

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Town Office
June 14, 2012

Members Present Robert Abraham, John Roberts, and James Hidden

Others Present Anne Abear, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Gail Marrone, Dan Rhodes, Ned Beecher, Patricia Farley, Richard Sager, Bruno Siniscalchi, John Gotjen, Ruth Timchak, Tom Cleveland, Sam Martin and other members of the community.

Chairman Abraham called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chocorua Valley Lumber
Wetland's Violation

The Board met with representatives of Chocorua Valley Lumber to discuss the wetland's violation and for the purpose of getting an update on the remediation of the property. The Board opened the meeting by allowing Ned Beecher to explain the items that were of concern to the Conservation Commission and the outcome of their vote regarding the application that has been put before the planning board for a special use permit. He advised the Town and all Boards want the final outcome of this project to be that the property is put back to its natural state with the wetlands restored. He indicated that the current ordinance does not address after the fact violations of the ordinance; therefore, the reason the Selectmen has the authority to levy fines against the landowners. The Conservation Commission has made a recommendation to the planning board to approve the SUP with the consideration of increased restoration of areas #1 & #2.

Dan Rhodes discussed the conservation easement area that was taken over by the State which totaled 50 acres of land and it is a little disconcerting that the conservation commission is pushing for more. Mr. Beecher advised that this was not a negotiation that the Town was involved in and cannot be considered by the Town during the levy of the penalties.

R Abraham discussed the crossing near section #2 and #3 on the map presented by the conservation commission and inquired if this bridge would be replaced or if the plan was to leave the bridge. D Rhodes advised the plan was to remove the bridge, but if a permit is issued to remove aggregate from the property, it may take longer than 1 year that the bridge has been approved for; therefore, it will be negotiated with the State.

Non-Public Session

R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to enter into a non-public session at 3:12 p.m. per RSA 91 A:3 II e. Vote was: Abraham, Yes, Hidden, Yes, Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.

J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to adjourn the non-public session at 3:52 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to seal this set of non-public minutes until such time as a final agreement is reached between the Town of Tamworth and Chocorua Valley Lumber. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

R Abraham recessed the meeting at 3:52 p.m. for a meeting with legal counsel.

R Abraham reconvened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Department Updates

Highway Department – Richard Roberts

1. The entrance to Depot Road and Marsh Lane will be paved on Friday, 6/15.
2. Washington Hill Road has been completed and the Board is very pleased with the outcome.
3. R Roberts indicated he'd like to recognize Paul King for his assistance to the Highway Department and John Roberts for allowing the department to utilize his equipment during a recent rain storm.
4. R Roberts reported most of the roads were in good shape and the site corners of the Town roads are being cleaned for better site distance.
5. Crushing will not begin for another month.
6. R Abraham discussed the material that was utilized on Pine Hill Road and is very pleased with the durability of the material.
7. J Roberts indicated there was a pipe near McGregor Hill Road that may need to have an extension placed on it to keep the integrity of the newly paved roadway.
8. John Gotjen inquired if there was a plan to paint the crosswalks within Chocorua Village this year. J Roberts indicated the speed statutes also need to be put out. He believes the crosswalk painting will be completed when the company is in the area.
9. John Gotjen discussed the TAC Group projects being worked on for the T-square through UNH in which a roadway project is being conducted. R Roberts indicated that the project continues.

Police Department – Daniel Poirier

1. Chief Poirier indicated the new cruiser is in and that Ted Call would be doing the swap of radios.
2. The May 2012 stats were reviewed.
3. R Abraham discussed his concern of the fire department taking over the old vehicles of the police department and he suggests that the police department consider rotating their vehicles more often. J Roberts indicated that if the fire department would like to purchase a newer vehicle, they should place the funds within their annual budget.
4. Chief Poirier discussed the rotation of his department's vehicles with Officer Littlefield taking the new vehicle, Sergeant Colby taking the Crown Victoria and he will be taking the old SUV.

Public Comment

1. Tom Cleveland requested permission for the local garden club to do some organization/revamping of the Town Office plantings. R Abraham recommended putting a request on the exchange for volunteers and J Roberts volunteered to donate a load of mulch. J Roberts will contact the organization directly.
2. Pat Farley thanked the Board for their kind words, cards and emails after the recent passing of her mother.

3. Pat Farley also reminded the Board that Dennis Quinn will be receiving an award of excellence for his work of bringing Tamworth Wireless to the community. R Abraham indicated he has this internet service at his home now and is very happy with the connection.

