

**Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
January 24, 2013  
Town Office**

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

**Also Present:** Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Pat & Dave Farley, Rosalind Gray, John Gotjen, Charles Townsend, John Mersfelder, Bruno Siniscalchi, Ruth Timchak, Sam Martin, and Mike Bean.

**REGULAR MTG  
CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Selectman Abraham.

**DEPARTMENT  
HEADS:** Road Agent Roberts: Things are going well, working on inside of building; work on loader, sander, and inside painting. Selectman Abraham announced that Mike Bean was here to present a proposal for bridge work on Chocorua Lake Bridge. Mr. Bean explained his proposal and listed off a number of other projects he has done. He had met with Richard on site to view the bridge last week. The Road Agent stated he is still gathering other information before a decision is made on this bridge.

Fire Chief Colcord: Grant for turnout gear is finished and requires signatures of the Chairman of the Board and the Town Administrator. Chief Colcord will then pick it up and submit it. The Board approved the Chair signing the grant.

Chief Colcord is looking for the Board's blessing on a request to purchase a vehicle for 2013. There is a problem with the current Tahoe, and the Expedition that would be handed down to the Fire Department from the Police Department is not in good shape and would require a lot of work. He is looking for a 1 ton pickup truck with a plow and has received the blessings of the Fire Wards. He stated he has also received the blessings of the CIP committee thru William Farnum. The Selectmen would not be in favor of keeping the Tahoe if a new vehicle is purchased. Selectmen Abraham stated he is in favor of a new vehicle he is unsure of the type of vehicle and whether or not he actually needs a plow. Selectmen Roberts stated if the Capital Improvements Committee supports it then he will support it. He wishes they knew about it sooner and that it could have been part of the Capital Improvement plan. He would prefer to see a Tahoe than a pickup truck. Selectmen Abraham again stated he would support it if the Capital Improvements Committee did. He would also rather see a Tahoe than the pickup truck. Selectmen Hidden stated he would not support a pickup truck. Selectmen Hidden suggested it be a separate warrant article. Selectmen Roberts agreed, that way it is proposed to the Towns people appropriately. A warrant article will be written requesting \$35,000.00.

**NON-PUBLIC  
SESSION #1:**

Motion made by Selectmen Abraham to enter into non-public session at 4:48 p.m. under RSA 91-A: 3 II (e) Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed with a vote of 3-0.

The Board discussed legal opinion which indirectly had effect on a pending matter. No votes were taken.

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to exit non-public at 5:03 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously

**WETLANDS:**

Selectmen Abraham stated at the last meeting there was a vote to take a vote to take a position on the petitioned warrant articles regarding the wetlands ordinance and that after receiving legal advice that motion will be withdrawn and that the opinion received from legal counsel will be made public.

Motion made by Selectmen Roberts to withdraw his motion that was made on 1/10/13 to vote to take a position on the petitioned warrant articles. Motion seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectmen Abraham to release the legal opinion letter received from Atty. Sager regarding this vote. Motion seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Selectman Abraham stated he would take public comment at this time although the amount of comments and time spent on the previous matter would be limited.

Karen McNiff thanked the Board and Road Agent for the beautiful job done on Cleveland Hill Road. She stated it was fabulous.

Sam Martin stated she spoke last night at the Planning Board meeting and wanted to address the selectmen. She read a statement to the selectmen about complaints she had given to the Conservation Commission regarding Chocorua Valley Lumber site in 2004. She also mentioned a number of previous and past members of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission that have done work that she felt would have required an SUP and were never obtained.

John Mersfelder stated that if there are allegations there should be evidence provided.

Ruth Timchak asked if Sam was speaking on behalf of herself or CMI/MSH. Sam stated it was on behalf of herself.

## **SELECTMEN**

### **UPDATES:**

Selectman Roberts stated there was a cemetery meeting last evening and that they are working on the proposals for the mowing. He stated he was unable to attend the Library meeting.

Selectmen Hidden gave an update on the Planning Board meeting last evening. He asked Pat Farley to speak on the Web Cam project for the Economic Development Commission.

Selectman Abraham stated he was unable to make the Conservation meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

The Board approved and signed the following items:

A Supplemental Property Tax Warrant in the amount of \$340.00

A Yield Tax Warrant in the amount of \$3,568.14

An Intent to cut for Map 412 Lot 34, not to be sent to the timber monitor.

An Elderly and Disabled tax deferral application for Map 411 Lot 013

Appointment form for Ellie Griffin as an Alternate to the Economic Development Commission previously approved.

Appointment form for Keats Myer as an Alternate to the Economic Development Commission previously approved.

Appointment form for Robin Gordon as a member of the Economic Development Commission previously approved.

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to approve & sign the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$18,269.40 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$11,590.45 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$5,997.55 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 Abraham to approve & sign the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$266,913.82. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$266,913.82. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Hidden and passed unanimously.

It was mentioned that a request to change the minutes of 1/10/13 was received by a citizen regarding the wetlands issue. The Board stated the draft minutes they received were sufficient and that anyone wishing more detail could purchase a DVD from Sam Martin who records the meetings for \$5.00.

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to approve and sign the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 10, 2013. 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 January 10, 2013. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Hidden and passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a property partially in Tamworth and partially in Albany. It has recently come to the attention of the assessing office that the .10 acres in Tamworth may not be billed as it was thought to be in Albany. Board requested that we check with Anne in the office as Selectmen Abraham believes someone contacted her about this parcel a few weeks ago. Item to be reviewed and will be discussed it at the next meeting.

The Board was asked if they had any projects in which they wished to suggest to Lakes Region Planning Commission for the Transportation Improvement Plan as requested from them in a memorandum received. The Board is all set at this time.

The Board was informed that the Trustees of the Library did not support the decrease to the Library budget and will be supporting the original amount requested. The librarian was informed that the Selectmen's recommendation is the one that actually goes on the warrant and that the Trustees will need to amend the budget on the floor of Town meeting if they wish to request the higher amount.

The Board was asked if the previously signed timber intents from the meeting of 1/10/13 needed to be sent to the timber monitor. The intents were for 202-31, 204-2, 413-008 & 209-26. The Board decided to have him review the intents for 202-31, 204-2 and 209-26.

The Board discussed the wording of a petitioned article received. It was discussed to re-word the article to put it in the form of a question. The Board stated to leave it as written. Let the petitioners amend it on the floor.

Discussed a request from a property owner to unmerge map 216-113. It was stated that this property was "involuntarily merged" years ago. The Board reviewed the information and approved the request.

## **NON-PUBLIC SESSION #2:**

Motion made by Selectmen Abraham to enter into non-public session at 5:44 p.m. under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed with a vote of 3-0.

No decisions were made during this non-public session.

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to exit non-public at 5:53 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Selectman Abraham to adjourn at 5:53 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