

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
May 19, 2011
Town Office

Members present William Farnum, Robert Abraham, and John Roberts

Others present Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. David Farley, John Gotjen, Bruno Siniscalchi, Mary Mills, Kim Noyes, John Mersfelder, Ruth Timchak, Anne Abear and other members of the public.

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

Highway Department

1. Mr. R. Roberts thanked members of the Tamworth Fire Department who assisted the highway department in cleaning out some of the culverts on Maple Road.
2. Mr. R. Roberts also thanked Selectman John Roberts for the use of the excavator that allowed for work to be completed at no cost to the Town for the equipment.
3. Mr. R. Roberts requested a meeting with the Board on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. on Maple Road to review the markings placed by Paul King. Mr. King will also be present during this site walk. The Board agreed to meet Mr. R. Roberts on Monday on Maple Road.
4. A cost estimate has been received from FR Carroll for additional grinding work to be done between the pads at the transfer station. The cost will be \$625. A consensus of the Board was to have this work completed.
5. Mr. Abraham discussed the bills received from Crossway and Valladares who were unable to repair one of the highway vehicles. Mr. R. Roberts indicated he thought Crossway had a computer that would have fixed the problem, but was mistaken. The vehicle ended up at DiPrizio's for the necessary repairs as the equipment was still under warranty. Any further repairs to the highway vehicles will be done at DiPrizio's.
6. Mr. R. Roberts reported many of the roads are still soft.

Public Comment

1. Mr. Gotjen discussed a maple tree that needs to be replaced within the village of Chocorua. He advised that he believes the CCA will pay for the replacement of the tree. Chairman Farnum advised he would provide the necessary cloth to place around the base of the tree. The Board thanked Mr. Gotjen for bringing this concern to the Selectmen's attention.
2. Mrs. Farley advised that she and Karen McNiff made a presentation entitled "Lighting Pitch" to several other communities and businesses associated with the LRPC. She further advised that the business listing brochures for the Town are being created.

Administrative –
Part I

Mrs. Pearce presented the following for the Board to review, discuss, sign and approve:

1. Intent to Cut for Map 206 Lot 100
2. Intent to Cut for Map 201 Lots 058 & 060
3. Intent to Cut for Map 406 Lot 040
4. Intent to Cut for Map 412 Lots 6, 6.1, 6.2, & 6.3
5. Current use application to be approved for Map 205 Lots 26, 27, 29
6. Current use application to be approved for Map 205 Lots 29.1, 29.2, 29.3
7. Timber tax levy in the amount of \$ 510.56

8. Timber tax levy in the amount of \$806.87
9. Current/Land Use Tax Levy in the amount of \$1,657.00
10. Current/Land Use Tax Levy in the amount of \$48.00
11. First Issue Property Tax Warrant 2011 in the amount of \$3,120,139.00
12. Elderly Exemptions to be granted for:
 - a. Map 411 Lot 013
 - b. Map 215 Lot 101
 - c. Map 211 Lot 014-038
 - d. Map 403 Lot 024
 - e. Map 218 Lot 040
13. Elderly Exemption to be denied for:
 - Map 214 Lot 175
 - Map 410 Lot 165
14. Veterans Tax Credits to be granted for:
 - a. Map 414 Lot 094
 - b. Map 213 Lot 036
 - c. Map 410 Lot 165
15. The Board was advised of concerns expressed by residents who recently installed solar systems within their homes. The concern is expressed from the minimal \$500 exemption that they will receive off of their property values; some of these systems cost upwards of \$24,000. The Board indicated that this should be an item for the 2012 Town Warrant and a topic of discussion at Town Meeting.
16. Solar Exemption to be granted for:
 - a. Map 410 Lot 115-001
 - b. Map 406 Lot 047-000
17. Solar and/or Wood heat Exemptions to be denied for:
 - a. Map 414 Lot 030
 - b. Map 216 Lot 197
18. Improvements to assist Persons with Disabilities to be granted for:
 - a. Map 211 Lot 022
 - b. Map 202 Lot 003
19. Application/permit for a raffle for the Friends of the Cook Memorial Library. The Board requested any future applications for a raffle permit to be submitted at least 30 days in advance.
20. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve a Petition and Pole License for installation with Fairpoint & PSNH for the licensing of two new poles (928/18-1 and 928/18-2) on Durrell Road. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
21. As a result of a resignation from Tom Peters to the LRPC as a full voting member and a request by him to be placed into a position of alternate on that Board, a letter to LRPC regarding the reorganization of two of Tamworth's representatives was signed. The letter indicates the Board's approval of changing the appointment of Tom Peters from a full voting member to an alternate, and appointing Karen McNiff from an alternate member to a full voting member.

