

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
March 10, 2011
Town Office

Members Present John Roberts, William Farnum and Robert Abraham

Others Present Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Sam Martin, Rosiland Gray, Ruth Timchak, Bruno Siniscalchi, Patricia Farley, Karen McNiff, Anne Abear and other members of the community.

Department Updates

Police Department – Chief Poirier

1. The February 2011 stats for the department were reviewed.
2. Sergeant Penny Colby is doing well and it is possible that she will be back to work soon.
3. Chief Poirier will be out of Town on vacation through Wednesday, March 16.
4. Chief Poirier thanked the Selectmen on behalf of the police employees for the support shown at Town Meeting.

Highway Department – Richard Roberts

1. The Board discussed the posting of the roads effective 3/11/2011. Any exceptions to the posting and use of the roadway will be given by the road agent.
2. Mrs. Pearce offered to send out notice of road postings with the reminder for reports of timber cut. The Board advised that this was unnecessary and that the loggers were aware of the road postings as they deal with this issue each year.
3. Mr. Richard Roberts advised that he looked forward to working with the Board. The Selectmen discussed the following items for Mr. Roberts to consider as a starting point for the highway department to begin working on:
 - a. Changing the locks at the highway garage
 - b. Pressure washer heater has caused damage to the exterior of the highway garage. The Board recommended contacting a local heating contractor to look at the venting of the system.
 - c. The Board agreed to meet with Mr. Roberts on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 6:30 a.m. at the highway garage.
 - d. The Board conducted a preliminary inventory of the highway garage this morning.
 - e. The Board discussed the moisture issue that is occurring within the highway garage when the trucks are parked in the bay after a storm.
 - f. The boiler vent cap is missing and needs to be replaced.
 - g. There appears to be several signs throughout the garage that need to be taken care of.
 - h. The Board discussed having a work area for the road agent built above the bathroom.
 - i. The Board discussed the concern of Bill McKay regarding the Gilman Valley Bridge erosion problem.
 - j. The Board discussed the patching that needs to be done on Maple Road and Turkey Street.

Public Comment

1. Mrs. Farley congratulated everyone who won their respected positions during the recent elections.
2. Mrs. Farley discussed a request for support to be written for Pinetree Power to keep the company in business for the future of jobs and tax revenue for the Town of Tamworth. The consensus of the Board was to send the letter per Mrs. Farley's request.
3. Mrs. Farley discussed the Northern Pass Project and the impact it could have on New Hampshire and LRPC. It was announced that LRPC in conjunction with the State of NH is looking for potential revenues and cost savings associated with the project should it pass through NH.
4. Mrs. McNiff discussed the Scenic Byways Committee established by LRPC and inquired if the Board was willing to participate in the project? After much discussion regarding the project and the allowance of signage along the designated byway affecting the community of Tamworth, *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported for the Town of Tamworth to join in the efforts of LRPC for the designation of a NH Scenic and Cultural byway. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.* Mr. Abraham advised he was concerned about limiting the use of property along this byway. The Board requested a letter be submitted to LRPC notifying them that that the Town of Tamworth was interested in participating in the program.

Selectmen's Updates

1. Mr. Farnum advised he would be attending the Cook Memorial Library meeting on Monday, March 14, 2011.
2. Mr. Abraham advised he would attend the Economic Development Committee's meeting beginning at 7:00 this evening.
3. Mr. Roberts advised he would be attending the Conservation Commission meeting on Monday, March 14, 2011.

Administrative Matters

1. The Board scheduled a meeting for 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24 to meet with the Auditor to discuss the 2010 audit.
2. Mrs. Pearce requested the Board be prepared to discuss the 2011 priority project listing at the March 24 meeting.
3. Mrs. Pearce discussed an incident in which the Town's grader damaged a utility pole and removed power lines from a building along Union Hall Road. She continued by advising that estimates are coming in at over the \$1,000 deductible for carpentry, pole replacement and electrical work. The incident will be reported to the insurance company.
4. An inspection station renewal for map 208 lot 017 was approved.
5. The MS2 report to NH DRA for the 2011 Town appropriation was signed.
6. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to appoint John Gotjen as a full voting member of the LRPC Transportation Advancement Committee and David Bowles as the alternate to this committee to represent the Town of Tamworth. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
7. The 2011 letter of agreement between the Town of Tamworth and HE Bergeron Engineering for landfill monitoring was signed by the Chairman.
8. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to approve the non-public minutes of March 7, 2011 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

9. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
10. The Board discussed the request of the Economic Development Committee to be renamed the Economic Development Commission. The direction approved by the Board was to have this Committee bring their request back to the Planning Board along with their proposed directive changes as the committee was originally created as part of an update to the Master Plan at the direction of the Planning Board.
11. The Board discussed the vote at the March 9 Town Meeting regarding sidewalk and crosswalk maintenance. The Board advised they heard the voters loud and clear indicate that with no funds being appropriated for the maintenance, no further sidewalks would be built within the community as part of the Chocorua Community Project's upcoming phases or elsewhere within the community. Mrs. Pearce advised she would notify Mr. Poulin of HE Bergeron of this decision and will request that he notify the State of NH. Mr. Poulin will meet with the Board on March 24. The Board discussed several other items to be done under the project to include road alignment, visual gateway at the entrance, bike paths (still in question), and pedestrian lighting.
12. The Board requested that Mrs. Pearce contact Shawn Bergeron to work on getting the ADA compliance issues work out to bid and started. These projects will be at the Town Office and the Town House.

Meeting with Property Owners along Main Street

The Board met with a property owner and two contractors who are working for either the Village Store or the Other Store along Main Street. The Board discussed the dumping of snow behind the Town Office and requested that all snow be dumped on the landing that was put in during the 2010 year. No further dumping of snow will be allowed on the tarred area as it is limiting the parking area of the Town Office. One of the contractors advised that this has never been an issue and it was appropriate to continue to keep the snow off of Main Street for safety reasons. The Board discussed that in the future, the dumping of snow behind the Town Office may be limited or not allowed as they did not want the area to become a Town wide "snow dump". The Board agreed to do a site walk with the members of this meeting in the fall to clarify and designate the dumping area.

The Board also discussed the request to increase the size of the traffic island on Main Street and tree limb trimming that has been done for PSNH. The Board advised they were not at this time willing to increase the size of the island as in the past a concern had been discussed by the fire department and large delivery trucks going through the village.

Reappointment of Mr. Abraham to the Planning Board as an Alternate

Mr. Abraham discussed the agreement amongst the Board members at Attorney Sager's office in which a discussion ensued regarding his removal as ex-officio alternate to the Planning Board and he requested the other members of the Board to reappoint him as the ex-officio alternate at this time. Mr. Abraham advised that the other Selectmen did not have a right to remove him from this position. He advised he kept his agreement with an apology given to Mr. David Little

and would like to correct that also. Mr. Abraham advised he enjoys working with the Planning Board. Mr. Roberts advised the agreement was to take place until Town meeting and at this time he would not consider placing Mr. Abraham on the planning board and would not agree to have an alternate position in the future as it is unnecessary. Mr. Abraham requested further clarification from the other Board members and reiterated that they were unwilling to honor the agreement which was agreed upon by them at Attorney Sager's office for his reappointment?

Mr. Farnum advised that the Board was so close to reorganization at this time and advised it was unfortunate that this could not have been taken care of prior to now. He indicated that absences by members of the Board have taken place and continued by advising that he hopes all members have learned a lesson advising that words spoken can be taken out of context. He also questioned the need for an alternate ex-officio to the Planning Board.

Mr. Abraham continued the discussion by indicating he enjoyed working with the Planning Board and David Little – he likes working with him. Mr. Roberts abruptly advised that he did not believe the last statement being made by Mr. Abraham. Mr. Abraham advised he did not care what Mr. Roberts believed.

Non-Public Session #1

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II a, c, & e. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes. This motion was made at 6:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the non-public session at 6:40 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Credit/Debit Card Processing

Ms. Noyes Town Clerk/Tax Collector, met with the Board to discuss the credit and debit card options and contract. The Board decided they would discuss this contract with the auditor on the 24th and will finalize the contract at that time.

Non-Public Session #2

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II a. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes. This motion was made at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abraham supported to adjourn the non-public session at 7:20 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

To prevent any portrayal of a conflict of interest during the discussion of this non-public discussion, Mr. Roberts recessed himself at 7:10 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Abraham moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen:

John Roberts

William Farnum

Robert Abraham