# Town of Tamworth Board of Selectmen's Meeting August 19, 2010 Town Office

Members present

John Roberts, William Farnum, and Robert Abraham

Others present

Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, KA Brett's new principal Robert Troon, Scott Aspinalli, Marion Cleveland Cohen, David Haskell, Joan Casarotto, Pat Farley, Karin McNiff, Ruth Timchak, Rosiland Gray, Sam Martin, David Little, Steve Gray, Rev Kent Schneider, Rep. Susan Wiley, Attorney Bill O'Brien, Dan Rhodes, Anne Abear, and other members of the community.

Chairman Roberts opened the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

### Department Updates

Police Department

Chief Poirier discussed the following:

- 1. Everything is going well within the police department.
- 2. Training has been going well for Officer Littlefield.
- 3. He expressed a concern regarding the news that he is hearing that Medstar Ambulance Service will be closing its doors at month end. The Board will discuss this matter further during the non-public session.
- 4. Parking at Monkey Trunks on Route 16 Chief Poirier advised that he received a letter from NH DOT requesting a letter from the Selectmen and Police Department to allow the State to put up no parking signs along the roadway. Chief Poirier advised during his review of the parking, the vehicles are parking well off the pavement. He advised and the Board agreed not to send a letter to the State as they requested.
- 5. Chief Poirier advised the concern of the parking issue at Chocorua Lake has been monitored and thus far they have not found a car that did not belong in the resident parking area. He advised some guests are parking in the area and that was allowed.

**Highway Department** 

Road Agent Bruce Robinson discussed the following with the Board:

- 1. The grader has been repaired and is back in service.
- 2. The November 2006 report that showed a plan for the highway department was reviewed. He advised he would update that report for the Board for a future meeting.
- 3. The grading of Bunker Hill is planned over the next few weeks. Mr. Robinson advised the wiring that has been placed within this roadway may need to be relocated. He will contact Dig Safe.

**KA Brett Principal** 

Mr. Abraham introduced the new principal for the KA Brett School, Mr. Rob Troon. Mr. Troon thanked the Board for his introduction and advised that he also had a Board meeting in one hour, lives in Town and has for the last 5-6 years. He advised he has lived in this area most of his life.

Cleveland Hill Road

Scott Aspinall and Marion Cleveland Cohen attended the meeting to discuss the condition of Cleveland Hill Road and advised that the road has become almost impassable for anyone traveling over 10 MPH. They advised many people utilize this road and the road should be repaired. Members of the Board agreed the road is in rough shape. The discussion continued with the possibility of working on the road next year. The attendees discussed the effects that the repairs on the roadways and the drainage needs will have on the 100 year old stone wall and not wanting to damage the wall. Most in attendance during this discussion

advised of the importance of saving this wall. Mr. Robinson will review this road prior to the next meeting and after a recommendation of the Board agreed to add ledge pack material to the top of the roadway.

Mr. Robinson will present a figure for the 2011 Town Meeting and further reported that he was not receiving good material at this time from Ambrose's gravel pit.

# Gregg's Way

Mr. Robinson was requested to contact Paul King to discuss the status of this project and if he is still unavailable to work on the project to consider finding another surveyor to do the job.

### **Public Comment**

- 1. Mr. Jim Bowditch publicly thanked the Tamworth volunteer fire and rescue squad under the direction of Chief Colcord for the efforts of saving his house. Further, he requested to know who would be taking care of the fire department issues while Chief Colcord was away as he has left several messages at the station without response. Mr. Bowditch was requested to contact Jim Bowles in the absence of Chief Colcord.
- 2. Mr. Bowditch discussed a concern of the Board allowing a wedding to take place on the Narrows Bridge with the expectation of 100 people. The Board advised that they allowed the wedding to take place as long as a waiver was signed and the road was not blocked from traffic. Chief Poirier requested a copy of the letter that was written to the Board and the Board's response.
- 3. Mr. Abraham advised that Chief Colcord was being deployed on Saturday, 8/21 for his service. Asst Chief Bowles will be covering the fire department issues.

### Administration

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

- 1. Shawn's Auto Service for the inspection of motorcycles. After a review and completion of the form, the Board signed the form.
- 2. John Roberts moved and Robert Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$305,675.03. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- 3. John Roberts moved and Robert Abraham supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$305,675.03. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- 4. John Roberts moved and Robert Abraham supported to approve a payroll manifest in the amount of \$16,971.15. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- 5. John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported to approve the meeting minutes of August 5, 2010 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- 6. John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported to approve the non-public meeting minutes of August 5, 2010 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- 7. The Board signed an intent to cut for map 217 lot 052.

### Cleveland Hill Cemetery

The Board met with Town Trustee David Haskell and members of the Freeman family in regard to the storage building that has been placed at the Cleveland Hill Road

Cemetery. After some discussion and listening to the requests of the Freeman family as to why they are requesting the storage building to be moved, the Board agreed to view the building the following morning to see what the concern of Mr. & Mrs. Freeman was. The meeting was scheduled for 6:00 a.m. on Friday, August 27 at the cemetery. The Board further expressed a concern with the Trustees housing the equipment of a contractor within this shelter. The Board requested the office to check on the risk of storing a contractor's equipment on Town property.

