

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
January 28, 2010
Tamworth Town Office

Members Present John Roberts, Tom Abugelis, and Willie Farnum

Others present Administrative Asst. Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Mary Mills, Anne Abear, Nancy Russell, David Haskell, Roselyn Gray, David Little, Bob Abraham, Sam Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Herb Cooper, and other members of the community.

Chairman Abugelis opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for those present.

Police Department Chief Poirier advised the police department has been doing well and that he has received 2 applications for the sergeant's position. The deadline for applications closes on Friday, 1/29/10 and he advised that he has an additional plan that he will be discussing with the Board if no further applications come in. Chief Poirier discussed the use of part time officers to fill in shifts as necessary. The Board authorized this action.

Fireworks License Mrs. Pearce presented an application for the sale of fireworks for Chris Vernon's business on Route 16. She advised Chief Colcord has agreed to the renewal. The application was approved by Chief Poirier and members of the Board.

Public Comment Ms. Russell discussed the street sign for Union Hall advising she was advised on June 18 that the sign was ordered by Mr. Robinson. The Board requested Chief Poirier to check with Mr. Robinson and to notify the Town Office of the status of this road sign.

Zoning Board of
Adjustment
Discussion Mrs. Pearce and Mr. Farnum discussed a proposed application for a special exception for the construction of a Personal Wireless Service Facility (cell tower). This will be the first tower put up since the adoption of the ordinance and due to the height restrictions within the ordinance; the applicant will have to receive a special exception which can be given from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mrs. Pearce read the names of residents who were previously appointed to the ZBA and the Board requested a letter be sent to all of them to see if any interest exists in continuing their service on that Board.

Mr. Farnum presented a proposed application which could be utilized by the ZBA. The Board was concerned about sending an application out to the proposed applicant which may be changed by the ZBA.

Mr. Farnum further presented a proposed Personal Wire Service Facility Building Permit form that could be utilized by the Board of Selectmen if the special exception is approved by the ZBA and the planning board approves their application. The checklist on the application will verify that the individual items required of by the ordinance have been addressed before the permit is issued. After minor amendments were made to the form, the Board approved the form.

The Board advised if anyone was interested in serving on the ZBA that they should put their name in at the Town Office.

CIP Committee Status

Mr. Steve Gray and Mr. David Little presented the proposal of the CIP Committee for the 2010 budget with recommendations.

The full report will be available on the Town's website, and at the two libraries.

Mr. Little advised the report included both town and school recommendations and further discussed the following:

1. 5 ways to fund the CIP recommendations,
2. Total Appropriation and Expenditures, and
3. Tax rate impact associated with the recommendations.

A recommended listing of warrant articles and expenses for the 2010 year was included in the report.

The Board advised they would have to review the recommendations according to what has been budgeted this year and will consider the recommendations accordingly.

The Selectmen recognized each member of the CIP Committee and thanked them for their work.

Energy Committee

Mr. Farnum discussed an application for a grant from NH OEP – for ARRA funding to cover the expenses associated with the recommendations of the energy committee to provide energy savings through the use of more efficient lighting and less fuel.

Mr. Farnum advised the grant application is due in Concord on 2/15. Representatives of LighTec were to attend this meeting to discuss their recommendations. The Board requested the meeting be rescheduled for Monday, February 1 at 2:00 p.m.

Street Lights

Mr. Farnum discussed the proposal of the Energy Committee to shut off several street lights throughout the community. Mr. Farnum advised he would be meeting with a representative of the Chocorua Office of PSNH and the individual lights will be discussed. Mr. Farnum advised that a letter should be sent to PSNH from the Board to advise them of what lights are proposed to be shut off and what lights should be repaired. The Unitarian Fellowship on the corner of Main Street and Route 113 has advised the light on their property can be shut off. Mr. Roberts inquired if the Town would be responsible for the street lights until the work order is completed or if, once the letter is received by PSNH, does the billing stop. Mr. Farnum will check on this.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to send a letter to PSNH requesting 36 street lights be turned off, 6 lights to be repaired and the remainder of the lights to be billed under one bill to the Town. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Administrative

