

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
March 18, 2010
Town Office

Members Present John Roberts, William Farnum and Robert Abraham

Others Present Cassandra Pearce, Bruce Robinson, H. Parker Roberts, Daniel Poirier, Ruth Timchet, John Mersfelder, Ned Beecher, Danny Dineen, Anne Abear and other members of the public.

John Roberts called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Farnum moved to nominate John Roberts as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Abraham supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Mr. Roberts accepted the nomination and reminded the Board that although he is Chairman, he understands he is a member of the Board and cannot make decisions on his own advising it a team effort.

Department Heads

Police Police Chief Poirier advised Mr. Littlefield has been accepted to begin his training at the NH Police Standards and Training on April 26. He advised he would complete his physical fitness testing on 4/12 and have a medical test conducted on April 25.

Chief Poirier discussed the gas pumps at Troop B being under construction for 6 – 8 weeks beginning April 1. The Board discussed other places to purchase fuel and it was decided that the office would look into acquiring applications for gas cards to be utilized by the police, park and recreation and highway department. Bruce Robinson advised he receives most of his fuel delivered from Jesse Lyman.

Mr. Abraham discussed a complaint regarding kids playing in front of the Town Office on skateboards.

Highway Mr. Robinson reported the roads are drying out well and that some sweeping has been done in priority areas of Town. He anticipated the ban on the roadways to be lifted in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Roberts inquired where gravel for roadways was being purchased. Mr. Robinson advised gravel had been purchased from Ambrose and Adam (Bruce Robinson Co.). He advised the price from Adam was .70 cents cheaper than what it could be purchased from Ambrose. Mr. Roberts discussed payment to Bruce Robinson Co. for the gravel that has been utilized. No decision was made by the Board on the whether the gravel would be paid for. The Board advised the problem is that Mr. Robinson is an elected official and that the gravel should be put out to bid. Mr. Robinson advised he was not aware of the requirement to put this item out to bid and advised that if this was the case, the bid needs to go out as soon as possible. Estimated amounts were given and Mrs. Pearce was requested to put the bid out. Mr. Robinson advised that the Town should be requesting spec gravel in their bid and advised that Ambrose's material was not to State specs. The past requirement of spec vs. non-spec gravel was discussed with the bid put out in 2009 being the first year in which the Town requested State spec gravel. Mr. Robinson advised this is the same requirement that is in the Town's subdivision regulations.

Mrs. Farley discussed the Moore property on Washington Hill Road who advised her of their concern that the roadway is draining into their basement. Mr. Robinson will look into this concern advising that the road was reshaped 2 years ago to divert the water.

Mr. Robinson advised Mr. White (new highway employee) is working out well.

Mr. Farnum discussed a new road patch that has become available and is being utilized by the State. Mr. Robinson advised that this patch is more expensive and does not hold up as well as the current cold patch.

Park & Recreation Mr. Parker Roberts discussed the necessary gas needed for the Parks and Rec department. The Board recommended Mr. Roberts purchase the gas as necessary and bring in slips for reimbursement.

Mr. Farnum requested Mr. Parker Roberts to supply an updated activities listing for his department for the website.

The Board decided they would meet at the townhouse at 3:45 p.m. on April 1 to view and discuss the work needed on the walkway entering that building.

Tamworth Pines Project

Mr. Dineen discussed the meeting to be held on April 10, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Lions Club. This meeting will be for the purpose of discussing the CMA Engineering proposal for the Tamworth Pines Coop. Members of the Board advised they would be attending this meeting. Mr. Dineen expressed a concern regarding the sharing of the entrance of the Coop with Dunkin Donuts.

Selectmen Ex-Officio Appointments

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the ex-officio appointments that the Selectmen are responsible for. Mr. Abraham expressed and Mr. Farnum both expressed an interest in becoming/maintaining the appointment to the Planning Board. The final appointments made were as follows:

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to appoint Mr. Farnum as the ex-officio to the planning board. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to appoint Mr. Abraham as the alternate ex-officio to the Planning Board. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to appoint Mr. Abraham as the representing appointment to the Mt. Washington Economic Development Council. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Other appoints were as follows:

- Conservation Commission – John Roberts
- Conservation Land Review – John Roberts
- Easement Monitoring Committee – John Roberts
- Ordinance Review Committee – William Farnum
- Master Plan Committee – William Farnum
- Capital Improvement Committee – William Farnum
- Energy Committee – William Farnum
- Economic Development Committee – Robert Abraham
- Zoning Board – No one at this time
- Cook Memorial Library Trustees & Long Range Planning Comm – John Roberts
- Tamworth School Board & Superintendent Meetings – Robert Abraham
- Joint Loss Management Committee – John Roberts

Selectmen Updates

Energy Committee – Mr. Farnum advised that the energy committee has two open seats on their board. Lee and Peg Custer have done a great job on this committee, but have found it necessary to take some personal time. Mr. Farnum advised the Town has received verbal notification of the grant award and awaits the official letter before beginning any work on the lighting project. Mr. Abraham inquired about the light on the side of the Townhouse being on all night and the concern of the heavy usage/expense of this light. The Board advised there was a parking lot light on a pole and would view the light.

