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Selectmen's Meeting  
Town Office

Thursday August 24, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Hidden, Selectmen Gray and Poirier, Road Agent Roberts, TX/TC Trammell, EDC Chairman Pat Farley, Senator Bradley, Representative McConkey, Dept of Forest/Lands administrator Tracey Boisvert, NH DNCR Director Phillip Bryce, Town Administrator McWhirter, governmentoversite.com videographer and 8 members of the public.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hidden called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES:

- Highway Department
  - Road Agent Roberts reported that he and his crew have been working on Washington Hill Road on ditch work and replacing culverts. They have replaced culverts on Great Hill Road and replaced pipe on Pease Hill Road. He would like to extend a thank you to Fire Chief Colcord and his crew for all the help with traffic control.
- Town Clerk
  - Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kim Trammell showed the board the town records that have been preserved with the Moose Plant Grant. With funds from the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration, matching funds from the Tamworth Foundation and additional unrestricted donations from the Tamworth Foundation there is about \$80,000 to use to preserve more records.
- EDC
  - Chairman Pat Farley shared paperwork and briefly discussed HB316, relative to a statewide property tax exemption for commercial and industrial construction. A representative from ReVision energy will speak to the Board of Select and other board members regarding solar for municipalities.
- Administration
  - Town Administrator McWhirter reported that the new hire at the Transfer Station will begin on September 6, 2017. The board reviewed changes to the personnel policy which had been voted on in an earlier meeting. The policy will be updated.

III. APPOINTMENTS:

- NH DNCR – Philip Bryce and Tracey Boisvert came before the board to discuss Irene's Way. Mr. Bryce thanked the Police Department for their presence during this summer season and that NH DNCR has no intention of closing access to Irene's Way. The Board of Selectmen understood that everything was status quo after the last meeting, Mr. Bryce's office understood that the only thing that was decided was no gate would be put up on Irene's Way. Mr. Bryce explained that after some research, the moorings that have been on the lake are not legal. A resident must have 50 feet of ownership at the water's edge. The moorings will need to be removed. As stated in the past, the road ownership and mooring issue are 2 separate issues. NH DNCR would like to make a boat launch and enhance the parking area. There is a concern that

swimming in that area should not be allowed. Mr. Bryce stated that the state sells license plates for \$85.00 that allows unlimited access to state parks. Selectmen Hidden would like to see free access for Tamworth residents, considering there is no revenue from state land. After some discussion, Senator Bradley suggests a discounted entry fee into the park for Tamworth residents and agree that the moorings should be removed and swimming should not be allowed in that area. Representative McConkey agrees with these suggestions. The Board of Selectmen will review the letter of July 17, and restructure the language and review the Letter of Agreement from the state. Mr. Bryce will have to request a discount for residents from the Fiscal Committee. Mr. Philibert's biggest concerns for this area are environmental and he feels they need to be addressed. He has removed the moorings in question.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- The board reviewed the MS 4 NH DRA Estimated Review.

V. SIGNATURE FILE:

- Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes and non public minutes for July 27, 2017. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed (2-0-1)
- Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes and Non public minutes of August 17, 2017. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Hidden made a motion to approve and sign the Accounts Payable Manifest and Check Register dated August 22, 2017 for \$11.54. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Hidden made a motion to approve and sign the Accounts Payable Manifest and Check Register dated August 24, 2017 to \$192.51. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Hidden made a motion to approve and sign the Accounts Payable Manifest and Check Register dated August 31, 2017 to \$276,534.92. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Hidden made a motion to approve and sign the Payroll Manifest dated August 31, 2017 in the amount of \$37,562.22. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously
- The board approved and signed the following items:
  - 2017/2018 Fuel contract with Jesse Lyman Heating Oil and Propane
  - Appointment forms to Police Oral Interview Board for Mark Anthony and Peter Vanderlaan
  - Notice of Intent to Cut – 412-002, 028 & 029

VI. SELECTMEN'S UPDATE:

- Selectmen Gray attended the Conservation Commission meeting and shared that they are hosting a mushroom walk on 9/3 from 9-11:30 at Big Pine. Green Mountain Conservation Group to discuss ground water protection at TCC's September meeting. TCC is coordinating with the Fire wards to discuss additional cutting at the fire tower. He attended the Planning Board meeting and they have a work sessions scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting the board approved a Subdivision and BLA with conditions. They reviewed a subdivision conceptual plan and postponed a subdivision conceptual plan, along with postponing a subdivision application.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Irene's Way – BOS to review agreements
- Sandwich Perambulation – no change
- Tamworth Road – Representative Mark McConkey presented preliminary information from by NH DOT from their previous visit. The State wouldn't advocate changing the speed limit on Tamworth Road, but will strip narrower 10' lanes approaching the village and would eliminate the passing zone. They wouldn't make a 4-way stop at 113/113A intersection, but would consider separating the through traffic with a possible island. The NH DOT will remark the crosswalk at the school after Tamworth Road is repaved and work with the town to better delineate pedestrian crossing at the 4 corners intersection. A formal response will be sent within the next week.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

IX. ADJOURNMENT: At 7:26, Chairman Hidden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McWhirter  
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

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James S. Hidden

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Steven G. Gray

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Daniel J. Poirier