

**Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
June 13, 2013
Town Office**

PRESENT: John Roberts, James Hidden, & Steve Gray

Also Present: Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Recreation Director Parker Roberts, Ned Beecher, John Gotjen, Rosalind Gray, Ruth Timchak, Sue Stowbridge, Bruno Siniscalchi, and Sam Martin.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairman Roberts.

**DEPARTMENT
HEADS:**

Police Chief Poirier informed the Board that he picked up the new Police Tahoe today and the vehicles are in the process of being swapped out. He then distributed the stats for May 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

HHWD: Sue Stowbridge was in to address the Board regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days. She informed the Board that she is going to be taking over the responsibilities of this program for Tamworth as Ned Beecher and Chris Clyne have decided to take a break from this task at this time. It was then stated that Ned and Chris did a wonderful job. The two dates set up for 2013 are July 27th in Meredith and Aug 3rd in Ossipee & Moultonborough. More information can be obtained on line at www.lakesrpc.org The Board thanked Sue for stepping up to the plate and taking on this task and offered their assistance if needed.

**SELECTMEN
UPDATES:**

Selectman Hidden stated there will be no Economic Development meeting this month as to many members are traveling. He did wish to remind everyone of the LRPC Annual Meeting on June 24th, at the Inn at Church Landing in Meredith at 5:30 p.m. He stated the Planning Board met last evening and worked on the subdivision regulations and feels they are about half way done. They also approved HE Bergeron to review and estimate a bond for Beckett Circle in Chocorua Meadows.

Selectman Gray stated that at the Conservation Commission meeting on July 8th they are having someone in to speak about the timber harvest that will be taking place at White Lake State Park and what can be expected. He stated they discussed the trails, signs, maps, and easements. There will be a presentation on July 13 for anyone interested about pollinators at the Lyceum. He reminded all that the Capital Improvements Committee is hoping to have all the information by July 23.

Selectman Roberts stated he attended the Cook Memorial Library meeting. The plant/book sale was a success and they should reach around \$2200. Ann Chant is the new Chair for the Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Stepan was in to ask the Board about the cemetery maintenance stipulations and why they are not being adhered to. Selectmen Roberts suggested he attend the meeting of the Cemetery Trustees. He believes the next meeting is June 18th at 5 p.m. at Cook Library, but he will confirm this and call Mike to let him know.

ADMINISTRATION: The Board approved and signed the following items:

An intent to cut for Map 415-055 & 209-030
A Yield tax levy in the amount of \$1,262.00
A Raffle Permit for Chocorua Community Church for 9/1/13.
A Pole Attachment application with PSNH for the display flags in Chocorua.
A Municipal Warrant for unlicensed Dogs
An abatement for map 413-022-200
A deed from CUNO Properties, LLC to the Town of Tamworth for the Roads in Sokokis Pines for both the Commercial and Residential Subdivisions.
The Investment Policy updated for 6/13/13.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$18,246.98 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$11,753.94 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$6,014.34 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 Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$483,597.12. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$483,597.12. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$30,991.15. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$30,991.15. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of the regular meeting of May 30, 2013. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes and non public minutes of May 30, 2013. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2013. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2013. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

**CHOCORUA
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION:**

John Gotjen was present on behalf of the Chocorua Community Association (CCA). The Association sent a letter to the Board (copy attached) with two issues. Comments were made on the gateway signs proposed in the village and the text on them. Members want to convey that they would like it be Chocorua Village, Town of Tamworth. Association would like the Board to work in that direction. Mr. Gotjen asked for an update on this request as he noted it was seen in the minutes of May 30 that this request had already been brought to the Boards attention. Selectman Roberts stated it looks like the wording could be changed and would not affect the cost, however, he isn't saying that it is going to happen. It was asked if the script is on both sides of the sign. Board believes it is just one side of signs.

Second issue is having some type of presentation on the project to the Association. Letter asks about representation from HE Bergeron's office, the State of NH, John Wacker, and the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Gotjen stated that this was not meant to sound like a demand but feels it is essential to have key officials there for a thorough presentation to be given.

