

**Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
August 08, 2013
Town Office**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: John Roberts, James Hidden, & Steve Gray

OTHERS

PRESENT: Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Rosalind Gray, Ruth Timchak, Pat & Dave Farley, Bruno Siniscalchi, Sandra Flanagan, Steven Steiner and Sam Martin.

Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

DEPARTMENT

HEADS:

Pat Farley stated she heard the Webcam Thank you party went well and was sorry she was unable to attend. She stated she had cancelled the Economic Development meeting scheduled today.

The Police Chief was unavailable for the meeting but the July stats had been left for distribution to the Board. The Board will discuss the "Flex time/Comp time" issue at the next meeting when the Police Chief is present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandra Flanagan was in with her realtor Steven Steiner to request a letter from the Board to Senator Jeb Bradley asking him to introduce a bill to have the State take over the Chocorua Dam. Ms. Flanagan has been trying to sell the house but they believe the Dam liability is reason it is not selling and they have approached the Senator about the State owning it. Selectman Roberts stated he feels the State is in enough financial trouble at this time and does not feel he can support them taking on more burdens when they can't take care of what they have now. Mr. Steiner feels it should be taken over by the State who would be able to have better control of what happens with it, as it would be in the best interest of everyone. Selectman Hidden supports the request to have the State take it over. Selectman Roberts stated he would like to make it clear he doesn't wish to see the water let out or the dam "let go" but he doesn't feel we should ask the State to take it on. Ms. Flanagan stated she would have liked to see a "foundation" formed/created for the purpose of owning and maintain the dam. Selectman Gray supports improvements to the Village, is concerned due to recent weather patterns, feels the need for the flood control, and supports the request for the State to take over the dam. Ms. Flanagan talked about having it designated as a historical marker. Motion made by Selectman Gray to send a letter to Senator Jeb Bradley on behalf of the Town of Tamworth, Board of Selectmen, requesting he introduce a bill for the State to take over the ownership and maintenance of the "Chocorua River Dam 233.05" with the support of the majority of the Tamworth Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed by a vote of 2-1.

VEHICLE BIDS: The Vehicle bids were opened and read aloud for the 2007 Chevy Tahoe and the 2007 Ford Expedition:

Chevy Tahoe:	\$8,207.00, \$6,500.00, \$2,373.00
Ford Expedition:	\$3,500.00, \$2,500.00, \$2,207.00, \$1,500.00, \$1,000.55

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to sell the 2007 Chevy Tahoe for \$8,207.00 to Chicago Motors Inc as is, where is and to sell the 2007 Ford Expedition for \$3,500.00 to Kent Mountain Auto as is where is. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

SELECTMEN UPDATES:

Selectman Hidden said he attended Chocorua Day and wanted to thank those who put it on. He attended the webcam party and also stayed for the Firewards meeting. He also announced the Bearcamp School is having a 50th celebration on the 17th of August.

Selectman Gray stated he had no updates; he also attended Chocorua Day and had a great time.

John Gotjen talked a little more about the Chocorua Day events and the turnout.

Selectman Roberts stated he has not had any meetings.

ADMINISTRATION: The Board approved and signed the following items:

- A driveway application/permit for Map 414-037
- An Intent to Cut for Map 406-056

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$20,759.38 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$13,442.56 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$6,799.13 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 \$425,317.38. 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 \$425,317.38. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of July 25, 2013. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the non public minutes of July 25, 2013. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION: Discussed emails received from the State and HE Bergeron regarding the Chocorua Project. It was decided that the construction would not be able to start until spring and the Board was asked if they wanted to bid the project this fall or wait until spring to bid as well. The Board decided that they want it bid now and for construction to start as soon as possible in the spring.

Discussed a request for Street identification for two parcels of land. Unless the access way can be shown on the maps a street identification cannot be issued for land only.

Received a request for a waiver of interest on property tax from a property owner who states the Post Office never returned the mail or sent it on to her. Apparently the zip code changed over the past couple of years and that change was never given to the Town. It was the Board's decision not to refund the interest. It is the owner's responsibility to keep the address current.

Discussed the Boston Post Cane, and who the next holder may be. The office will do additional research on the person.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Selectman Roberts to adjourn at 5:24 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