# William James Symposium Project

Rev. Kent Schneider met with the Board to discuss the recent William James Symposium project that was held. He advised that this project was for the guests to walk in the footsteps of Mr. William James. The event was very well attended and the attendees advised that they would attend this event again in the future. The Board thanked Rev. Schneider for his attendance and work on this project.

### Administration

- Mrs. Pearce advised that the bid given from A&M Builders for the siding of the salt shed
  was not the appropriate price and the price needs to be revised to \$2,830 per the
  contractor. The Board requested a break down of the prices for material and labor and
  they will discuss this at the next meeting.
- 2. The Town of Albany Selectmen are requesting that the Board send a letter to the NH DOT requesting rumble strips to be put along Route 16. The Board advised they were willing to send a letter of support to the State as requested.

# Carroll County Information

Rep. Susan Wiley for Carroll County District #3 advised that Rep. John Roberts was taking good care of Tamworth and she was interested in discussing commercial composting with anyone who may be interested. She discussed the rate of recycling that the Town of Tamworth has; reporting it has come in at 26%, well above the rest of the county.

Ms. Wiley expressed a concern expressed to her through a few telephone calls in regarding the kennel on Route 25 in South Tamworth. The Board recommended that anyone with concerns contact the Tamworth Police Department.

### Administration

Mrs. Pearce discussed the MS1 report form that is due on September 1. She advised that the assessor and the Board had viewed the properties of Map 414 lots 090 and 091 and the assessor has placed a value on the lots as \$446,105 and \$760, respectfully. The Board agreed to these property values for the 2010 year. Mr. Abraham requested copies of both cards.

# Non-Public Session

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91A:3 II c at 5:16 p.m. Vote: Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the non-public session at 5:35 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

### CIP Committee

The Board met with members of the Capital Improvement Committee to discuss the administration requests for the next 5 years and beyond. After some discussion, the

Selectmen agreed to hold a work session on Monday, August 23 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to include this committee and Mr. Robinson for the highway department.

# Chocorua Valley Lumber Update

Attorney Bill O'Brien and Dan Rhodes representing Chocorua Valley Lumber met with the Board to discuss the status of the issues of the State and the Town in regards to the wetland violations and gravel issues on the property of Chocorua Valley Lumber. Attorney O'Brien advised that this company is working with a number of different agencies and a plan is being presented to the State on August 24, 2010 in an attempt to report the remedial action that is planned for this property. Attorney O'Brien advised that he is requesting the Board to consider waiving any assessment of the penalties to assist the company. He continued by advising that all employees of Chocorua Valley Lumber have been laid off at this time. He requested the Board to allow for any excavated material to be removed and sold. This action was approved by the State. The Board expressed their apologies for the employees who have been laid off and appreciated the step forward being taken by the company to attempt in correcting the issues.

Mrs. Pearce advised that the Board couldn't approve the intent to excavate as presented as the property has not presented a plan to the Tamworth Planning Board under RSA 155-E. The Board will be sending a letter to Mr. Rhodes advising of this.

The Board recommended Attorney O'Brien and Mr. Rhodes contact the Planning Board to discuss the requirements under RSA 155-E.

# Selectmen Updates

- 1. Mr. Farnum advised the Energy Committee meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.
- 2. Mr. Farnum reported the Cook Library is seeing several people utilizing the chairs that have been placed in front of the library.
- 3. Mr. Abraham advised the Land Use Regulation Committee has a few items still to be worked out before they will be ready to present an ordinance at a public hearing or at Town Meeting.
- 4. Mr. Abraham requested any Tamworth business that would like to be part of the Tamworth business CD being created to contact Mr. & Mrs. Posner. Further, the Economic Development Committee continues to work on the broadband service for the Town.
- 5. Mr. Roberts advised he was unable to make the Conservation Commission Meeting, but did review their minutes.
- 6. Mr. Roberts advised a public hearing is scheduled for the Gravel Regulations on Wednesday, August 25,2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the Planning Board. Mr. Roberts advised he might ask Mr. Abraham to step in during this public hearing as he may wish to be on the audience side of the table. The entire Board will be attending this meeting and requested it be posted.

# **Public Comment**

Mrs. Farley announced a meeting to be held at Runnell's Hall of the Tamworth Foundation on Monday, 8/23/10 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Board requested this meeting be posted.

### Non-Public Session

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II a and c at 6:20 p.m. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes.

Mr. Abraham moved and Mr. Farnum support to adjourn the non-public session at 6:42 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Recess

Mr. Abraham moved and Mr. Roberts supported to recess this meeting at 6:55 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. at the Cleveland Hill Road Cemetery. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Reconvened

Mr. Roberts reconvened the meeting at 6:00 a.m. at the Cleveland Hill Road Cemetery.

The Board met with Joan Casarotto, David Haskell and members of the Freeman Family to look at the shelter located near the Freeman's lot. The Board of Selectmen felt the shelter should be moved and inquired of Mr. Haskell if he wanted to take care of having the shelter moved or if he wanted the Board of Selectmen to deal with the removal? Mr. Haskell advised he would take care of the removal. The Board requested Mr. Haskell to pick up the oilcans and other items that were seen.

The Board proceeded to the Town House at 6:25 a.m. to review the painting done on the new porch. The Board requested a meeting with Linda Williams prior to any further work being completed.

Adjournment

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 a.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board of Selectmen: 9/2/2010

John Roberts William Farnum

Robert Abraham