

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
September 22, 2011
Town Office

Members Present William Farnum, Robert Abraham, and John Roberts

Others Present Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Transfer Station Superintendent Glenn Johnson, Patricia Farley, Bruno Siniscalchi, Rosiland Gray, Sam Martin, Elizabeth Swiriduk, Anne Abear and other members of the community.

Chairman Farnum opened the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Department Updates

Highway Department

Richard Roberts discussed the following with the Board:

1. Work has been completed for Gilman Valley Road Bridge and a temporary fix has been completed for Stony Brook Bridge on Whittier Road.
2. Grinding of Washington Hill has been completed and is expected to have gravel work started on Monday, 9/26/2011.
3. Winter sand screening has begun.
4. Plowing/Shoveling – Richard spoke to Mr. Colcord who advised he would take care of the shoveling at the 4 fire stations this winter if the Town would take care of the plowing. Mr. Farnum had a call from the KA Brett School Board Chairman who recommended a meeting be set up between the road agent, principal, superintendent, a member of the Select Board and the janitors at the school. Mr. Farnum will set up this meeting. Mr. Abraham will discuss the shoveling of the Town Office with the P/T Transfer Station Attendant as this was made part of his job description when he was hired.
5. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve a commercial driveway permit application for map 410 lot 166 off of Page Hill Road. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
6. Richard advised that the mowing had started, but as the Town had not received an insurance binder from the bidder, it has been stopped until such time as adequate insurance proof is received.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abraham supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II a at 4:22 p.m. Vote was Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes, Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved to adjourn this non-public session at 5:00 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

No decision made during this non-public session.

No Picking at the
Transfer Station

Mrs. Elizabeth Swiriduk thanked the Board for their work at keeping the community of Tamworth safe and met with the Board and Glenn Johnson to discuss the recent

decision to place no picking signs at the Transfer Station. It was explained to Mrs. Swiriduk the reasoning behind the decision was safety for all who visit the transfer station. It was reported that he has had several visitors climb into the bins, compactor area, wood piles, etc to collect items that they may feel are valuable to them. Mrs. Swiriduk discussed the valuables that she has found at the Transfer Station and the idea of a swap shop for people who would like to place items that are not junk into for others who may want them. Glenn Johnson advised this was a great idea, but this Town property does not have the space or manpower for it. Mrs. Swiriduk advised she was willing to volunteer some time. Glenn advised it would be a full time volunteering job. The Board was unwilling to move forward with this request at this time.

Mrs. Swiriduk and the Board discussed the traffic pattern at the Transfer Station.

Public Comment

Mrs. Patricia Farley discussed Tamworth Wireless and the progress that has been made by this organization to offer this service to the community. Mrs. Farley discussed the purpose of this organization is to allow businesses who may consider moving to the Tamworth community to have the necessary internet access.

Selectmen Updates

1. John Roberts attended the Conservation Commission meeting in which members of this Board discussed property owned by the Town on Cleveland Hill and Hollow Hill Roads. He recommended the Selectmen view this property in the future. The Commission also worked on their 2012 budget request.
2. John Roberts reported on the emergency permit issued for the work on Gilman Valley Road and Whittier Road bridges.
3. Robert Abraham recommended the Board send a letter to Richard Colcord who has just returned home after a year of military service.
4. Robert Abraham met and updated the Board regarding the status of the SAU review and that they have had MRI come in for a preliminary review. It is estimated it will take up to 20 hours per district to bring their accounting office and books back into order. This cannot be completed until the audit is completed; therefore, the reports due to the State of NH for setting the 2011 tax rate will be submitted late and the 2011 tax rate may be set later than usual this year. Cassandra Pearce is monitoring this for the Board through communications with the SAU superintendent. Further, the study of the SAU has been completed and a copy of the report will be coming to the Town Office for the Selectmen to review.
5. William Farnum missed the CIP meeting held, but understands that the proposal has been submitted to the planning Board and will be submitted to the Selectmen on or about 10/1/2011.
6. William Farnum announced that Denise Boewe resigned from the position of library trustee. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to appoint Linda Jones to the Board of Library Trustees effective immediately. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
7. William Farnum attended the meeting of the Economic Development Committee in which they discussed Tamworth Wireless and the activity of this organization.

Administration

Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce reviewed, discussed and requested signatures on the following items as appropriate:

1. A timber tax levy in the amount of \$21.74.
2. A timber intent to cut for map 406 lot 044.
3. An agreement for HE Bergeron to work to acquire emergency work permits on Whittier Road – Stony Brook Bridge.
4. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$51,275.42. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
5. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$51,275.42. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
6. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$264,363.55. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
7. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$264,363.55. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
8. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve a payroll manifest in the amount of \$15,393.35, a transfer of \$10,247.71 for Direct Deposit (included in above amount) and a transfer of \$4,481.95 for Fed Tax Deposit (not included in above amount). Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
9. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2011 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
10. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the non-public session meeting minutes of September 8, 2011 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
11. Members of the Board were unable to attend the Red Hill Fire Tower Meeting. The Board requested the information be submitted to the Fire Department for updates. The recent correspondence inquired if the Town would continue to support the efforts of the tower, increase their funding amounts or just continue the current funding that is being offered.
12. The Town of Tuftonboro has requested Tamworth to consider being part of their quest to bring back Boston television stations to the area. The Board is willing to be part of this quest.
13. The Board approved renaming a driveway off of Maple Road as Applewood Drive.
14. The Board will review the updated comp time policy at the next meeting.
15. The tri town assessing 1st proposal has been submitted to DRA for their review.
16. FEMA reps for private assistance were at the Town Office to show their support today. Representatives for public assistance have not visited the Town to date.
17. American Air has checked the a/c and heating system for leaks and has determined it is not their system that is causing a leak in the hallway. It is believed to be the venting system for the public bathroom. Members of the Board will look at the vents in the near future.
18. Cassandra Pearce disbursed legal responses from Attorney Sager regarding Cemetery Trustees, Town Trustees and Fire Wards. The Board requested copies of these letters be submitted to the appropriate Boards.
19. The Board was reminded of a meeting on October 3 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
20. The Board was reminded of the annual conference for LGC coming up on November 16 & 17, 2011.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abraham supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II a at 6:10 p.m. Vote was Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes, Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved to adjourn this non-public session at 6:32 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board discussed correspondence from Attorney Sager and decided to have Attorney Sager send a letter as proposed to Town Treasurer, Mary Mills.

Adjournment

Mr. Farnum moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Mr. Abraham seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by members of the Board of Selectmen: 10/6/2011

William Farnum

Robert Abraham

John Roberts