

Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
October 20, 2011  
Town Office

Members Present William Farnum, Robert Abraham and John Roberts

Others Present Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Road Agent Richard Roberts, P/R Director Parker Roberts, David Little, Mr. & Mrs. David Farley, Bruno Siniscalchi, Sam Martin and Anne Abear.

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

Non-Public *W. Farnum moved at 4:00 p.m. to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II a, b, and c. R. Abraham supported this motion. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, and Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.*

*W. Farnum moved at 4:17 p.m. to adjourn the non-public session. R. Abraham supported this motion. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, and Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.*

A decision was made to not offer a part time position to an individual who applied for the highway department.

The Board discussed the current mowing contractor and has decided to release him from his duties.

Department Reports

1. All is well in the police department
2. The Board congratulated R. Roberts for his achievement of "Hall of Fame Membership" from his sports involvement while a student at Kennett.
3. R Roberts reported that the Washington Hill project is coming along well; additional gravel will be added to the shoulder work. For the most part residents in that area are pleased with their ride home.
4. Sand continues to be put up for the winter and at some point R Roberts would like to meet with the Board to discuss clearing off additional land to open up more area for excavation. The Board requested R Roberts meet with Paul King to get an update on the plan of the property that he has been working on prior to considering any further clearing. The Board further requested a meeting with Paul King at the highway department property on November 3, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss this further.
5. R Abraham indicated he continues to work on the bases for the pedestrian caution signs for the Chocorua Village.
6. R Abraham advised he continues to gather information to assist in the process of inventorying all of the Town roads. C. Pearce provided him with a current listing that was created and may need further updating in the future.

7. R Abraham discussed the hiring of part time help within the highway department and specifically the hiring of John Roberts. He made it clear that the hiring of J Roberts was finalized by himself and W Farnum, other members of the Board. He stressed his appreciation to J Roberts for the work that has been done and knows the work is getting done correctly, but is concerned regarding the amount of work that has to be done by J Roberts and the need for it to be discussed openly in public and the involvement that J Roberts has into those discussions. R Abraham cautioned on the amount of discussion involvement that J Roberts has as a Board member if he will be the contractor doing the work.

J Roberts' response was that he has not done anything wrong, the discussions are in public and as an elected official he plans to continue to do what he believes is the best for Tamworth. He indicated he has worked for the community off and on for 35 years to including working during the tenure of his father as the Town Road Agent years ago. He advised he will continue to do his best to assist and if the road agent requests his assistance to do a job, he will be there for that department. R Abraham recommended the Board utilize caution during those discussions and that he wants the community of Tamworth to be aware of how the work and contractors are selected.

J Roberts advised he further has done a lot of work for the Town at no cost to include stumping at the highway garage. R Abraham indicated he was unaware of this work and thanked J Roberts for his work. J Roberts advised the Board has open meetings and if anyone has a problem with how the Board is handling the issues, they should attend the meeting to understand why and how the decisions are being made.

W Farnum advised that J Roberts has a lot of expertise that is necessary and useful to the Board during the discussion of work that needs to be done.

8. H P Roberts advised he received a request from an outside organization to utilize the town house basement for the purpose of storing some items. The consensus of the Board was to not allow this action to take place. Only organizations under the direction of the Town and Trustees will be allowed to place items in the basement of the Town House. Items that are at the facility at this time will be allowed to stay.
9. R Abraham indicated that there is an ADA inspection scheduled at the Town Office and the Town House on Friday, October 21, 2011 and requested HP Roberts to be present at that meeting.

#### Public Comment

1. Patricia Farley discussed the reorganization and appointments related to the Economic Development Commission and requested the Board consider appointing John Howl and Robin McDowl to the Commission. The Board requested a listing of current membership names and positions on the Board to be submitted to the Town Office to assist in keeping the Commission's appointments up to date.
2. Patricia Farley discussed conversations held at the recent Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council regarding funding sources that may be available to some enterprises. She advised a public forum would be held in January and those that do not wish to wait until that time can meet with members of the Council for further information.

3. Patricia Farley confirmed that the EDC continues to discuss the tax incentive program options.
4. David Little of the Tamworth Foundation presented a donation to the Town in the amount of \$2400 for the Tamworth Swim Program.

#### Conservation Commission Easement Discussion

Ned Beecher, Chairman of the Tamworth Conservation Commission (TCC) met with the Board to discuss the next proposed conservation land that has been offered to the SPNHF to be known as the Reich Conservation Easement. It is a 103 acre parcel (map 414 lot 017) which lies south of Hackett Hill Road. The property will still be owned by Mr. & Mrs. Reich; taxed at current use rates. The TCC will assist in the project by conducting and paying for the boundary survey estimated to cost between \$10 – 15,000. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with the project. N Beecher advised that the public hearing to discuss this will be held on 11/14/2011 as required prior to the acceptance of an easement.