Mrs. Pearce discussed the following and requested signatures as necessary:

1. The sled dog races have been rescheduled until 3/13 – 3/14/10.
2. An inquiry was made whether the Board would consider placing the list of unpaid taxes in the 2009 Town report. The Board advised they would not be placing this list into the report this year.
3. A Veteran's tax credit denial for map 202-032.
4. A Veteran's tax credit denial for map 206-061.
5. A standard Veteran's tax credit and totally disabled tax credit was approved for map 407-010.
6. A Veteran's tax credit approval for map 415-090-001.
7. A Veteran's tax credit approval for map 216-087.
8. A Veteran's tax credit approval for map 413-001.
9. A land use change tax warrant for map 414-091 in the amount of \$4295.
10. A supplemental intent to cut for map 215-010.
11. An intent to cut for map 412-026.
12. An intent to cut for map 412-009.
13. Mrs. Pearce presented a 2010 general assessing contract with CNP after giving the Board an update of the price increases that are being proposed for pick ups and BTLA cases. The

Board discussed the current assessing firm and the pros and cons of continuing with their service. The Board requested an RFP be sent out for the Board to get an idea of what other assessing firms are willing to offer. The Board will discuss the RFPs at the meeting of 2/11.

14. CDBG for grant at Tamworth Pines – A periodic progress report was signed and will be submitted to CDBG advising of the project progress.
15. A CDBG payment request was signed for the Tamworth Pines project to approve a payment of \$5,000 to CMA Engineers.
16. A payment request in the amount of \$8500 was approved for payment to FST for their close out of the bio retention grant.
17. *Mr. Farnum moved to approve the minutes of 1/11/10 as written. Mr. Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
18. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported the minutes of the non-public session of 1/11/10. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
19. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the sealed minutes of the 1/12/10 morning meeting. Vote was 2-0-1. Motion passed. These minutes were sealed until 5/1/11.*
20. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the minutes of the 1/12/10 PM meeting. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
21. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the minutes of the 1/14 – 1/15/2010 non-public session minutes. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
22. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the minutes of the 1/14 – 1/15 regular meeting. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
23. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to approve the minutes of 1/21/10. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
24. Emergency Management 2008 Flood Funding - Mrs. Pearce advised that the Town did not have to sign off on completing any of the work necessary to receive the federal funding and did not sign the State form advising all the work was done. Ms. Chase from the State has advised that the \$5,000 portion due the Town from the State has already been put through and the Town will receive the funds shortly. Finally, Mrs. Pearce advised that as long as the work on High Street will be finished when that road is worked on is adequate to the State.

Employee Health Insurance

The Board discussed the employee meeting last week to present a new health insurance policy for the employees effective 7/1/10. The Board was given concerns that were presented by 2 employees

to include the increased cost of prescriptions for certain medications and the reduction in visits that would be covered for PT/OT. Without further discussion, *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to change health insurance providers effective July 1, 2010 as offered by Primex. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

2009 Selectmen's Town Report

Mr. Farnum expressed concerns that the report presented by Chairman Abugelis for the 2009 Selectmen's report did not represent the entire Board. The Board will discuss the report with proposed changes at the 2/1/10 meeting.

Public Comment

1. Mrs. Judith Reardon discussed the winter maintenance of the Chocorua Community sidewalks and after a lengthy discussion, both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Farnum advised that the Town of Tamworth would not be maintaining any of the current sidewalks in Chocorua, S. Tamworth, or Tamworth Villages.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Farnum supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II a, b, c, and e. This motion was made at 6:39 p.m. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Farnum, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the non-public session at 7:52 p.m. Mr. Farnum supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board of Selectmen: 2/11/2010

Tom Abugelis

John Roberts

William Farnum