

**Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
May 3, 2012  
Town Office**

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

**Also Present:** Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Sgt. Colby, Chief Colcord, Parker Roberts, Bruno Siniscalchi, Ruth Timchak, Robert Hammond, Sam Martin, Kate Thompson and Nate Hughes.

**REGULAR MTG  
CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Selectman Abraham.

**DEPARTMENT  
HEADS:** Police Sergeant Colby: Distributed the monthly stats for April on behalf of the Chief.

Selectmen Abraham discussed the Drug & Alcohol amendment proposed to the policy. The revisions have been presented to both the Police and Fire Chief. The Fire Department will be reviewing it this evening at their meeting. Chief Colcord distributed a copy of his proposal to the Fire Wards for the SOG's of the Fire Department. Selectmen Abraham asked about the last statement needing to be added ("An employee being evaluated for post accident injury must be released by a doctor to return to work"). Chief Colcord agreed and stated he would add it prior to the Fire Wards meeting. Selectmen Abraham stated he has spoken with Conway and the Town's proposed policy is similar to theirs. The Board stated they expect to hear back from the Fire Chief after the Fire Wards discuss this proposal.

Chief Colcord and Rec Director Parker Roberts were both present to discuss the two proposals presented for a fire alarm system at the Town House. One proposal is from Pope Security and the other is from Lakeside Security. Chief Colcord discussed both proposals with the Board. Motion made by Selectmen Abraham to accept the proposal from Lakeside Security for the fire alarm system at the Town House. Motion seconded by Selectmen Hidden and passed unanimously.

Chief Colcord informed the Selectmen that he has started an explorer program through the Fire Department.

Parker Roberts returned the water heater to the Selectmen that was purchased, but not able to be used, from the Town House. Selectman Abraham asked if anyone knew of anyone in need of it. Selectman Abraham is going to take it home and put it on E-bay to try to sell it on behalf of the Town.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**     None

**HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

Kate Thompson was present on behalf of the Tamworth Historical Society to update the Board of Selectmen on their activities. She distributed a letter that will be going out to Tamworth residents. She discussed the house that they purchased and the need to raise funds to match a grant that they are applying for to do some much needed work to the building. They will be co-hosting an ice cream social with the Tamworth Foundation next month. They have some new members on their board. Plan on having a clean-up day, they will keep us posted on this. Kate also gave the Board a couple copies of a report done by NH Division of Historical Resources on the Town House. She also informed the Board that Friends of the Barnstormers are looking to purchase the Gilman Tavern for use of housing actors. The Board thanked Kate and Nate Hughes for coming in and for their and all the members of the Historical Society for their efforts.

**SELECTMEN  
UPDATES:**

Selectman Roberts missed the Library meeting. Did go down and look at the property on Durrell Road where property burned. Some debris left. The Board agreed to send owners a letter to see if they can clean area up.

Selectmen Hidden has been to two LGC courses. He feels they have been very valuable. Selectmen Hidden stated that the Economic Development Commission reported that the “BIG” event was a success, he was not able to be there do to one of the courses he was taking. They also discussed a calendar link they would like to have linked to the town website to have a calendar that is publicly available so that all Town events are able to be posted to it.

Selectmen Hidden reported on the Planning Board meeting stating that a letter had been turned into the Board with issues to comments being made about someone. He stated that it is important to remember what is said while acting as an official is said carefully and considerately to avoid these situations. He felt he was reprimanded by members of the Planning Board for the stance that the Selectmen took on the floodplain issue and the letter they sent to FEMA.

Selectmen Hidden stated he does have someone for the insurance committee when we get ready to appoint one.

Selectman Abraham first reported on the CIP meeting. He stated they are anxious to be sure requests are in early. Other items discussed, John Wheeler brought to the Committee’s attention that there are still outstanding bonds being held by the Town for Planning Board issues. They particularly mentioned the one for Chocorua Meadows. One of the problem is there is no expiration on these bonds that are outstanding. Selectman Abraham then reported on the Road Study Committee meeting. He stated they are making progress, and that 8 or 10 roads were done last night, he feels it is going well.

