

Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
July 8, 2010  
Tamworth Town Office

Members present                      John Roberts, William Farnum and Robert Abraham

Others present                      Administrative Asst. Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Sgt. Penny Frechette, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Mary Mills, Sam Martin, Nancy Russell, Ruth Timchak, John Gotjen, Rosiland Gray, Mr. & Mrs. David Farley, Karen McNiff, Chief Mullin (Madison), Chief Shackford (Freedom), Sgt. Colby (Madison), Lt. Eldridge (Ossipee), Chief Shagouri (Tuftonboro), Chief Collins (Effingham), Sheriff Connelly, Les Horne, David Arnold, Larry Grace, Harold Cook, Karen Sulewski, Vince Vaccaro, Tom Peters, Anne Abear and many other members of the community.

*Chairman Roberts opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. at Ricker's Auto Salvage.*

Ricker's Junkyard  
Site Visit                              The Board met at Ricker's Auto Salvage on Turkey Street for a site visit in conjunction with the 2010-2011 junkyard application license renewal. A decision regarding this license renewal will be made later in the meeting.

*The meeting was reopened at 4:01 p.m. at the Town Office.*

Departmental Reports

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

1. An estimate has been received from Southworth Milton Caterpillar for repairs to the Town's grader. The estimate was for the amount of \$14,201.61 and did not include the trucking costs. Mr. Robinson advised that another vendor has been contacted, but has not responded to his inquiry. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to enter into an agreement with Milton Caterpillar to fix the grader at the cost of \$14,201.61 plus the cost of transportation. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
2. The rental of the wheeled excavator will begin on Friday, July 09, 2010.
3. The highway department continues to work on ditching throughout the community.
4. The Board discussed the remaining paving funds for the 2010 year. It is estimated that the 2010 balance will be approximately \$25,000. The amount in capital reserves for paving will be utilized as revenue to offset the \$200,000 budgeted amount. Mr. Robinson will work on acquiring estimates for various other roads in Town that can be worked on for the remaining funds and present a proposal to the Board at a future meeting.

5. A driveway permit for map 412 lot 020-001 was presented for approval. After some discussion, the Board requested Mrs. Pearce to check on the actual subdivision approval for this lot and to determine the entrance that was approved by the Planning Board. The Board at the next meeting will review this application.
6. Mr. Robinson advised the highway department will be working on the culvert pipe of the McGarity property next week.
7. Mr. Robinson requested the Board hold off on mowing for the coming year.

#### Police Department

Chief Poirier discussed the following:

1. Police stats for the month of June 2010.
2. The final 3-weeks of training for Officer Littlefield at the academy and the graduation plans that will be held at the Capital Center for the Arts in Concord.
3. Chief Poirier inquired about the Board receiving copies of the Carroll County Delegate's Meeting regarding the use of the jail for booking purposes. The Board advised that no decisions were decided at the last meeting. It was a topic of discussion, but without a decision.

#### Public Input

Mrs. Farley discussed the CD being created by Mr. & Mrs. Posner for the community of Tamworth. Many local businesses are being contacted to learn how they would like to be promoted on the CD.

#### Driveway Permit Map 215 lot 018

The Board met with Mr. Les Horne and Mr. David Arnold to discuss the driveway permit that was issued late last year. The permit when issued required that the owner put in a paved entry to prevent any damage to Turkey Street. The permit allowed for this work to be done prior to June 15, 2010 with an extension given by the Board at a previous meeting for the pavement to be placed no later than July 8. The owner and contractor advised they were unaware of the requirements for the paving and at this time requested another 30-day extension. Road Agent Bruce Robinson discussed the Town regulations. The owner requested a temporary stone entrance be allowed to be put in similar to a logging operation. After some discussion, *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to allow no further use of the temporary driveway on map 215 lot 018 until such time as the required paving is accomplished. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.* Mr. Arnold advised the Board that they were shutting down his source of income. The Board requested Mr. Horne to return to the Board once the necessary work has been completed and further requested the Tamworth Police Department to monitor this property for activity.

