

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
April 29, 2010
Town Office

Members Present John Roberts, William Farnum and Robert Abraham

Others Present Administrative Asst. Cassandra Peace, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Transfer Station Supervisor Glenn Johnson, Sam Martin, Anne Abear and members of the community.

Chairman Roberts opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Police Department Chief Poirier updated the Board on the 1st week of training taking place at the Police Academy by Officer Littlefield. He advised no calls have been received and no news should be considered good news.

Chief Poirier advised due to a recent surgery of an employee, he wished to donate 40 hours of his sick time as allowed under the Town's personnel policy. *John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported to approve up to 40 hours of sick time to be transferred from Chief Poirier to Mr. Robinson if needed. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Transfer Station Mr. Johnson disbursed information for the Board to consider regarding disposal of refrigerants and the costs associated with this process. Mr. Johnson discussed the cost of tires for the tractor at the Transfer Station. *Mr. Roberts moved to purchase tires from Northern Tire as presented by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Abraham supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Mr. Johnson advised he would be meeting with Leavitt and Boucher regarding the commingling compactor, as it does not appear to be working properly after the recent work that was completed.

Mr. Roberts and the rest of the Board complimented Mr. Johnson on the appearance of the Transfer Station as it was found very neat and orderly during Mr. Roberts recent visit.

Public Comment Mr. Gotjen discussed the sweeping plans for the Chocorua Village. The Board advised they would check with the highway department to see what schedule this project is on.

Ms. Sam Martin inquired if the Board would consider allowing her to purchase a chair for her to utilize during the meetings. She advised she had a difficult time getting in and out of the chairs that are provided by the Town. The Board advised they would appreciate Ms. Martin providing the chair.

Selectmen Updates Mr. Farnum discussed the subdivision before the Planning Board for the Thompson Trust in which a site walk of the property is scheduled for May 20 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The application for the AT &T tower for the Planning Board has been put on hold for a month, as they may need to change and/or amend their application.

Mr. Farnum advised the Planning Board was looking at performance type land use regulations.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Roberts moved at 4:15 p.m. to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:II c. Mr. Abraham supported this motion. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved to adjourn the non-public session at 4:37 p.m. Mr. Roberts supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Administrative Items

Mrs. Pearce presented the Board with the following for signatures and discussion:

- 413-004 application for current use approved
- 213-018 & 019 change in current use recreation adjustment approved
- 414-022 current use application approved
- 407-003 current use application approved
- 411-035 current use application approved
- 415-006 current use application – denied due to applicant not being the sole property owner/applicant as of April 1, 2010.
- 3 - Elderly Exemption applications were approvals
- 1 - Elderly Exemption application was denied
- 1 – Veteran's Tax Credit application was approved
- 1 - Veteran's Tax Credit application was denied
- A timber tax levy in the amount of \$1,256.57 was signed.
- A current use change tax penalty in the amount of \$7,200 was signed.
- An intent to cut for map 211 lots 052.001, 052-002, 052, 052-003, 052-006, 052-005, 052-007, & 052-004 was approved.
- An intent to cut for map 203 lots 014, 014-002, 014-003 was approved.
- An intent to cut for map 415 lots 016, 017, & 052 was approved.
- A timber tax levy in the amount of \$2,691.51 was approved.
- A timber tax levy in the amount of \$209.61 was approved.
- *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the minutes of 4/15/2010 regular meeting as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
- *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the minutes of 4/15/2010 non-public session. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
- *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the regular meeting minutes of 4/20/2010. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
- Mrs. Pearce advised that the State Department of Safety has issued a notice to proceed for the Chocorua Community Project. This notice has been given to HE Bergeron who has begun their preliminary design for phase II and III.

- Mrs. Pearce read a letter to Mr. Hank Letarte regarding his gravel intent to excavate. The letter advises that Mr. Letarte must come into compliance with RSA 155-E through the Tamworth Planning Board prior to the Selectmen issuing an intent to him.
- Mrs. Pearce read a letter from property owner Mr. Rines regarding the over assessment on his property since 2004. The Board advised they agreed with correcting the issue for the 2010 tax year, but will not be approving an abatement, as the deadline for filing for an abatement is March 1 of each year, following the final notice of tax.
- The Board reviewed a request of 2 non-profit organizations for tax listings. The Board advised they were unwilling to administer the listings without the proper fees being paid to the Town without further information being provided. If the organizations wished to meet with the Board to discuss this further, they can request to be placed on a future agenda.
- Mrs. Pearce advised the highway equipment had been dropped off at the auction house for the May 2 North Country Auctions. Mr. Roberts discussed keeping one of the one way plows as a spare as recommended by Mr. Noyes. The Board agreed with Mr. Noyes and Mr. Roberts to keep one of the one-way plows.
- Members of the Board were requested to consider a recommendation for the vacancy in the office of Town Trustee. The Board will discuss this again at the 5/13 meeting.
- Mrs. Pearce reported on the application submitted to the school for the use of the KA Brett School for the remainder of this year's elections. Mr. Abraham advised that during his meeting with the Superintendent, this was discussed and he thought it to be appropriate. The request would need to go to the school board chairperson for final approval.
- Mrs. Pearce will be at training with Mr. Farnum on May 5.
- The Board was reminded of a site walk scheduled for the 2010 paving work. This walk is scheduled for 5/3 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Whittier Road and Route 113.
- The Board decided they would send a letter to Mr. Robinson advising that they would request a letter of release from his doctor prior to his return to work.
- The Board received a letter regarding the ADA compliancy of the Town House from the Americans with Disability Rights Council. The Board awaits further communication regarding the needs of the restroom in this building. The Board decided they did not budget for the repairs this year, but would acquire prices and considers bringing the items to the Town Meeting next year.
- Mr. Roberts advised that he was willing at his expense to widen the parking lot near the propane tank area behind the Town Office. There is one large rock that will need to be removed from the field. Mr. Abraham suggested seeding the lot. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Farnum did not feel that people would park on grass. The Board decided to leave the area as gravel.
- The Board discussed the draft 2009 audit and representation letter received. The Board did not at this time desire to meet with the auditor, but suggested following up with the

departments listed as having concerns from the auditor in the next few months.

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Mr. Farnum moved to adjourn the non-public session at 5:37 p.m. Mr. Roberts supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Recess

Mr. Roberts recessed the meeting at 5:40 p.m. to be reconvened at the Madison Town Hall for a work session with the Green Mountain Conservation Group.

Reconvene

Mr. Roberts reconvened the meeting at the Madison Town Office for a work session with the Green Mountain Conservation Group at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the use of road salt.

Adjournment

Mr. Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Farnum supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board of Selectmen: 5/13/2010

John Roberts

William Farnum

Robert Abraham