Selectman Abraham stated that the office had received information regarding the Flood Plains from the Planning Board. They submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen to be forwarded to FEMA with their comments and concerns. Selectmen Abraham asked if the Board wished to forward the letter. They also discussed a letter received from Willie Farnum regarding the same matter. Selectman Abraham had a second letter written to FEMA to inform them that the Selectmen had only authorized the one letter that was previously submitted by them. The letter was signed by Selectman Abraham and Selectmen Hidden and forwarded to FEMA. The Board decided unanimously that they would not be forwarding the information from the Planning Board to FEMA. Selectmen Roberts stated he felt the second letter written at the request of Selectman Abraham was not necessary and not discussed publicly.

Selectman Abraham stated he had been to the highway garage and that the work that has been done there looks good. He then thanked Selectman Roberts for removing the stumps from the site. He mentioned that there is gravel available to be crushed and that the Road Agent will be getting prices.

Selectman Abraham mentioned the Road Agent questioned him about being asked to pick up the sign at the Town pound. Town Administrator Pearce informed him that Chris Clyne had come into the office to drop off some information to the Selectmen regarding the Town Pound, and asked if the Town could pick up the sign until such time as it was decided how or when the pound would be restored so that no one would take the sign as she felt it had historic value. The Highway Department has the sign stored at this time. It was discussed that there was a 1986 Warrant article giving the Trustees of the Trust funds the authority over Ordination Rock, which the Town Pound is part of, so the Board decided to forward on the information from Ms. Clyne to the Trustees and inform her they are the responsible party.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Robert Hammond was concerned about the property on Durrell Road and feels the owner is not going to do anything about the hazard. The State had at one point come in and done a cleanup for an oil spill that was there. Selectman Roberts reiterated that the Town would send a letter to the owner requesting cleanup of the property.

Daymond Steer asked about the Flood Plain issues and Zone A. Selectmen Abraham explained the flood plain map updates to him and what was requested of the Town. He briefly explained the steps that the Town has gone thru to date by the planning board, and by the Selectmen.

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

A Raffle Permit for Friends of the Cook Memorial Library for 6/2/2012  
A Raffle Permit for Friends of the Cook Memorial Library for 9/22/2012  
Intent to Cut for M 403 L 025, 12, 12.2, 14 & 15  
A timber tax levy in the amount of \$1,063.33  
A timber tax levy in the amount of \$ 277.51

A letter to the Forest Fire Warden regarding his Warden appointment

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to approve & sign the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$19,091.40 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$13,205.42 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$5,997.60 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 \$241,621.91. 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 \$241,621.91. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to approve and sign the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 19, 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 April 19, 2012. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to approve and sign the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 24, 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 April 24, 2012. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Hidden and passed unanimously.

The office received a verbal complaint from a neighbor of Angel Auto that there is a pickup truck parked out back of the garage and it has been there for about a year. They just wanted to be sure the Town was aware so that the yard doesn't end up like it was in the past.

It was noted that Tom Daley has verbally resigned from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. It was also noted that Harry Miller has yet to respond to the letter sent him regarding his position on the Board. Selectman Abraham will try contacting Mr. Miller and inquire about his intentions. The Zoning Board had expressed that it is best that the Board of Selectmen select the full member and appoint alternates since it is a judicial body and that way there is no appearance of stacking the board by the other appointed members. Motion was made by Selectman Roberts to appoint Peg Huddleston as a full member to the ZBA. Motion seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously.

It was asked if the Board wished to participate in the Our Town energy program for the 2012-2013 season. The Board decided they are not interested at this time.

The Draft Audit findings were discussed and it was determined that it would be best for the Selectmen to meet with the Library Trustees and the Trustees of Trust Funds, and to inquire with the Police Chief about a Dare fund.

There are currently 35 parcels on the list to be deeded. They have until next week to pay. The Board decided to hold off on viewing the properties until after the last payment date but before the next meeting. A new list will be provided in their read file and they will check any properties they have concerns with individually.

Veterans Memorial – Selectman Roberts asked if there had been any progress. Selectman Abraham stated the matter was turned over to someone in the office of LRWC and that he was still waiting to hear back from them.

**Non-Public  
Session:**

Motion made by Selectmen Abraham to enter into non-public session at 5:43 p.m. under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed with a vote of 3-0.

The Board discussed a personnel matter. No votes were taken.

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to exit non-public at 5:54 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Selectman Abraham to adjourn at 5:55 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