Selectmen

1. J Roberts discussed the recent meeting of the Cook Memorial Library indicating that Mr. Nickerson has gone over the building to create and update the maintenance plan proposal. The foundation leak has been identified and will be addressed under this plan.
2. Alex Cook has indicated to the Trustee of Trust Funds that she will need another week prior to resigning her position.
3. J Hidden discussed the planning board hearing that was cancelled on Wednesday and rescheduled for Thursday of this week.
4. J Hidden discussed the Community Calendar on the Town's website and requested the calendar font be changed.
5. J Hidden discussed the Economic Development Committee and indicated that they are working on putting seminars together for the future.
6. R Abraham indicated he met with the Superintendent of School recently. The discussion included tanks being inspected, having funds in the capital reserve accounts and requesting some of the funds, the ability to save on utilities, and the bus issues in Freedom that have been resolved.
7. R Abraham discussed the meeting with Dana Littlefield, Anne Abear and Richard Colcord which took place recently to discuss the funds available for reimbursement to employees of the fire department for training.
8. R Abraham indicated he received information that the Town Assessor will attend a meeting of the Board at no cost. The Board would like to arrange that meeting for June 28, 2012.
9. R Abraham informed the Board of a concern made by a resident in which an item was dropped off at the Transfer Station and the payment was made at the Town Office by the individual who questioned the cash handling procedures at the facility. The Board was informed that the department currently utilizes cash receipt books and was presented with a proposed new receipt tracking form. Many at the meeting indicated that they are always offered a receipt by the transfer station employees. J Roberts expressed concern of making the process complicated. R Abraham indicated that the Town should have a cash handling policy. The Board would like to discuss a policy for cash handling at the next meeting and requested members of the parks & recreation, swim program and transfer station are present to discuss the current procedures that are being utilized by those departments.

Administration

Anne Abear presented the following to the Board for discussion and signatures as necessary:

1. An acknowledgement of Waiver and Understanding for a wedding to take place on Chocorua Lake Bridge on July 14, 2012.
2. A report that a time capsule has been located at the Town House with a plaque on it which indicates that the vault contains certain papers and mementos pertaining to the celebration of 1976. Further, it is suggested that it be opened in 2076 for possible utilization of the tricentennial celebration.
3. An abatement for map 216-032 in the amount of \$414 was signed.
4. An abatement for map 214-002 in the amount of \$490 was signed.
5. An abatement for map 408-014 in the amount of \$617 was signed.

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6. An abatement for map 206-041 in the amount of \$4401 was signed.
7. An abatement for map 202-069 in the amount of \$143 was signed.
8. An abatement for map 202-069-100 in the amount of \$39 was signed.
9. An agreement between the Treasurer, Finance Office and Selectmen was signed according to the requirements of the Town's investment policy.
10. A form declining the use of PA 28 forms (property inventory) was signed.
11. An application for a raffle was approved for the Chocorua Community Church. The raffle will be held on 9/2/2012.
12. An intent to cut for map 405-005 & 006 was signed.
13. An intent to cut for map 410 lot 015 was signed.
14. A timber tax levy for \$0 was signed.
15. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$31,557. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
16. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$31,557. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
17. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$119.43. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
18. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$119.43. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
19. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$424,757.93. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
20. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$424,757.93. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
21. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to approve a payroll manifest in the amount of \$19,539.29 for checks issued on June 14, 2012, a transfer of \$13,632.73 for direct deposit (included in the amount) and \$6,183.87 for the federal tax deposit. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
22. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to approve the 5/31/2012 meeting non-public session minutes as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
23. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to approve the 5/31/2012 meeting minutes as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
24. The Board discussed a request of the Sap House Meadery for permission to sell sealed wine at the local farmer's market. The Board approved this sale. Further, discussions regarding the location of the market took place and the Board discussed the use of the Town Office parking lot as a better location for parking. The Board inquired about the policy for the possession of alcohol on Town property.
25. J Gotjen discussed the Chocorua Day Event scheduled for the last day in July and the proposal to rent a bus for the purpose of shuttling visitors from Chocorua to Tamworth Village.

Playground at Remick Park

Gail Marrone attended the meeting to discuss the proposed plan for the playground at Remick Park. She presented a drawing showing the locations of the items being proposed. Further, she advised that the Tamworth Foundation has approved an expense of up to \$20,000 this project. The Board would like to consider the liability insurance necessary for this project and requested Mrs. Marrone to attend another meeting of the Board on 6/28/2012.

Further, G Marrone requested the Board look at the wood chips under the playground on Durrell Road. She felt that additional chips would be necessary in that area.

Finance Committee Discussion

J Hidden discussed his desire to reinstate a finance committee for the Town. He thought the committee did a great job and assisted the Selectmen with the budgets. He felt that the committee should not be made up of any individual currently serving on any other Boards. Further, he recommended the number of participants be 5 regular and 2 alternates. He felt this would get people involved.

J Roberts expressed a concern about getting the volunteers to serve on this Board. He advised that the reason the committee was abolished was that the Selectmen had a difficult time finding individuals to serve on the Board.

The Board recommended placing information on the website looking for interested parties to serve on this Board. Interested individuals can put their names in at the Selectmen's office before July 31, 2012.

Adjournment

R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen: 6/28/2012

Robert Abraham

John Roberts

James Hidden