

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

Members Present	Robert Abraham, John Roberts and James Hidden
Others Present	Administrator C Pearce, Exec. Asst Anne Abear, Supervisor of the Checklist Sharon Nothnagle, Police Chief Dan Poirier, EDC Chair Patricia Farley, Zoning Board Chairman John Mersfelder, Welfare Director & Treasurer Mariette Ross, Planning Board Treasurer Steve Gray, Rescue Captain Jeff Tavares, Swim Director Brenda Robinson, T/S Supervisor Glenn Johnson, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Energy Commission Chairman Ed Maduskie, Library Trustee Sharon Malenfant, and Cook Librarian Jay Rancourt.

Chairman Abraham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of holding meetings with several departments to discuss their 2013 budget recommendations.

2013 Budget Discussions

1. CIP recommendations for the 2013 budget to include:
 - a. \$7,000 for property revaluation
 - b. \$10,000 for a generator at the town office
 - c. \$35,000 for a 4WD cruiser for the police department
 - d. \$7,500 for a generator at the police department
 - e. \$260,000 for highway road reconstruction and paving
 - f. \$45,000 for Cleveland Hill Road reconstruction and paving
 - g. \$35,000 for a ¾ ton pickup for the highway department
 - h. \$30,000 for a power screen for the highway department
 - i. \$100,000 being added to the bridge capital reserve account
 - j. \$13,000 for a new trailer for the emergency management department
 - k. \$5,000 for restoration to the tennis courts
 - l. \$74,164 for the purpose of paying the landfill closure bond paymentTotal expense for CIP recommendations = \$621,664.
2. COLA increases for the Town employees – The majority census of the Board indicated that the 1.7% COLA increase will not be budgeted for the 2013 year. At this time, there will be no increase budgeted.
3. Health insurance benefit for full time employees – The Board requested additional information to be supplied showing them the cost associated with to the Town and the employees on the current plan and another plan offered by the current provider. The Board requested figures be determined utilizing a percentage of 5, 10, and 15% being

- paid toward the premiums by the employees. The Board will be considering the current stipend offered to employees who do not take health insurance through the Town.
4. Election & Registrations – after adjustments the budget as presented was \$4,399.
 5. Police Department – budget presented was for \$293,894. The Board requested Chief Poirier and Road Agent Roberts work together to consider purchasing the new vehicles from one vendor possibly for a better price.
 6. Animal Control – budget presented was for \$5,868.
 7. Advertising and Regional including the Economic Development Commission – budget presented was for \$7,092. The Board discussed placing a webcam on the fire tower to allow anyone wishing to come to the area to visually see the surrounding prior to arrival. J Roberts indicted he was not in favor of utilizing the webcam as a surveillance camera. The Board and Mrs. Farley will attend a meeting of the Fire Wards at their upcoming meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 6 to discuss this proposal with them.
 8. Zoning Board – budget presented was for \$3,472.
 9. Treasury – budget presented was for \$5,639. Mrs. Ross discussed the election of the Town Treasurer and recommended the Board consider placing on the warrant the position as being appointed. The majority consensus of the Board was not in favor of changing the elected position to an appointed position.
 10. Welfare – budget presented was for \$20,883.
 11. Planning Board – budget presented was for \$32,234. The Board discussed encumbrance of funds for the build out analysis at the 2012 Town Meeting. A contract will be presented to the Board by year end to allow for this encumbrance. Also, the Board discussed the land use regulation committee. It is believed that this committee has been reestablished with Skip Nason as the Chairman.
 12. 2013 – 2015 Audit Services – The Board viewed the RFP utilized to acquire pricing for a 3 year audit and decided they would put this out to local auditing firms.
 13. The Board authorized the release of digital maps from Cartographics.
 14. The Board approved an intent to cut for map 405 lot 015-000.

Chairman Abraham recessed the meeting at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

15. Rescue Squad – budget presented was for \$47,676. The Board discussed the cost associated with turn out gear being purchased for members of this department and the need to make sure that the employees of this department have the adequate gear necessary to do their job.
16. Swim Program – budget presented after adjustments made by Ms. Robinson was \$6,358. The Board discussed the agreement with the American Red Cross that will be required in order for the community to continue to utilize the standards as set by the company along with the difficulty that Ms. Robinson has had with the organization over the past year. Ms. Robinson discussed the employees of the swim program and the need to increase the pay of one individual who has now become a certified lifeguard and the desire to have funds available to pay a stipend to an individual who is interested in being an aid or assistant to the program.

17. Transfer Station – budget presented was for \$178,108. The Board discussed the monitoring and testing needs of the facility and requested the testing be completed for the 2013 year. G Johnson discussed the containers being worked on by Bob Davis Equipment at this time.
18. Highway Department – budget presented was reduced to \$897,768. The Board discussed work that is planned for the 2013 year to include Narrows Bridge, Cleveland Hill Road, Union Hall, Mason Hill, Town entrance signs, Gardner Hill Road, and Turkey Street.
19. Energy Commission – budget presented was increased to \$200. It was reported that this commission has not had a quorum in quite some time and the two individuals that remain on the Board have met either at the Cook Library or within the parking lot of the Town Office. The Board discussed the classes that are being taken by the two members and reimbursements that need to be submitted for the Town to pay for the classes. The Board is not interested in disbanding the Commission at this time and would work at looking for interested participants to serve on this commission. Anyone interested, please contact the Town Office. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Town Office.
20. Cook Memorial Library – budget presented was \$135,998. The discussion included increases for library personnel, a request from the Selectmen to acquire the pay for the library employees over the last 3 years, and new software that will be installed at the facility.
21. The Board discussed meeting with non-profit organizations and will meet with all groups over the next two budget work sessions for a 15 minute update on the organizations.

R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to recess the meeting at 11:42 a.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

R Abraham called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

Non-Public Session

R Abraham moved to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II c and e. This motion was made at 1:00 p.m. and was seconded by J Hidden. Vote was: Abraham, Yes, Hidden, Yes, and Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.

R Abraham moved to adjourn the session at 1:30 p.m. J Hidden seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

A decision was made during this session to deny the request of Motorsports Holding of the Town intervening in the lawsuit between St. Andrews in the Valley and Motorsports Holding.

Other Business

The Board met with a resident of Chinook Trail who is concerned with a high pitched noise that she can hear from her property. She cannot confirm the source of the noise but suggested it may be coming from the transmission of wifi service. The discussion continued and the resident was requested to contact the police department to listen to the noise if it is heard again. Further, the resident advised the Board that she has a sickness of radio waves.

Adjournment

R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board of Selectmen: 12/13/2012

Robert Abraham

John Roberts

James Hidden