#### Administrative Items

Mrs. Pearce presented the following for the Board to sign:

1. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable manifest and check register in the amount of \$381,531.85. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
2. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve a manifest for payroll in the amount of \$15,975.35. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
3. Intents to cut for the following properties were signed:
  - a. 415-081-000
  - b. 419-005-000 & 419-005-001
  - c. 419-004-000
  - d. 414-051-000
  - e. 414-036-000
  - f. 215-010-000
4. An intent to excavate for map 217-023-003 was signed.
5. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve an application for an elderly exemption. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
6. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve a veteran's tax credit for map 407-026-000. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
7. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the non-public minutes of June 29, 2010 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
8. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 29, 2010 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
9. A timber tax levy for \$0 was signed. This levy closes out the intent/report of cut for the year.

#### Meeting with Sheriff Connelly

Sheriff Connelly advised of his request to meet with the communities within Carroll County to attempt to give the Boards an accounting of the Sheriff's department since his election into office 18 months ago and to answer any questions that they may have. He advised he is looking forward to the next term in office and expressed his appreciation to the local police departments for their support. When questioned what changes he felt had been made he advised that the integrated communication among the several departments has been successful and that the 911 system upgrades in Concord have assisted. He advised that manpower support is a large concern as every department has experienced a cut back; although Tamworth is fortunate to have a State police barracks located within the community.

Chief Poirier discussed a comment made several months earlier in which Sheriff Connelly advised his department would not cover the community of Tamworth. Sheriff Connelly advised future planning is necessary and he would entertain sitting with the local Chiefs to discuss this further.

Mr. Abraham discussed the concern of departments needing to process detained individuals at their police stations. He advised that the Tamworth

department was unable to accommodate this change at their facility. Sheriff Connelly advised this also affects his department, but he has no control over the jail and if this change is made, it will affect him just as it would the other police departments.

Mr. Farnum inquired if manpower had been increased within the Sheriff's department over the last few years. Sheriff Connelly advised that number of employees within the Carroll County Sheriff's department remains at 45 at this time. He discussed the need for level funding that his department was facing just as much as the local police departments have been.

Sheriff Connelly discussed the importance of safety and protection of the public being first and foremost.

Vince Vaccaro  
Pitch Pine Challenge  
Triathlon

Mr. Vaccaro discussed the route that was given previous permission by the Selectmen and requested now that Old Route 25 (Whittier Road) has been repaved, he would request that the Board consider allowing the triathlon to utilize this roadway. The consensus of the Board was to allow for the rerouting of the event and to use Old Route 25.

Remick Museum

Karen Sulewski, Harold Cook and Larry Grace met with the Board to discuss several items associated with the Remick Museum. The Board discussed the expired PILOT of the Remick property and advised that this would need to be renegotiated. Mr. Roberts discussed increasing the PILOT from the previous agreement. Mr. Cook advised that may not be possible as the funds left by Dr. Remick have decreased with the down market. Mr. Roberts advised that as the facility has grown since the last PILOT, an increase should be considered.

The Board further discussed a shelter being moved from land that was not in current use to land that is in current use. It was advised that the penalty for placing this building and well on current use land is taxable to the Remick Museum even though they are a non-taxable entity. Members present advised that they were unaware of this. After some discussion of who to contact at NH DRA and the new law allowing for this tax, the Board requested the Remick Trustees to look into the law being presented to them and to set up a meeting with the Board in the future to negotiate the new PILOT.

Fire Wards

Jim Bowles, David Bowles, Harry Remick and John Hartley were present to discuss the plan of the Fire Department capital reserves that are currently not being utilized. Mr. Jim Bowles advised that the department plans to purchase a new fire truck in the year 2018. The wards will be requesting an estimated \$50,000 each year to the capital reserve for this purchase. At some point they will review the need for a vehicle for the Fire Chief. Mr. Farnum expressed a concern of continuously putting funds away and not gaining any money on it. He would like the wards to

consider asking for the full funds the year that the truck would be purchased.

The wards advised that they were working on placing the old truck out to bid and it is their understanding that Chief Colcord was waiting for the newspaper's response.

The Board discussed the hydrant problem that has been created from the Chocorua Project – Phase I. The Board presented the plan that was created by FST for the wards to review. They were requested to check with the property owner who the Town would need to acquire an easement from and the plan being submitted. The wards will meet with the Selectmen at a future meeting to discuss these items further.

#### Chocorua Village Banners

Mr. Tom Peters presented a draft banner that has been created for the Board to view. He advised that the final image is being created and will be delivered to the Town Office for viewing. The Board gave a preliminary approval of the draft banner and looks forward to seeing a finalized version. Once that version is delivered at least 2 members of the Board will be requested to view and sign off on that version.

