

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
August 25, 2011
Town Office

Members Present William Farnum, Robert Abraham, and John Roberts

Others Present Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Karen McNiff, Pat Farley, Ruth Timchak, Sam Martin, Jim Bowditch, Anne Abear and other members of the public.

Chairman Farnum called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Department Updates

Police Department:

1. The Board was assured that if the predicted storm hits the community, that he felt the community was prepared.
2. The traffic flow within the Chocorua Village has been slowed by the recent pedestrian signs that have been purchased. The Board requested Chief Poirier remove the signs until the predicted storm passes.
3. Chief Poirier discussed the recent rash of burglaries that have taken place in which the thieves are stealing copper piping out of houses including connections to propane tanks.

Highway Department:

1. The Board received a copy of the bid specification used by the KA Brett School for snow plowing. The Board was advised that the janitors at the school shovel the walkways. Chief Poirier advised that the individual who usually plows the police and fire departments also takes care of the walkways. The Board advised that they would consider this information when deciding what they will do for the snow plowing this winter. Mr. Farnum reminded the Board that they should also consider the Cook Memorial Library.

Public Comment

1. Mrs. Farley discussed Tamworth Wireless which is now available to everyone. September will be considered their sign up month. Their goal is to have 110 residents on the system. The cost is \$45 month for basic. There may be additional fees for installation.
2. Mrs. Farley attended the MWV Economic Development Council meeting and discussed the new road being added to their property to access the new building. She discussed bidding projects out now to save on the cost of paving prices in the future due to the increase cost of fuel.
3. Mr. Bowditch inquired if the Town had provisions for heat and electricity if needed during the coming storm? The Board reiterated Chief Poirier's statement given earlier in the meeting.
4. Mrs. Pearce advised she met with representatives of LRPC recently who reported they have received funds for the scenic byway.

Selectmen Updates

1. Mr. Roberts was unable to attend the planning board meeting held recently.

2. Mr. Roberts will begin the excavation for the new generator's lines and tanks on Monday, August 29, 2011 at the school.
3. Mr. Abraham discussed his meeting with the School Superintendent Jay McIntire. He was advised that the school will not have power on Tuesday, August 30, 2011, that the finance office at the school is currently empty and that the SAU office has hired MRI to assist in getting the office issues resolved and a new person employed. Further, the SAU office has purchased a new computer (software) system to coordinate the SAU office and the school. The first day of school will be 8/31/2011.
4. Mr. Farnum attended a meeting in Madison with the company who is studying the SAU office. He advised 3 other Selectmen from surrounding communities also attended the meeting.

Administration

The Board reviewed, approved and signed as necessary the following items:

1. A driveway application for map 401 lot 049 was reviewed. The Board had concerns about the permit being a commercial driveway request and that the width is not appropriate, nor is the culvert size requested for this type of driveway. The Board will discuss this with Mr. Richard Roberts at the next meeting.
2. A timber tax levy in the amount of \$386.77 was signed.
3. Another timber tax levy in the amount of \$519.92 was signed.
4. A land use change tax in the amount of \$4,460 was signed.
5. A corrective deed for the property sold by the town for map 203 lot 044 was signed.
6. The 2010 MS5 financial report to the State of NH was signed.
7. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve a contract for the 2012 timber monitoring between the Town and Dennis Thorrell. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
8. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve a payroll manifest in the amount of \$22,512.94 to include a transfer of \$9,815.50 for Direct Deposit (included in above amount) and transfer of \$8,141.88 for Fed Tax Deposit (not included in above amount). Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
9. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$264,172.85. Vote was unanimous.*
10. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$264,172.85. Vote was unanimous.*
11. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$312,000. Vote was unanimous.*
12. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$312,000. Vote was unanimous.*
13. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the non-public minutes of August 11, 2011 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
14. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the minutes of August 11, 2011 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Items of discussion:

1. The Board discussed a letter received from a property owner who lost their home due to a fire in June. The Board decided that the property owner will have to file an abatement for the 2011 year.
2. The Board received an email from Ms. Johnson requesting that they send a letter to her certifying that her well is typical for her area and follows the Town's regulations

on wells. The Board advised that they were unwilling to write a letter of this nature as they do not certify wells for any residents.

3. Mrs. Pearce advised that she and Richard Roberts met with Mike Izzard of LRPC regarding the inventory of Town roads. LRPC is willing to take the inventory of the Town roads with the assistance of the Town. It was recommended and approved that Mr. R. Roberts work on this project with LRPC. Training on the new program will take place in the near future. Mr. Abraham advised he would be interested in the training being offered. Further, it is recommended that the Town purchase a GPS antenna for the computer that will be utilized to collect the road information. The Board authorized this project to move forward to include conducting the inventory and scheduling of the training to include the highway department personnel, Mrs. Pearce and Mr. Abraham.
4. Mr. Farnum advised that he was interested in attending the meeting of September 14, at 7:00 p.m. in Moultonborough regarding Red Hill Fire Tower.
5. The Board will be conducting employee evaluations with department supervisors on Monday, October 3, 2011 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Board indicated they would do individual evaluation on each department head and then will present one to the employee on October 3.
6. The Board decided they would go to the recently acquired tax acquired property of lot 42 within Tamworth Pines to view the buildings following this meeting.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Farnum moved at 5:00 p.m. to enter into a non-public session as per RSA 91 A: 3 II a & c. This motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts. Vote was Farnum, Yes, Roberts, Yes, Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abraham supported to adjourn the non-public session at 5:22 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved to approve an increase for Richard Roberts in the amount of .50 cents effective September 10, 2011 as agreed upon by the Selectmen after his election to Road Agent in March. Mr. Abraham supported this motion. Vote: Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes, Roberts Abstained. Motion passed.

The Board decided that as they have not received documentation requested from Treasurer Mary Mills, that they would request the Police Department to personally deliver two letters to her on Friday, August 26. One letter being the same one that was sent certified last week with a change made in the letter of the date the material is due the Board of September 1, 2011 and the other will be an RSA 91 A request for information. It was reported that the letter at the post office has not been signed for as of yet.

Recess

Mr. Farnum recessed the meeting to view the property recently taken by tax deed within Tamworth Pines – lot 42 at 5:23 p.m.

Reconvene

Mr. Farnum reconvened the meeting at the Town Office at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Farnum moved to send a letter to the Tamworth Pines Coop to see if they want the mobile home on lot 42 free of charge. The letter will give the Coop one week to respond. Motion was seconded by Mr. Abraham and passed unanimously.

The Board signed two letters to the Treasurer as discussed in the non-public session.

Adjournment

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abraham supported to adjourn the non-public session at 6:15 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen: 9/8/2011

William Farnum

Robert Abraham

John Roberts