden was given information regarding the road agent invoice as well.

Tim Brown was in about trash from renovations that the Boy Scouts are doing and would like to ask the Selectmen to waive the fee for the dumping of the trash. Motion made by Selectmen Roberts to waive fee for Boy Scouts for camp at Fowlers Mill Road for this one project. Motion seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously.

**Non-Public  
Session:**

Motion made by Selectmen Hidden to enter into non-public session at 6:57 p.m. under RSA 91-A: 3 II (e) Motion was seconded by Selectman Abraham and passed with a vote of 3-0.

The Board discussed getting legal opinion on a pending matter. No votes were taken.

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to exit non-public at 7:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cassandra M Pearce

Approved by Board of Selectmen

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Robert J Abraham

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John E. Roberts

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James S. Hidden