#### Selectmen Updates

Mr. Farnum advised that the Ordinance Review Committee was unable to meet due to a lack of a quorum and that there has not been a library meeting recently.

Mr. Abraham advised that the Land Use Regulation Committee is plugging forward and that their next meeting is July 21. He advised very minimal changes have been made to the draft regulation.

Mr. Roberts indicated he has not had any meetings over the past two weeks to report on.

#### Administration

1. The site walk held at Ricker's Junkyard earlier in the meeting. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abraham supported to renew the junkyard permit for Ricker's Junkyard to expire June 30, 2011. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
2. Mrs. Pearce advised that the contractor who bid on repairs to be done to the Town Office and Town House has acquired the necessary insurance certificate. Renovations will begin in the near future to both of these buildings.
3. The Selectmen have been invited to a meeting scheduled for July 14 beginning at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Freedom town hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the ambulance service that several local Town's are receiving and the plan for the future.
4. Mrs. Pearce advised that no staff would be in the office on Monday, July 12.

5. Mrs. Pearce reminded the Board about the planned bid openings scheduled for the July 22 meeting. If the Board needed any information regarding any of these properties, they could let her know.
6. Nancy Russell reported that David Haskell might have a member of the community interested in being appointed to the Board of Town Trustees.
7. The Board advised that they would be holding off on roadside mowing until after repairs have been made to the grader and the excavator rental is complete.
8. The Board discussed Chocorua Valley Lumber's request to sell stocked gravel. The Board advised they were not in favor of allowing this gravel to be sold without the company coming into compliance with the permitting regulations of RSA 155-E through the Planning Board.
9. The Board requested a meeting with the Remick Foundation at 3:00 p.m. on July 22.
10. Mrs. Pearce advised that Tri County Cap will be attending a meeting with the Board on July 22 to discuss a subordination agreement to allow them to bond further funds and they would like to discuss a PILOT to be placed on the new dental office.
11. Mrs. Pearce presented a subdivision that was done in 2008 that merged two pieces of property on either side of a roadway. She advised this was legal, but under most circumstances is not done. She requested permission to attend a planning board meeting to explain to them the need to watch for this type of presentation. Mr. Roberts advised he would bring this to the planning board as the Selectmen's rep.
12. Mr. Roberts discussed the Selectmen's budget set for the year 2010 for training advising that only one member of the Board has utilized the funds. He indicated additional funds would be asked for at next year's Town meeting for the Selectmen's budget. Mr. Abraham agreed with Mr. Roberts about increasing the budget line for 2011, but advised he was entitled to the reimbursement of mileage and entitled to attend the training. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to not allow further reimbursement to Selectmen for mileage under the Selectmen's budget for the remainder of the 2010 budget year. Vote was 2-1-0. Motion passed.*
13. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to not allow for any further reimbursement/expense of training for Board members for the remainder of the 2010-year. Vote was 2-1-0. Motion passed.*

#### Public Comment

1. Domenic Richardi, a candidate for Carroll County Sheriff introduced himself to the Board advising he was running as an independent. He advised he had been in law enforcement for 18 years and feels the department could be run much smoother under his direction. He advised he had worked for the Carroll County Sheriff's office, Conway Police Department and had been a special officer for the Tamworth Police Department.
2. Ms. Timchak advised that she would like to have the banners in Chocorua to read, "Welcome to Chocorua a village of Tamworth."

## Non-Public Session

*Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported at 6:09 p.m. to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (a, c, & e). Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.*

*Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the non-public session at 6:46 p.m. Mr. Farnum seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

The Board made the following decisions during the non-public session:

- 1. John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported on behalf of the Town of Tamworth to enter into an employment contract with Mrs. Cassandra Pearce. Vote was: 2-1-0. Motion passed.*
- 2. John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported to change the title of Mrs. Cassandra Pearce from Administrative Assistant to Town Administrator. Vote was 2-1-0. Motion passed.*

Mr. Abraham requested it be noted in the meeting minutes that he expressed his dissatisfaction that these decisions were made at the end of the meeting after the public had left.

## Adjournment

*Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen: 7/22/2010

John Roberts

William Farnum

Robert Abraham