

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
February 11, 2010
Tamworth Town Office

Members Present Tom Abugelis, John Roberts and Willie Farnum

Others Present Administrative Asst. Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, H. Parker Roberts, TCNA Representatives Joanne Rainville, Chele Miller, and many members of the community.

Chairman Abugelis called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. for a non-public session.

Non-public session *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to move into a non-public session per RSA 91:A 3 II (b). This motion was made at 3:45 p.m. Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Farnum, Yes. Motion passed.*

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the non-public session at 4:04 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed

Chairman Abugelis called the meeting back to order at 4:04 p.m. for the regular session and reviewed the agenda for those present.

Department Report

Police Department Chief Poirier discussed the following with the Board:

1. January 2010 stat
2. Officer Frechette's progress on court prosecutions
3. The status of the open sergeant's position

Highway Department Mr. Robinson discussed the following with the Board:

1. Mr. White (the new highway employee) working out great.
2. Work that is being done for maintenance on roadways and bridge inspections.
3. The Union Hall Road sign has been put up again and the need to change brackets on some of the street signs due to the sign requirements since 911's implementation.
4. The road salt survey request of the conservation commission has been completed.
5. Mr. Roberts discussed the road conditions on Maple Road. Mr. Robinson advised he would look evaluate the road the following day.

Parks & Recreation Mr. Roberts discussed the following with the Board:

1. Status of the basketball season for all age groups.
2. The upcoming flower show plans.

TCNA

Ms. Rainville, Ms. Miller and Mr. Sawyer discussed the status of the internet connection advising the Board that the TCNA is in need of faster internet service. Ms. Miller advised it really was not an option any longer, but a necessity for the TCNA to have the faster service. Mr. Sawyer of Lakes Region Computer explained how he connected the TCNA to the service of the Town advising it to be the same safe connection as what has been placed in the Town of Moultonborough. The Board inquired with Ms. Rainville and Ms. Miller if the TCNA was given permission from someone to connect to the Town's service without their knowledge. The Board advised that they have in the past denied the request of the TCNA to connect to the Town's service and expressed much concern about the connection to the service being made after being denied. Mr. Sawyer took responsibility for the connection, apologized and advised that he felt the connection to be secured.

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to disconnect the TCNA from the high-speed internet connection of the Town immediately and to further indicate that any future hookups to the Town's service is to be done by the Town's hired computer personnel only. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board authorized Ms. Rainville to acquire costs associated with replacing the current modem of Time Warner's with a status modem to allow for a more secured connection for the TCNA. The Board also authorized the TCNA to contact the Town's computer programmer to inquire of any costs and concerns associated with their connection. The TCNA will request a time on a future agenda when this information is received.

Rescue Squad

Jeff Tavares and Dana Littlefield attended the meeting to discuss the pay status of volunteer rescue squad personnel. Mr. Littlefield expressed a concern with not paying the personnel through the payroll system and inquired if the employees would be covered under the insurance. The Board advised that they would be covered under the insurance. He discussed the personnel policies of the Town and was advised that the standard operating procedures of the Rescue Squad could still follow the Town's personnel policies. Mr. Littlefield and Mr. Travares will bring this information to the Rescue Squad personnel and will come back before the Board if needed.

Public Comment

Mrs. Gray inquired if the Town Attorney would be present throughout the entire Town Meeting? The Board advised that they expected either Attorney Sager or another representative of his office to attend the entire 2010 Town meeting.

Chairman Abugelis recessed the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Chairman Abugelis reopened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Abugelis opened the 2010 budget public hearing at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Roberts recommended article #4 on the presented warrant to be moved to article #15 so that it is placed with the remainder of the petitioned warrant articles. The Board agreed to this recommendation.

Mrs. Pearce read each of the warrant articles and discussion took place on each with the highlights given of:

1. Article #4 – is a grant proposal for funding to establish energy efficient buildings owned by the Town with no cost coming from taxation.
2. Article #5 – at this time, there is no proposed 2010 wage increase budgeted for Town employees.
3. Article #9 – at this time, the Board will not be amending the estimated budgetary amount for streetlights. The Board will consider making an amendment on the floor at Town Meeting if the proposed streetlight project has begun.
4. Article 11 – an inquiry was made as to whether the Town will receive funding this year to assist in offsetting the expense of the fireworks. The Board advised they were unsure of any revenue coming in until it is received.