W Farnum discussed the 2005 easement by the Bearcamp River of Lloyd on the north side. Further, they discussed the deeded ROW in which property owners in the area were looking to update the road to enable them to utilize the ROW by vehicle. The Board requested C Pearce to request a plan from the property owners to allow the Board to consider what will take place to update the road to a condition that will be suitable for a vehicle to drive upon and the Board will meet with them to discuss their proposal at the site. Further, if the individuals who would like to do this work are unable to attend the walk through when it is scheduled, the Board would like to meet with the contractor who may be hired to do the work. Members of the Commission will also attend the site walk.

J Roberts advised that he still plans to mow Waterfowl Haven for the Commission.

#### Selectmen Updates

1. J Roberts did not make the recent meeting of the Conservation Commission.
2. R Abraham met with the KA Brett School Superintendent and a member of the School Board. Discussions included:
  - a. The School Board is in need of membership. Anyone interested, please contact the SAU Office. This term would expire in March – further, the Board will be looking to fill the opening that will be coming in March.
  - b. The generator is online.
  - c. Plowing is all set at the KA Brett School and will be done by the highway department.
  - d. The costs associated with snow removal will be removed from the budget with the exception of the possible need to leave funds for shoveling off the roof.
  - e. All tax rate setting documents have been delivered to the NH DRA Office.
  - f. A discussion was held regarding Madison's withdrawal from the SAU. The transition could take up to 2 years to complete.
  - g. The Board discussed the crosswalk from Durrell Road to the KA Brett School that needs to be painted. At the present time, the Town and the School have no intentions of painting the crosswalk. Members of the Board indicated they felt the crosswalk was necessary.
3. R Abraham has no update from the chairman of the Energy Commission regarding their 2012 budget request or meeting schedule.

4. R Abraham stated he would begin working on the road maintenance plan next week.
5. R Abraham advised Shawn Bergeron will be at the walk through of the Town House and Town Office on Friday.
6. W Farnum met at the school with R Roberts and representatives of the school to discuss the plowing to be done by the Town.
7. W Farnum discussed the library meeting in which Cook Library Trustees announced new appointments to their Board after resignations have been received. Further, their budget has been turned into the Town Office.
8. W Farnum advised he attended the TCC meeting in which the Reich Conservation Easement was discussed.

## Administration

1. C Pearce advised that the ads for the tri town assessing contracts have been put out.
2. C Pearce discussed placing insurance on the Town owned bridges. At this time this practice is not typically done by communities unless it is a bridge of historic nature and/or a wooden bridge. The cost for each bridge would be \$3.82/\$1,000 in value. The Board was not interested in listing the bridges separately on the insurance.
3. Tri County Cap has not responded to the request to add the dental building to their PILOT program. C Pearce continues to follow this.
4. The Barnstormers' PILOT has expired and an inquiry was made to determine if the Selectmen would be interested in renewing their PILOT at the current payment amount of \$2,500/year. The Board was agreeable to this amount.
5. Mark Streeter will be contracted to mow the old landfill site.
6. An announcement has been made that the cost of living (COLA) increase for the 2012 year will be 3.6%. The Board advised that they would offer this increase to the employees of Tamworth as well. *J Roberts moved and W Farnum supported to budget for a 3.6% increase for the Tamworth employees for the 2012 year. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
7. The Board was asked to consider a dedication for the 2011 Town report.
8. The Board was asked to consider the budgeted allocation of the employee incentive line within the 2011 budget.
9. The Board agreed to have the tax acquired mobile home within Tamworth Pines winterized.
10. The Board is willing to get the bid packages ready for all properties that they have taken by tax deed in previous years.
11. C Pearce discussed Marion Cleveland Cohen's request to have a tree removed in front of the McNiff property. The Board agreed to allow Ms. Cohen to remove the tree at her expense with permission from the McNiff's.
12. An intent to cut for map 401 lot 033 was signed.
13. A letter of commitment to the LR Planning Commission was signed for the 2012 appropriation request.
14. The 2012 mapping maintenance contract with Cartographics was approved after discussion indicated there was not price increase in the contract.
15. *J Roberts moved and R Abraham supported to approve the minutes of October 19, 2011 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
16. *J Roberts moved and R Abraham supported to approve the minutes of October 6, 2011 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
17. *J Roberts moved and R Abraham supported to approve the minutes of October 6, 2011 non-public session as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
18. C Pearce presented a preliminary design plan for the Chocorua Community Project for the Board to view. It has been submitted to the NH DOT for their review and discussion.

19. C Pearce advised that the Selectmen's Office personnel would not be in the office on Monday, October 24.

Non-Public Session      *W. Farnum moved at 5:25 p.m. to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II a. R. Abraham supported this motion. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, and Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.*

*W. Farnum moved at 5:50 p.m. to adjourn the non-public session. R. Abraham supported this motion. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, and Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.*

No decisions were made during this session

Adjournment      *W. Farnum moved at 5:50 p.m. to adjourn the non-public session. R. Abraham supported this motion. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, and Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Selectmen: 11/3/2011

William Farnum

Robert Abraham

John Roberts