Mr. Farnum moved to demote Mr. Peters to the alternate for the LRPC and to promote Karen McNiff as a full voting member to the LRPC as requested. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
22. *Mr. J. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the meeting minutes of May 5, 2011 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
23. *Mr. J. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the non-public meeting minutes of May 5, 2011 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

24. *Mr. J. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the meeting minutes of May 9, 2011 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
25. *Mr. J. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve a Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$15,273.46 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$10,145.02 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$4,476.30 to be transferred for the Federal tax deposit (not included in the amount above). Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
26. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$ 335,737.12. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
27. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$ 335,737.12. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

John Mersfelder
Bearcamp Highway
Conservation Project

Mr. Mersfelder met with the Board to discuss the project summary for the current project known as the Western Field of Bearcamp Valley Farm (part of Whites-to-Ossipees Wildlife Connectivity). The project details to include the seller, buyer and future landowner, project proponents, specification and conservation values to the project were discussed with the Board. The closing of this project is expected to take place on May 31, 2011. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to accept the easement deed for the Western Field of Bearcamp Valley Farm project pending no objection from Town Counsel regarding the wording and or liabilities of the deed. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Selectmen's Updates

1. Mr. J. Roberts attended the recent conservation commission meeting in which the easement just approved was discussed. He continued by indicating a walk of the Cleveland Hill property was scheduled for the past weekend. He further discussed the timber which may need to be harvested in the area. Mr. Farnum advised the Board needs to discuss this further.
2. Mr. Abraham met with the energy commission to discuss the energy tests held within the Town Office. He advised that the commission has not selected a project for the 2011 year to fund and are gearing up for the booth to be set up for the Chocorua Day.
3. Mr. Abraham advised that Mr. Johnson from the transfer station expressed a concern of the fire department wanting to utilize the chipper to remove material from behind the school to protect a wider area for the 4th of July fireworks. He recommends allowing the fire department to utilize the machine and if they do on a Saturday, that when the machine is brought back they assist the transfer station in chipping up the brush that may have piled up.
4. Mr. Abraham met with the superintendent of school and advised that he is looking to move a secretary from the special education department over to the SAU office. He continued by advising that this change would be at the blessing of the school board. Mrs. Pearce inquired if this position is paid under a grant. Mr. Abraham advised he was unsure of how the position is funded.
5. A discussion regarding the cost of fuel for the schools and the Town for the coming year was held. Mr. Abraham advised that the Superintendent will be meeting with an energy consultant who has been successful by watching the markets. Mr. Farley advised that the decision is that of the SAU Board, not the KA Brett School Board.

6. Mrs. Pearce advised that the generator discussion for the KA Brett School will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Abraham advised that Jesse Lyman indicated that a 1450 gallon in ground propane tank could be utilized.
7. Mr. Farnum advised he was unable to attend the library meeting and only made the end of the economic development commission's recent meeting.

Administrative Items

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1. Mrs. Pearce advised she received an email from the State's Gravel Tax Appraiser advising that she met with property owners at Chocorua Valley Lumber to assist them in completing the necessary intents to excavate for map 206 lot 040 for the years 1999 thru the year 2010. After some discussion, the intents were signed and the Board authorized selling of the gravel that had previously been excavated. Further, the Board signed a letter to the owners of Chocorua Valley Lumber advising them that by the Selectmen signing these intents, the gravel that has been excavated can be removed from the site, they are not permitted to excavate any further earth and that they must go to the Planning Board to complete their requirements to become a gravel pit according to RSA 155-E.
2. Mrs. Pearce inquired if the Town was able to help an individual in Town who needed assistance with their private driveway. The Board advised that they could not authorize this work to be done on private property with the use of Town funds.

Mary Mills
Town Treasurer
Investment Policy

The Board met with Mary Mills to discuss the Town's investment policy. Mrs. Mills advised that there are several other policies in conjunction that need to be addressed beyond the Town's investment policy including the internal controls and cash management policies. She continued by advising that the policies should be an evolving process, not restricted to the point that they cannot be changed as needed. Mr. Farnum advised that the Board is willing to work on other policies, but at this time, is concentrating their efforts on the investment policy. As the Board had not seen the policies presented to the Town Office by Mrs. Mills, the Board requested Mrs. Mills to attend the next meeting of the Board scheduled for June 2 to discuss and finalize the policy. Mrs. Mills was requested to forward an electronic copy of the policies to the Town Office.

The discussion continued regarding the NHPDIP agreement that the Board was requested to review prior to Mrs. Mills signing it and agreeing to their requirements under the control of the Bank of America. Mrs. Mills informed the Board that she, as treasurer for the Town, had the authority to sign and forward this agreement. Members of the Board disagreed and requested a copy of the executed agreement. Mrs. Mills advised that she would bring a representative of NHPDIP to the meeting on June 2 to assist in answering the questions of the Board.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II c at 6:29 p.m. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn this non-public session at 6:52 p.m. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.

2011 Tax Deeds

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to accept the tax collector's deeds for map 214 lot 114 (Rocky Lane), map 203 lot 043 (1248 Bearcamp Highway), map 203 lot 044 (1232 Bearcamp Highway), map 211 lot 014-036 (building only at 1701 White Mountain Highway), and map 211 lot 014-042 (building only at 1701 White Mountain Highway). Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The following abatements for tax acquired properties for the first issue of 2011 were approved by the Board:

1. 211-014-042
2. 211-014-036
3. 214-114-000
4. 203-043-000
5. 203-044-000

Cell Phone Information

1. The Board was given information regarding the Town's option to change their cell service to Verizon from the current Sprint provider. The Board will return the questionnaire on or before May 25 so that the new provider can be online prior to June 1 if that is the option chosen.

Adjournment

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board of Selectmen: 6/2/2011

William Farnum

Robert Abraham

John Roberts