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to close the 2010 budget public hearing at 5:35 p.m. and proceeded to review the individual warrant articles which require their recommendations as follows:

ARTICLE #4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$53,436 to implement findings of the energy audit presented by LighTec in conjunction with the Tamworth Energy Committee. Said funds to come from an ARRA grant and PSNH rebates with no money to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2012, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required).

John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #4 as written. Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.

ARTICLE #5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$557,965 for **General Government Operations:** (Majority Vote Required)

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Board of Selectmen | \$ 13,489 |
| Town Administration | \$151,312 |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector | \$ 91,139 |
| Election & Registration | \$ 8,046 |
| Treasurer's Expense | \$ 5,077 |
| Data Processing | \$ 14,802 |
| Revaluation of Property | \$ 22,200 |
| Legal Expenses | \$ 25,000 |
| Personnel Administration | \$ 4,500 |
| Planning | \$ 35,070 |
| Zoning | \$ 200 |
| Office Building | \$ 24,643 |
| Town House | \$ 14,480 |
| Cemeteries | \$ 27,376 |

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| Property Liability Insurance | \$ 30,000 |
| Advertising & Regional Assoc. | \$ 5,584 |
| Interest/Tax Anticipation Note | \$ 5,000 |
| Debt Service Principal & Interest | \$ 80,047 |

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #5 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$472,714** for **Public Safety:** (Majority Vote Required)

| | |
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| Police Department | \$223,090 |
| Ambulance Contracted Services | \$ 42,855 |
| Fire Department | \$159,409 |
| Rescue Squad | \$ 34,159 |
| Forest Fires | \$ 5,383 |
| Red Hill Fire Tower | \$ 450 |
| Emergency Management | \$ 1,500 |
| Animal Control | \$ 5,868 |

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #6 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1.00** to be added to the **Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund** previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #7 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE # 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to be added to the **Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #8 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$999,989** for **Public Works:**

| | |
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| Road Maintenance | \$695,694 |
| Capital Purchases | \$77,313 |
| Street Lights | \$13,500 |
| Well Monitoring & Testing | \$9,000 |
| Transfer Station Operations | \$204,482 |

(Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #9 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$22,136** for **Health and Welfare**:

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| General Assistance | \$21,536 |
| Health Officer | \$600 |

(Majority Vote Required)

John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #10 as written. Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.

ARTICLE #11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$204,931** for **Culture & Recreation**:

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| Parks & Recreation | \$77,036 |
| Swim Program | \$4,770 |
| Cook Memorial Library | \$115,625 |
| Patriotic Purposes/Family Day | \$7,500 |

(Majority Vote Required)

John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #11 as written. Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.

ARTICLE #12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** to be added to the **Cook Memorial Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund** previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #12 as written. Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.

ARTICLE #13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,400** for **Tamworth Conservation Commission** expenses. (Majority Vote Required)

John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #13 as written. Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.

ARTICLE #14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to be added to the **Transportation Enhancement Capital Reserve Fund** previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #14 as written. Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.

ARTICLE #16

(By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,750** for the **Tamworth Outing Club** to fund the Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball programs. (Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #16 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #17

(By Petition). To raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** for **Tri-County Community Action** for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #17 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #18

(By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** for the **Tamworth Caregivers** for the purpose of continuing services for the residents of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #18 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #19

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will appropriate **\$229**, or transfer same from available funds for support of the **Medication Bridge Assistance Program**. (Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #19 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #20

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,810** for the support of **White Mountain Community Health Center** to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #20 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #21

(By Petition). To respectfully request that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,161** in support of **Starting Point** providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. (Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #21 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #22

(By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,750** to assist the **Mental Health Center**. (Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #22 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #23

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for the **Tamworth Scholarship Committee, Inc.** (Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #23 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #24

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise the sum of **\$4,000** to assist the **Community Food Center**. (Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #24 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #25

