

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
December 13, 2012
Town Office

Members Present Robert Abraham, John Roberts and James Hidden

Others Present Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Anne Abear, Sue Ticehurst, Pat Farley,
Glenn Johnson, Richard Roberts, Dan Poirier, Rosiland Gray, Jim
Hoenscheid, Bruno Siniscalchi, Arthur Mason and others.

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

Department Updates

Highway Department

1. The recent follow up inspection by the State of NH Department of Labor went very well and the inspector indicated she was pleased with the work done by all departments. The case is considered closed at this time.
2. Top Notch Tree Service has assisted the community with some limb removal jobs.
3. R Roberts discussed the quote received from FR Carroll for work to be done next year. The Board is interested in having a contract approved by year end 2012 to encumber some of the highway funds from 2012 for this work.
4. The highway department will be working with the Transfer Station to weld some of their containers. J Roberts has offered his portable welder for this work to be completed. G Johnson, R Roberts and the Board discussed where the materials needed could be purchased at a reasonable price to include delivery. R Abraham offered to pick up material if it was purchased at a local distributor.
5. R Abraham discussed Bunker Hill Road and requested gravel be placed within some of the large holes near the Alt property.
6. The Board complimented the highway department on the wood shed that was recently built.

Transfer Station

1. G Johnson reported the sweeper has been replaced.
2. G Johnson gave some additional prices for material to be welded onto the containers.

Police Department

1. D Poirier presented stats for the month of November 2012.
2. A second round of grants for a radio purchase has been offered to the police department. D Poirier presented documentation to be signed by the Board Chairman to allow for this item to be received. Additionally, D Poirier requested \$500 to be added to the 2013 budget for programming of this radio. The Town will be reimbursed for the expense associated with the programming from the State.
3. The Police Department is unable to get the specific guns to replace the current weapon being utilized; therefore, they have ordered a new caliber weapon which will require additional

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qualifying be done for employees of this department. The funds that will come in for the trade in of the old weapons will be received in 2013.

Non-Public Session #1

R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to enter into a non-public session at 4:16 p.m. per RSA 91 A-3 II c. Vote was Abraham, Yes, Roberts, Yes, Hidden Yes. Motion passed.

R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to adjourn the non-public session at 4:19 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

No decisions were made during this session.

Tamworth Scholarship Committee 2013 Appropriation Request

Arthur Mason attending the meeting to discuss the appropriation request for the 2013 year for the Tamworth Scholarship Committee in the amount of \$5,000. He advised that the funds are utilized not only for seniors heading to college, but also for adults who are attending college. The amount given in the past few years was approximately \$12,500 per year. There is an endowment fund that has been set up which currently holds \$72,000. Expenses for the committee include office material only; there is no payroll expense.

A Mason indicated that the committee was receiving funds from the Remick Foundation, but it was identified that the funds were not to be given out and should have been directed to another endowment school recipient.

Public Comment

1. Patricia Farley thanked the Board members for attending a meeting of the Tamworth Fire Wards regarding the EDC idea of placing a webcam on the Great Hill Fire Tower. The approval was given by the Fire Wards to move forward with the project. The idea of a weather station being added to the project will not be part of the initial project fundraising. R Abraham will contact the company regarding the weather station who may be interested in placing the station on the tower. Further, P Farley advised the remaining funds within the 2012 budget of the EDC will not be spent.
2. Jim Hoenscheid of CMI met with the Board as a follow up to the meeting held 2 weeks ago. After some discussion regarding the legal case pending against CMI, *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to not intervene between the legal case pending as requested by CMI at this time. Vote was 2-0-1 (Roberts). Motion passed.*
3. J Hoenscheid reported a possible wetlands violation to the Board at the St. Andrew's in the Valley Church who have had issues with flooding and have placed a new pipe going into the already wet meadow. He believes that there may be a violation of the 25 foot wetland buffer setback. The Board was asked to investigate the potential for a violation. The Board will

investigate this allegation and have requested that a formal written complaint be filed with the Town.

Selectmen Updates

1. J Roberts attended the Cook Memorial Library meeting on Monday and requested additional information be provided for the 2013 budget request of this organization. The information is within the Selectmen's boxes and the Cook Library reps will be at the meeting of the Board on Monday, December 17.
2. J Hidden discussed the new business listing brochures that have now been printed and are available to the public.
3. R Abraham attended two meetings recently. One being the conservation commission in which a discussion pursued regarding the purchase of additional property. Currently bids have gone out to get the property surveyed and a commitment will be made to spend some of the conservation funds once the bids are received and reviewed. Second, the planning board has resolved the Homeyer issue that was pending.

Administration

Items reviewed and signed by the Board of Selectmen as necessary included:

1. Intent to cut for map 401 lots 007 & 008
2. Intent to cut for map 401 lot 049
3. Intent to cut for map 410 lot 038
4. Abatement for map 214 lot 175
5. Abatement for map 407 lot 131
6. Current use application for map 414 lot 057
7. Current use application for map 405 lot 013
8. Yield tax levy in the amount of \$167.57
9. State inspection station for 123 Chocorua Mountain Highway
10. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$300. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
11. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$300. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
12. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to approve a payroll manifest for pay date December 13, 2012 in the amount of \$34,333.85 with a transfer of \$13,928.93 for direct deposit and a transfer of \$8,569.43 for the federal tax deposit. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
13. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$662,766.69. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
14. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$662,766.69. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
15. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$210,287. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
16. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$210,287. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

17. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to accept the non public minutes of 11/29/2012 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
18. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to accept the regular minutes of 11/29/12 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
19. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to accept the non public minutes of 12/3/12 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
20. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to accept the regular minutes of 12/3/12 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
21. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to accept the regular minutes of 12/10/12 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
22. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to accept the audit proposals for the years 2013 – 2015 and to enter into a contract with The Mercier Group. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
23. The Board discussed the tax acquired properties owned by the Town. The Board will view the information and will discuss selling the properties at a future meeting. R Abraham discussed a request of a property owner on the Albany town line who would like to purchase 2 very small pieces of property that abuts their property. A letter is forthcoming with this request.
24. C Pearce discussed the two petitioned “zoning” articles that have come in and which will be placed on the March town meeting ballot. One is to eliminate the Wetlands Ordinance; the other is to amend the Wetlands Ordinance. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the two petitions as required.
25. R Abraham will draft a town report for the Board of Selectmen for 2012.
26. C Pearce discussed the vehicle that was abandon on Town property, indicating that a local business in Town has agreed to take the vehicle and apply for the title at no cost to the Town. The Board agreed to have the vehicle moved once the 30 day notice filing timeline has passed.
27. The Board will hold a presentation for the Boston Post Cane on 1/12/13 at 1:30 p.m. The Board will come up with some information about the recipient that can be utilized during the presentation.

Non-Public #2

R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to enter into a non-public session at 5:11 p.m. per RSA 91 A-3 II a & c. Vote was Abraham, Yes, Roberts, Yes, Hidden Yes. Motion passed.

R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to adjourn the non-public session at 6:27. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board made decisions on the following:

R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to issue a 2012 incentive reward to Richard Roberts in the amount of \$500. Vote was 2-0-1. Motion passed.

R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to issue a 2012 incentive reward to Kim Trammell in the amount of \$250. Vote was 2-1-0. Motion passed.

R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to issue a 2012 incentive reward to Cassandra Pearce in the amount of \$250. Vote was 2-1-0. Motion passed.

Adjournment

R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board of Selectmen: 12/27/2012

Robert Abraham

John Roberts

James Hidden