Land Use Regulation Committee – Mr. Abraham updated the Board on a draft zoning regulation being drafted and voted on at the 2011 Town Meeting. He advised that during the next few months this committee would be holding several public hearings to craft the zoning regulation for presentation at Town Meeting. Mr. Abraham inquired if members of the Board had a concern of his participation with this Board. The other members of the Board did not have a concern of Mr. Abraham continuing his participation of this Board.

Zoning Board of Adjustment – Mr. Farnum advised that the first ZBA meeting was held and was very successful. The next meeting will be held on 3/24 and John Mersfelder has been appointed Chairman of this Board. The Board discussed appointing alternates to this Board, as Mr. Dineen is interested in becoming an alternate.

Ordinance Review Committee – The next meeting of this committee will be held on April 5 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Dev. Committee - is working on the broadband needs of the community.

Administrative Items

Mrs. Pearce inquired if Mr. Farnum or Mr. Roberts could offer advice to Mr. Abraham to bring him up to speed on the items the Board is currently working on. The Board discussed several training courses available to Selectmen and advised that if Mr. Abraham needed something from the office staff to either bring the request to the Board or to ask for it ahead of time so the office staff would have an opportunity to acquire the information being requested of by him.

Mr. Abraham advised he wants to learn what each of the Town departments/employees are responsible for and how they run and expressed his desire to spend time with each department.

Conservation Commission

Mr. Beecher discussed updates from the Conservation Commission including the Gilman Forest land fundraiser. Mr. Beecher advised that the Conservation Commission has completed their fundraiser for the project and has raised the \$140,000. The Board congratulated Mr. Beecher and Mr. Mersfelder on the successful fundraiser for this project.

Mr. Beecher advised a concern had been brought to him from the Community School of snowmobiles being driven on their property as well as the Jackman Pond property. The Board discussed posting this property and other conservation land. Mrs. Pearce was requested to contact legal counsel to discuss the appropriate wording for posting if it was possible.

Mr. Beecher advised the Conservation Commission is looking for individuals who may be interested in serving on their Board. The Commission will be conducting interviews at their April 2010 meeting and will bring the recommendation to the Board. Conservation project being looked at by the committee recommendation to pursue the project in South Tamworth.

Non-Public Session #1

Mr. Roberts moved at 5:45 p.m. and Mr. Farnum supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II d. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum Yes, Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abraham supported to adjourn the non-public session at 6:05 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

2010 Assessment Issues

Mr. Gaudet met with the Board to discuss the increase to his property assessment of map 215 lot 031. He requested a formal response from the Board regarding his 2009 abatement. The Board discussed the junkyard of Ricker's that is an abutting property of Mr. Gaudet advising the junkyard has followed through with the requirement of the Town and has been given a junkyard license. Mr. Gaudet read minutes of a meeting in which the Board approved the junkyard license on April 23, 2009 and advised that the property assessments should not have been increased for the 2009 year due to the fact that the assessments are as of April 1. Mr. Gaudet advised the Board that the required fencing for the junkyard has not been put up and inquired if the Town planned to test his well as he believes it to be contaminated from the junkyard and does not drink the water. The Board advised they do not pay for testing of water wells. Mr. Gaudet advised he represents his neighbors including Mr. Rollin Eldridge who has a concern regarding his assessment. Mrs. Pearce attempted to explain the assessment change and Mr. Gaudet advised that the Board was not aware of the change in value due to the junkyard. He requested minutes of the meeting in which this decision was made. The Board decided they would meet with the assessor and Mr. Gaudet to discuss the assessment at a future meeting.

Mr. Roberts recessed the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Roberts called the meeting back to order at 6:40 p.m.

Non-Public Session
#2

Mr. Roberts moved at 6:40 p.m. and Mr. Farnum supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II a. Vote was Roberts Yes, Farnum Yes, and Abraham Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the non-public session at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Farnum supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Administrative

Mrs. Pearce presented the following for the Board's approval:

1. A timber tax levy in the amount of \$3,374.82
2. A timber tax levy in the amount of \$1,251.84
3. An abatement denial for map 211 lot 014
4. An abatement approval for map 212 lot 027-007
5. An abatement approval for map 214 lot 050
6. An abatement approval for map 214 lot 103
7. Intent to excavate for map 202 lot 009 & map 201 lot 039
8. A proposal from Paul King to finish the perambulation of Tamworth/Albany town lines. Mr. Abraham inquired if this project should go out to bid? Other members of the Board did not feel that was necessary.
9. *Mr. Farnum moved to accept the minutes of March 12 as written. Mr. Roberts supported this motion. Vote was 2-0-1. Motion passed.*
10. The as built for phase I of the Chocorua Community Project have been received and will be utilized by HE Bergon to assist with the next two phases of the project. The Town still awaits the notice to proceed from the State to start the next step of Phase II and III of the Chocorua Project.
11. The Board reviewed revisions to the raffle application and after making clarifying the revisions, *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the application as amended. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
12. The Board discussed tax acquired property that has been taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes and agreed to place the properties out for sealed bid.
13. The Board discussed the gravel, drainage issues and the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan being update at the Transfer Station.
14. The Board reviewed and was requested to make modifications to the project listing for the coming year.

Non-Public Session
#3

Mr. Farnum moved at 7:33 p.m. and Mr. Roberts supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II c & d. Vote was Roberts Yes, Farnum Yes, Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the non-public session at 7:46 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Board of Selectmen: 4/1/2010

John Roberts

William Farnum

Robert Abraham