

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Town Office
February 23, 2012

Members Present William Farnum, Robert Abraham, and John Roberts

Others Present Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Park & Recreation Director H. Parker Roberts, Ned Beecher, Pat & Dave Farley, Dennis Quinn, Ruth Timchak, Rosiland Gray, Paul King, Bruno Siniscalchi, Sam Martin and Anne Abear.

Chairman Farnum opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Department Updates

Police Department:

1. Everything is fine within the Police Department at this time.
2. R Abraham inquired if the department had a lot of court time being put in by Sergeant Colby? Chief Poirier advised that the reason Sergeant Colby is on duty at the same time that he is on duty is due to the fact that the department's schedule overlaps.

Parks and Recreation:

1. A discussion ensued about the hot water heater at the Town House with the new system that was put in not being adequate for the building's use needs. R Abraham indicated he thought the system that was being put in would be adequate but since it has been determined it is not, he is willing to contact a local vendor to determine what would be adequate for the building. Different types of hot water systems were discussed including a small tank system, a tankless system, and an electric heater. The Board agreed to have HP Roberts and R Abraham contact local vendors and determine what is needed for the building. Further, the Board agreed to move forward with the installation of a new hot water system as determined appropriate for the building.
2. The sprinkler heads within the furnace room of the Town House have been installed and are now functioning.
3. Pope Security will be giving a price for the security monitor of the Town House.

Highway Property
Survey

Paul King met with the Board to discuss his survey of the highway property and reported in staying with the 50 foot excavation buffer zone from any boundary of the property, it is estimated that the property will give 110,000 c/yards for future use. The Board requested to know what the estimated c/yards would be if the Board went to the 10 feet buffer zone from any boundary. An estimated 3,000 – 4,000 c/yards are utilized each year by the Town.

It was reported that the savings that the Town will see from this property utilizing its own excavated material will pay for the land itself, plus save the town money for sand for the next 25 to 30 years.

Tamworth Wireless

Dennis Quinn met with the Board to discuss the progression of Tamworth Wireless to include moving the tower from Bunker Hill road to Cleveland Hill Road. It is estimated that this project will take approximately 5 days and the anticipated interruption time for current users would be 5 – 6 hours over that time. An estimated .413 acres of land will come out of current use to accomplish the area that is necessary for the new tower.

The Town House now has a permanent wireless connection with the password to the system being held by the Supervisor of the Checklist. The equipment within the building is currently located within the kitchen and can be moved to a more suitable location.

D Quinn will draw up a memorandum of agreement for the Board to consider signing at a future meeting to release Tamworth Wireless from any liability that may arise.

D Quinn reported that the new tower to be erected on Albee Road has offered Tamworth Wireless a spot on the tower with the understanding that they will pay for the electricity. This location will provide more coverage than what has been given in the past due to the height of that tower.

EDC Information

P Farley announced that the EDC has put together an open forum entitled “BIG” Business Ideas Generated. The 1st meeting of this forum will be held on April 21, 2012. The time is to be determined. P Farley recommended as many local businesses, future entrepreneurs, general public interested, Selectmen, planning board members, and conservation commission members to attend this meeting.

Public Comment

1. A comment was made regarding the licensing of cats with the concern that many house cats do not wear collars; therefore, the licensing tags would not be utilized.

Selectmen Updates

1. J Roberts attended a planning board meeting on 2/10/12 in which a SUP was approved for the Bemis property's bridge.
2. J Roberts attended a planning board meeting on 2/22/12 for a 3 lot subdivision that was approved on Meader Road.
3. J Roberts announced that a representative of the floodplain map update committee will meet with the planning board on April 19, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.
4. The planning board continues to format/update the application of the town.
5. R Abraham discussed his meeting with H Parker Roberts regarding the hot water heater at the Town House.
6. R Abraham advised he had a meeting scheduled with the School Superintendent who was a "no show". R Abraham is awaiting a call back from Mr. McIntire.
7. W Farnum discussed the recent meeting with the EDC and the need to attract people to the forum scheduled for 4/21/2012.
8. W Farnum missed the recent Cook Library Meeting.
9. W Farnum advised he received a call from a logger requesting utilization of the posted Town roads. W Farnum directed the caller to the Road Agent for this permission.

Administrative Items

1. A timber warrant was signed in the amount of \$21.15.
2. Intents to cut for map 218 lot 037 and map 407 lot 119 were signed.
3. An intent to excavate was signed for map 202 lot 009 (Brox).
4. A current use application was approved for map 410 lot 115-001.
5. An abatement application was denied for map 216 lot 069.
6. *J Roberts moved and R Abraham supported to approve a payroll manifest for pay date 2/23/2012 in the amount of \$15,633.12 which includes a transfer of \$10,585.70 for direct deposit and further to approve a transfer in the amount of \$4,767.55 for the federal tax deposit. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
7. *J Roberts moved and R Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$384,141.35. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
8. *J Roberts moved and R Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$384,141.35. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
9. *J Roberts moved and W Farnum supported to approve the non-public meeting minutes of 2/9/2012 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
10. *J Roberts moved and R Abraham supported to approve the meeting minutes of 2/9/2012 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
11. The Board discussed the 2011 management discussion and analysis pertaining to the 2011 Town audit and approved the document as written.
12. C Pearce will be out of the office for most of next week on vacation.

13. *W Farnum moved and J Roberts supported to post the Tamworth roadways for excess weight until further notice effective immediately. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Non-Public Session

W Farnum moved and R Abraham supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II e at 4:52 pm. Vote was Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes, and Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.

W Farnum moved and R Abraham supported to adjourn the non-public session at 5:12 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

W Farnum moved and J Roberts supported to make a request of the Town Treasurer to give quarterly reports of all accounts ending 12/31/2011 as the last report showed only 3 accounts. The information is requested to be provided on March 8, 2012. Also, the Board is requesting that confirmation be received that the mailing addresses of all financial accounts has been changed to the 84 Main Street address from the personal address of the Treasurer. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Conservation Commission Easement

Conservation Commission Chairman N Beecher met with the Board to discuss an easement offered to the Conservation Commission from the Sandwich Community School. The location is at the corner of Route 113 and Route 25 in South Tamworth. Mr. Beecher was requested to forward the easement to Attorney Sager and to copy Administrator C Pearce for review prior to the Board signing the agreement. The Board can approve the easement at the March 8, 2012 meeting if approved by Attorney Sager.

Adjournment

W Farnum moved and R Abraham supported to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Board of Selectmen: 3/8/2012

William Farnum

Robert Abraham

John Roberts