

**Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
July 28, 2011  
Town Office**

**PRESENT:** William Farnum, Robert Abraham, John Roberts

**Also Present:** Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Members from LGC, Gail Marrone, David Little, Karen McNiff, Pat and David Farley and other members of the public.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Selectman Farnum.

**DEPARTMENT  
HEADS:**

**Police Chief Poirier:** Reported that there are only three names left on the list for Dog Licensing penalties. He has nothing else to report at this time. Chief Poirier was informed about painting of the crosswalks and the handicapped parking spaces and he will provide a detail when the work is being done.

**Road Agent Richard Roberts:** Mr. Richard Roberts reported to the Board that they have been working on Washington Hill Road and High Street. The Gilman Valley Bridge has been completed, and all the bridges are now painted. He will be contacting Paul King regarding the Bridge over Stony Brook on Whittier Road regarding the abutments. The bridge on Mountain Road needs the beams looked at. The culverts that were purchased at the end of 2010 were delivered in the spring and they have been replacing culverts around town. A list of the replaced culverts is being kept. It was noted that the markings on Turkey Street are for rocks that are going to be removed and not for line painting. Ditching for Page Hill Road should be taking place around September. The Road agent was asked about the roadside mowing for this year. Richard asked the Board how they would feel about doing half the Town this year, and half next year. The Board approved this request so a list will be prepared and the project will put out for bid proposals.

It was a request of the Town Clerk that the Road Crew remove items from the old vault over to the Town Office before renovations begin at the Town House. The Board stated they will go view the items before this request is filled to see if it is required as the vault will still be accessible.

Selectmen Roberts asked the other members about considering asking the School and the Fire department about the Highway department doing the plowing for these buildings to help save money. The Selectmen feel it would be worth looking into for costs savings. Richard will look into what the School is currently paying and the Fire Department as well and will report back to the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jim Bowditch discussed the new railings on Narrows Bridge. The Chocorua Lake Association has paid for the railings. He is here to ask about the Town

contributing to the bill. The rails cost about \$12,000.00. Chief Poirier thanked who ever posted the new “more visible” “Tamworth Residents only” sign. They discussed adding to a sign the words “permit required” to help elevate the problems of people who are complaining that they are residents, and are still being ticketed for not having permits displayed.

The Board discussed the support for the bridge railings. Selectmen Roberts has a problem spending town funds for the building of these rails since the rails are not built to highway standards or at least with steel backing. A breakdown of the costs was discussed but Mr. Bowditch stated they would have to ask Mr. Nickerson for a better breakdown as Mr. Bowditch was away when the work was actually done.

Karen McNiff asked about Cleveland Hill Road repair status. She stated the road has gotten much worse and creating maintenance work on cars that pass on it. Selectmen Farnum informed her that the plan is to start from the top and work down. The intention is to rip up sections at a time and replacing the culverts as they go starting next year. There was dissatisfaction since it was stated that the road would be worked on this year. The Board stated they would need to have the Road Agent finish up with the current project and see what is left in the budget. This item will be kept in mind and within two to four weeks they should have a better handle on what is left in the budget.

#### **PLAYGROUND:**

Butch Burbank and Lara Cole of the Local Government Center, (whom the Town is insured thru) were in attendance to discuss with the Board, and members of the Playground committee, the concerns with the proposed playground as presented. Gail Marrone introduced herself and David Little to the Mr. Burbank & Lara Cole and gave them a quick update. The Town will own the playground but the Tamworth Foundation will be purchasing it. The major concern the insurance company has is that the company that was initially contacted really only installs residential playgrounds and not commercial. A commercial playground would be necessary. Other concerns are items such as the playground should be anchored, the swings should be set apart, there are necessary clearance zones, tire swings by themselves and other concerns as well. Ms. Cole stated there are grant opportunities out there, and that they would be willing to help with the grant writing process. A commercial applications is going to be most crucial, they need to know the clearance zones etc... All the specs are in the book that was provided by them so the town will have necessary facts for the build. They are also willing to help with a maintenance and inspection plan as well. Modularize it if necessary for cost but build safely to begin with. Sign at entrance, supervision required, age range, etc. LGC members were thanked for their attendance as well as the playground committee who will look into other options for the playground and get back to the Selectmen with an alternative plan.

**ZBA ISSUES:**

Mr. Mersfelder was present to discuss with the board the Zoning Board of Adjustment. There is a concern about the number of members and actual attending members. It is a five member board with currently one alternate. One member has not been able to attend and the alternate has mentioned the need to step down for health reasons. Because the Selectmen are in control of the appointments Mr. Mersfelder is here to request the Board appoint additional alternates so that the Board can meet with a full Board setting. Persons of interest were discussed and the Board will think of others to inquire with. It will be put on the Town website and in the Civic news.

They will have a public hearing coming up within a month or two regarding a tower and would appreciate the Board addressing the issue prior to this meeting.

He also informed the Board that they are working on getting a clerk in place.

**GENERATOR:**

Dana stated the company started working already and are working on removing the old generator. The Site work he believes can be started anytime but he will verify this. Selectmen Roberts stated they are ready to start the site work as soon as he gives them the ok.