Major portions of the discussion:

Selectman Roberts asked what is end result of this meeting as the final plans have gone to Concord already. John Gotjen stated people are not clear what is planned in this construction phase. He also stated he feels that it is not a presentation, that it is a table discussion when presented to the Selectmen from HE Bergeron, and that he feels he has a better idea from looking at drawings, but doesn't have that sense from people around town that they have an idea of what is happening with the project. Discussed contract with HEB & John Wacker and what the cost of any additional meetings would be. The public is welcome to attend the Selectmen's meetings and ask questions about the project. Selectman Gray said he is hesitant about putting state at this meeting, John Gotjen is not asserting all the people mentioned need to be there just

would like a good clear knowledgeable presentation, before things get moving. Selectman Roberts stated that was done for phase 1 and people were still not happy with the end result. John Gotjen said not everyone is going to say it's all great, that you are going to get a diversity of opinions. Selectman Roberts stated had people known what the bio retention pond was going to be, there would have been no support from the Chocorua Community Association. He said that the Board is not trying to keep any information from the Association or any other town residents they just want to move ahead and get the project done. Bruno Siniscalchi said he has sat at the meetings and people have stood up and watched the presentation and asked questions. John Gotjen stated he didn't mean to apply that they haven't. He is conveying a sense from the association and is not just speaking for the association members but for people affected by the project. It was asked if the purpose of the meeting is for the CCA to get/request changes be made or just for information? John Gotjen stated some want changes made. The Selectmen will look into a meeting with Bergeron's office but are not interested in making changes, they are hoping to have it out for proposal within the next two week, not final approval from DOT yet but very close. 99% of the work is within the State ROW. Selectman Roberts stated speaking for himself not looking to make changes to the plan, the board made decision to move ahead with it, close on time. Selectman Hidden also stated he is not looking to see any changes made, not opposed to a meeting if Bergeron can at no extra cost just to explain the project plans to the association. Selectman Gray is not in favor of any change, hoping for mid July work, no extensions; want to see where cost is first. Selectmen Roberts not rushed in any way but we are trying now to get it done in this construction season now. Bergeron's office will be contacted to see if there is any fee for an additional meeting and if not when they would be available for a two hour meeting. The CCA will take care of fee for Runnells Hall if there is one.

The Board took a recess at 4:55 p.m.

Returned to order at 5:00 p.m.

CONSERVATION:

Ned Beecher was present to update the Selectmen on some Conservation Easements. Discussed the additional easement for the Bearcamp Valley Farm (Floyd property). They are in negotiations and are hoping to sign a purchase and sales agreement within the next week or two. They are looking for the Selectmen's blessing on this easement and approval for the P&S and the go ahead to kick off fundraising. The Board agreed and asked if the Conservation would be contributing any funds? Unsure at this time as funds are to be raised over next three years. Two other easements, Reich & Gilman west property on Hackett Hill/Durrell Road: SPNHF will own the easement, the Conservation Commission is helping with transaction, and the town will have executory interest. Gilman Forest West Project: SPNHF is working on this easement to add 64 ac to the west, same terms except that the TCC will not have the right to build or maintain trails in this section.

Selectman Roberts asked again about the first easement (Bearcamp Valley Farm) and where they are raising funds over a three year period, if the funds are

not raised by donation will they will be looking to the voters for any funds? Ned said no, if funds do not come thru they would be out of the deal. Selectman Roberts supports them but would have different thinking if it would be going to town voters for funding. Board supports the easements. Thanked Ned for the update and the work of the TCC.

NON PUBLIC

Session 1:

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to enter into a Non Public session under RSA 91: A: 3 II (a) at 5:08 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board met with the Recreation Director.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to exit non public at 5:22 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

On behalf of the Outing Club, Ann Chant had requested approval from the Board of Selectmen to expend the funds raised for the Outing Club for 2013 for the Cal Ripkin and Babe Ruth baseball program to pay for kids tuitions/fees that had to go out of Town to play ball because there was not enough interest in Town to put a team together. The Board supported the expenditure as long as it was for the kids playing ball.

NHDRA is having a meeting on June 26 (6 p.m.) at the Moultonboro' Public Safety Building to explain how the State equalizes the Towns when setting the tax rate for the County portion. John and Steve will try to attend.

A street sign is being ordered to put at the entrance of the Transfer Station. The State did not feel they could put a "traffic" or "truck" entering sign in this area as it is a very straight section of road in that location.

CIP request: Board reviewed their portion of the Capital Improvements Plan, and also the overall expectations for the upcoming years. They discussed the town office space and the current building conditions, they wish to move the building space to 2014 from 2015, board is all set with the rest of their portion of the CIP.

The Board discussed maybe asking the foundation for money to bring an architect on board for this year to look into possibilities for office space. First we will set up a meeting with a couple of architects for an estimate for a proposal to look at this building to present to the foundation for funds. Will get a list of architects and references, and set a meeting up for 6/27 at 3 pm. It was requested that we also try to put a list of current building concerns together prior to this date.

The Board discussed the turnout gear that was purchased by Fire Department. It was presented to the voters that this was only going to be purchased if they received the grant, and the grant was turned down but they bought it anyway.

NON PUBLIC

Session 2:

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to enter into a Non Public session under RSA 91: A: 3 II (a) at 6:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board discussed a personnel matter.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to exit non public at 6:48 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassandra M Pearce

Approved by Board of Selectmen

John E. Roberts

James S. Hidden

Stephen G. Gray