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,100** for the Early Supports & Services Programs (birth to 3 years) of **Children Unlimited, Inc.** (level funding request).
(Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #25 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #26

(By Petition). To raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** for **Tamworth Community Nurse Association** for the purpose of continuing services to the residents of Tamworth.
(Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #26 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #27

(By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,000** to provide meals for the **Tamworth Meals on Wheels** Recipients. (Majority Vote Required)

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #27 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #28

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,027** for the annual support of services provided to the citizens of this community by the **Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc.** The VNA-Hospice agency has been serving the Town residents for many years, and the Town has consistently supported the VNA-Hospice. This year's request is for the same amount that was approved last year.

The voters of Town recognize that in fiscal year 2009 the VNA-Hospice provided 952 home health care, hospice and/or child health visits to citizens of the Town. They also recognize that the number of town residents with no or limited health insurance have been rising. The VNA-Hospice utilizes the Town's allocation to assist the agency in continuing to provide home care, hospice and child health services to the citizens of the Town who are without adequate insurance coverage to meet costs of providing the services.

*John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #28 as written.
Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.*

ARTICLE #29

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,500** for the support of Tamworth children, ages 5 – 12, using the Out-of-School Hours, School-Aged childcare services at **Bearcamp Valley School and Children's Center (Tamworth Preschool Inc.)**, a non-profit organization. These services include before and after school, vacation weeks and summer programs for Tamworth Children ages 5 – 12. This request does not include any preschool programming. (Majority Vote Required)

John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #29 as written. Vote was 2-0-1. Motion passed.

ARTICLE #30

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,000** to **Agape Ministries' Food Pantry of Center Ossipee** for use in helping to provide food to residents of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

John Roberts moved and Willie Farnum supported to recommend article #30 as written. Vote was 3-0-0. Motion passed.

Other Business

Mr. Wheeler advised that the 2010 Candidates night would be held on March 1 at the KA Brett School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Selectmen's
Reports

1. Mr. Abugelis advised he would be meeting with the School Superintendent on Wednesday, February 17.
2. Mr. Farnum advised he met with Trustees of the Cook Memorial Library to discuss the lighting proposal of LighTec and other findings of the energy audit.
3. Mr. Farnum advised he attended the planning board meeting and had nothing to report at this time.
4. Mr. Farnum discussed the energy grant applications to the NH Office of Energy and Planning. Mr. Farnum read the letter explaining the submittal of the grant. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to accept the grant applications as presented by Mr. Farnum. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Administrative Matters

1. Mrs. Pearce reminded the Board of the upcoming meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 16 beginning at 9:00 a.m., and Thursday, February 18 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
2. The Board signed a timber tax levy in the amount of \$3,198.05.
3. The Board signed a timber tax levy in the amount of \$7,593.30.
4. The Board signed an intent to cut for map 406 lot 023.
5. The Board signed an intent to cut for map 203 lots 014 & 014.001.
6. The Board signed a maintenance agreement for Porter Office Machines for the new copier in the Town Office conference room.
7. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to accept the minutes of 1/28/10 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

8. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to accept the non-public minutes of 1/28/10 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
9. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to accept the minutes of 2/1/10 minutes as written. Vote was unanimous.*
10. *Mrs. Pearce advised that she contacted and heard back for several of the prior ZBA members who have either confirmed or denied their interest in being on that Board. The Board requested that Mrs. Pearce advertise the need for representatives on the ZBA in the paper.*
11. *Mrs. Pearce discussed an email from abutters of Pine Tree Power expressing concerned with the noise coming from the plant. The Board requested a meeting with members of Pine Tree Power to discuss these concerns.*
12. *Mrs. Pearce discussed a telephone call from Aaron Gingsberg of the Disabled Rights Center regarding their concerns of the election being held at the Town House due to the ADA requirements. The Board advised they would look at the entrance prior to the meeting of 2/25.*

Non-public Session Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91 A:3 II. Vote was: Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the non-public session at 6:54 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Adjournment Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen: 2/25/2010

Tom Abugelis

John Roberts

William Farnum