Selectmen Farnum informed him that he received a call from Charlie Pugh, of the School Board about items that happened that they were unaware were going to happen. They were without power with any notice during a site visit, etc. and he also expressed the need for a clerk of the works. Dana was unavailable to give the heads up when he found out they were coming. The generator should be here around 8 to 10 weeks. They would like to see someone in charge for liability reasons. Selectmen Farnum stated he would like to see someone coordinating the entire project. The Board questioned a disconnect switch as the Capital Improvement Plan has a request for funding from the school to cover this switch which seems costly. Dana feels there needs to be a meeting of the minds to determine what the situation actually is with the switch and where the idea actually came from and whether it is or isn't necessary. Selectmen Farnum nominated Dana Littlefield to be the Clerk of the Works for the project. Selectmen Roberts seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**BOARD UPDATES:**

Selectman Roberts attended the Planning Board meeting last night; they discussed a subdivision for Ken Cargill's property. They also finalized the forms that were under review.

Selectman Abraham gave a report of his meeting with the Superintendent of Schools Jay MacIntire. He also notified the other Board members that the Energy Committee is not meeting throughout the summer.

Selectman Farnum stated he has not attended any meetings since the last meeting of this board.

Pat Farley gave the update on the Economic Development Commission meeting. Tamwireless, our town's non-profit internet organization is asking that word be spread to Tamworth residents that internet access is available throughout most of the Town. They have recently begun beaming signals across Chocorua Lake and are asking the many summer residents who might be interested to call Dennis Quinn at 323-2368 or email him at [dennis@tamwireless.net](mailto:dennis@tamwireless.net).

Selectmen Roberts asked David Farley about the cost of the plowing for the School. He seems to think it may have already gone out to bid for this year but he wasn't sure. He believes it is around 9,000 dollars.

**ADMINISTRATION:** The Board approved and signed the following items:

Intent to Cut for M 214 L 214 -001  
Intent to Cut for M 419 L 003 -000  
Intent to Cut for M 413 L 004 -001  
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Junkyard License for 215-036-000 – Rickers Auto Salvage:  
Selectmen Farnum made a motion to grant the license per the site walk on 7/26/11. Motion seconded by Selectmen Roberts and passed unanimously.

Junkyard License for 415-019-000 – GP Auto:  
Motion made by Selectmen Farnum per site walk on 7/26/11 to approve the license. Motion seconded by Selectmen Roberts and passed unanimously.

Application for Reimbursement for Federal & State Forest Lands approved and signed.

A Certified Letter to the Town Treasurer regarding the Investment policy procedures and reports that are past due. The Board approved and signed this letter.

A Raffle Permit for Chocorua Community Assoc. (50/50) for 7/30/11 Motion made by Selectmen Farnum to approve the permit Motion seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$18,798.82 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$9,586.22 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$5,279.68 to be transferred for the Federal tax deposit (not included in the amount above). Motion was seconded by Selectman Abraham and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$373,131.62. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$373,131.62. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 14, 2011. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of the Non-Public session of July 14, 2011. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on July 26, 2011. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the renaming of a driveway that services three or more homes that now requires it to be named according to NH 911. The owners have discussed and have recommended either Wells Road or Clough Road. Motion made by Selectmen Farnum to name it Wells Road. Motion seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously. The State 911 and the property owners will be notified.

A letter was received along with a report of cut from Forest Land improvements regarding a waiver for a timber levy. The request was due to the fact that most of the timber was for personal use and that the tax would outweigh the invoice for the service which a copy was given as well. The tax was for 12.69. Motion made by Selectmen Roberts to waive the timber tax for J Watkins. Motion seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously.

Demolition of Chocolate Moose – The Town received an email from a company that will be demolishing the old “Chocolate Moose” in Chocorua. The email was inquiring the need for any permitting within the Town. The Selectmen stated as long as they are in compliance with NHDES that are set to demo the building.

Crosswalk signs were reviewed for the Chocorua project as well as one for the Town House the Board chose two of one kind for the village and a different one for the Town House location that will be put in the road during certain events. The office will check with DOT to be sure these signs can be placed in the crosswalks on Route 16 prior to the purchase of them.

The Board was asked about the Municipal Volunteer Year Award. They will consider and discuss at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed the letter that was received back in June from Lakes Region Water Company regarding the watering at the Veterans Memorial. It was decided that a call will be made to LRWC to see if any arrangements have been made with the VMC otherwise the water will be shut off to prevent the Town from being billed.

The Town received an answer back from the State that they will not be reimbursing HE Bergeron for their additional funding request regarding the Chocorua Project.

**Non-Public**

**Session:**

Motion made by Selectmen Farnum to enter into non-public session at 6:06 p.m. under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Motion was seconded by Selectmen Roberts and passed with a vote of 3-0.

The Board met with previous owners from a tax deeded property.

Motion made by Selectmen Abraham to exit non-public at 6:26 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Roberts and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Selectmen Abraham to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cassandra M Pearce

Approved by Board of Selectmen

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William W. Farnum

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Robert J Abraham

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John E. Roberts