

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
February 24, 2011
Town Office

Members Present John Roberts and Robert Abraham

Others Present Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Rosiland Gray, Ned Beecher, Sam Martin, Bruno Siniscalchi, Ruth Timchak, John Gotjen, Bobbie Carleton and Anne Abear.

Chairman Roberts opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Police Department Chief Poirier discussed the following with the Board:

1. Officer Dana Littlefield is the point of contact for the lighting work being done at the fire stations and is requesting that proper advanced notice be given prior to the electricians arrival.
2. The exterior light at the police department seems to have been a problem in the past and after the light being replaced twice has been corrected.
3. Mr. Abraham advised he received a call from Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kim Noyes today questioning why Administrator Pearce and Chief Poirier were looking for payment information regarding Scott Finman. He advised Mrs. Noyes' concern and his was that there may be a legal case going on that he was unaware of. Chief Poirier advised the information that was requested is public information and can be asked for by anyone at anytime. However, he would discuss this further with the Board if they would entertain a non-public session.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to enter into a non-public session at 4:12 p.m. per RSA 91: A II 3 c. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.

*Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn this non-public session and to **seal** the minutes for the purpose of protecting the reputation of an individual whom is not a member of this Board at 4:15 p.m. The minutes will be sealed until 12/31/2015. Mr. Abraham supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Public Comment

1. Mr. Gotjen discussed and presented items from LRPC regarding the State of NH's 10- year plan for road maintenance and how it will impact the Town of Tamworth. It was announced that the Board of Selectmen have received notice that the Route 113 shoulder project from Main Street to the end of Route 113 has been cancelled. The Board requested a copy of this notice to be sent to Mr. David Bowles.
2. Mr. Gotjen advised that at the recent CCA meeting a decision was made to amend the amount of funds to be raised for article #19 of the 2011 Town Warrant to \$15,000 which they believe is a more adequate figure than the \$32,000 currently on the warrant. He continued by stating that the \$32,000 includes sidewalks that have not been built and reminded the Board that his tax dollars pay for the clearing of the sidewalks in front of and behind the town office, school, townhouse and library currently. Mr. Abraham advised he agrees with the recommended amount. A

discussion ensued regarding the next phase of the Chocorua Project and the indication from the State that they will not move forward with the project unless sidewalks are included. Mr. Gotjen advised that although the CCA is sensitive to the costs associated with the clearing of sidewalks, it is the safety issue of pedestrians walking around the village that needs to be addressed. Mr. Roberts inquired if the plan of the CCA was to build sidewalks south of the village toward PSNH? Mr. Gotjen was not sure of what the plan was at this time.

3. Mr. Gotjen announced that the State would not maintain any crosswalks including the crosswalk at the KA Brett School.

Selectmen's Update

1. Mr. Abraham advised that the Economic Development Committee's website is up and running and further announced fliers have been created and disbursed. The broadband project is moving forward.
2. Mr. Roberts announced the conservation commission/planning board meeting to be held on Monday, February 28, 2011 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the KA Brett School. This meeting is to discuss the petitioned warrant articles to eliminate these two Boards. This meeting will be followed by the Candidates Night which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Class VI Roadway off of Tamworth Road – Bobbie Carleton's Property

Ms. Carleton met with the Board to discuss the right of way through her property which is being utilized by another property owner which abuts her property. The property owner utilizing the right of way also has an access off of Bryant Mill Road. Ms. Carleton requested authorization from the Selectmen to place a gate within the right of way to block off the use. Mr. Roberts advised that this right of way is a Class VI roadway which makes it a public way open to anyone. Mr. Abraham requested time to review the information prior to making a decision. Ms. Carleton provided a telephone number to Mr. Abraham to allow him to contact her. Mr. Abraham inquired if Ms. Carleton had contacted an attorney? She indicated she had not.

Mr. Roberts gave information to Ms. Carleton regarding the septic system of the Hounsell property and the use of the barrels that are on their property.

Mr. Roberts recommended Ms. Carleton contact the police department if she felt the roadway was being blocked. She indicated she had contacted the police department but did not feel the conversation between the police department and the other property owner did any good.

Administration

1. Mrs. Pearce advised that she also received an email from John Wheeler indicating that the CCA intended to reduce warrant article #19 on the floor of Town meeting.
2. Mrs. Pearce discussed the prior request of the Board to change the E911 address of Mr. & Mrs. Walker on Walker Lane. The recommendation is to correct the maps showing that Walker Lane is not a thru road. The Board accepted this recommendation and is willing to correct the maps. The Board requested a letter be sent to Mr. Hammond who initially brought the concern to the Selectmen.
3. The Board was reminded of their meeting with two property owners on Main Street scheduled for 3/10 regarding the removal of snow.

4. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$213,893.92. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
5. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$213,893.92. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
6. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve a payroll check register in the amount of \$16,563.72. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
7. Intent to cuts were presented and signed for:
 - a. Map 405 lot 021 (supplemental)
 - b. Map 413 lot 023
8. An intent to excavate for map 202 lot 009 was signed.
9. A shore land impact permit has been issued by the State of NH DES for the work to be done on Greggs Way. The permit expires on 2/2/2016.
10. A timber tax levy in the amount of \$51.32 was approved.
11. A 2010 abatement for map 414 lot 011 was denied.
12. A 2010 abatement for map 211 lot 035 was approved with a refund in the amount of \$618.32 being approved.
13. A 2010 abatement for map 202 lot 076 was denied.
14. An application for Andrea and Jim's Auto Repair LLC to relocate their auto repair shop on Tamworth Road was submitted for approval by the Board of Selectmen.
15. *John Roberts moved and Robert Abraham supported to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 13, 2011 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
16. The Board discussed the April 2011 meetings scheduled:
 - a. April 6 – PTA meeting at the school (John Roberts will not be available)
 - b. April 6 – BTLA hearing for Pinetree Powers abatement to be held in Concord. Ms. Pearce will be attending that hearing. Mr. Abraham may also be attending the meeting.
 - c. April 7 – Regular meeting of the Selectmen
 - d. April 11 – Joint Loss Management Committee Meeting.
17. The Board discussed the cell phone plan for employees of the Town. The Board is willing to stay with the current provider with the new telephones being offered.
18. It was reported that the pressure washer vent at the highway garage needs to be reviewed as damage has been reported to the side of the building.

Non-Public
Session #2

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to enter into a non-public session at 5:30 p.m. per RSA 91: A II 3 a & e. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn this non-public session at 5:47 p.m. Mr. Abraham supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman Roberts recessed the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Chairman Roberts called the meeting back into session at 6:03 p.m.

Public Hearing –
Road Names Changes for
Tamworth Mobile Home Park
Durrell Road

Chairman Roberts opened the public hearing regarding the renaming of the roads within the Tamworth Mobile Home Park. In attendance with the Selectmen were residents of the park Bruce Bowles, Charlotte Dyer and Mark Dube.

The Board explained the purpose of the public hearing which is a requirement to meet with all residents who may have a concern with changing the names of the roadways within the park. The reason the names and numbers are being changed is to provide better locations for fire, EMS and police response.

All attendees of the meeting felt that the change would be safer for all and recommended the Board move forward with changing of the names as being proposed.

With no further comment, Chairman Roberts closed the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to move ahead with the address changes for the Tamworth Mobile Park as presented at this public hearing. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Mr. Roberts adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Abraham supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen: 3/7/2011

John Roberts

William Farnum

Robert Abraham