

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
December 2, 2010
Town Office

Members Present John Roberts, William Farnum and Robert Abraham

Others Present Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Recreation Director Parker Roberts, Mr. Chris Vernon and guest, David Gaudet, Karen McNiff, Mary Mills, Susan Ticehurst, Sam Martin, Robert Adam, John Gotgen and Anne Abear.

Special Presentation
to Chris Vernon Mr. Parker Roberts presented a plaque to Mr. Chris Vernon in appreciation and recognition of his donations to the Town on July 4th.

Department Updates

Chief Poirier discussed the following with the Board:

1. Stats for the month of November 2010 were reviewed.
2. Special Officer Chris Keaton will be out until the middle of January.
3. Sergeant Colby will be out toward the middle of the month of January and plans to return to work when allowed by her doctors.

Bruce Robinson discussed the following with the Board:

1. Paving bid project proposal for 2011. He advised that the proposed 2011 budget and the encumbrance allowed from the 2010 year will cover these proposals. Mr. Robinson advised he is requesting bid alternates.
2. Mrs. Pearce advised that the funds for the transfer station paving although included in this bid, needs to be added to the 2011 budget for the transfer station.
3. Robert Abraham believes that the residents of Cleveland Hill Road are attempting to raise funds for the Cleveland Hill Road project. Mr. Abraham will locate the flyer. The Board decided they would hold a site walk on December 9 at 8:00 a.m. The Board later changed this meeting time to 7:00 a.m. Interviews will be conducted for the Transfer Station's open position beginning at 10:00 a.m.
4. Mr. Robinson advised he purchased the new sander and it is working well. Specifics on how the new machine works were discussed.
5. Gregg's Way – Mr. Robert Adam discussed the drainage issue for Gregg's way and his concern of the having to drive his vehicle to his mailbox due to the amount of water on the roadway after a storm. Mr. Robinson discussed the shore land protection application that was required due to the river proximity to the work to be done. Mr. Robinson will meet with Mr. Adam on Friday to see if there is something that can be done for the area temporarily. It was reported that Paul King is working with the State to acquire all of the necessary permits from the State.
6. Cleveland Hill Road – Ms. McNiff discussed the drainage along Cleveland Hill Road. She advised that if the roadway could be fixed and the hot top removed, then it could stay as dirt.

7. *William Farnum moved and Robert Abraham supported to approve a driveway permit for map 401 lot 026 for property off of Savary Road. Vote was 2-0-1. Motion passed.*

Ms. McNiff – LRPC

Karen McNiff came to meet with the Board to discuss the Scenic and Cultural Byways Committee. She presented the results of the LR Scenic Byways Committee's research that included several recommendations for the Selectmen to consider. Mrs. McNiff will research the sign regulations and will discuss this with the Board at a future meeting.

Pine Hill Road Discussion

Mr. Hank Letarte came to the Board requesting that they consider maintaining Pine Hill Road year round. Currently this road is not maintained in the winter months. The Board discussed the driveway(s) that access this roadway. The Board discussed the narrowness of the roadway. The Board discussed the cost associated with the road maintenance. The Board discussed several roadways throughout the community that are not maintained year round. It was reported that several trees would need to be removed and widened that would need to be done. Several RSAs pertaining to the road maintenance were presented to the Board for their review. Mr. Letarte was asked if he had access to his pit through his other property? He advised he did not have access to the pit from his property. Mr. Farnum recommended the Board view this road at their meeting on Thursday, December 9 beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Chocorua Community Project

Mr. Jay Poulin of HE Bergeron attended the meeting to give the Board an update on the Chocorua Community Project. A letter of 10/20/2010 from NH DOT was viewed after the meeting the Board had with representatives of the State. Mr. Poulin discussed the following highlights within the letter:

- Plan
 - Provision/review of turning movement information for subject intersections, vehicle speed data and traffic count details at Runnells' Hall Road and Chocorua Road.
 - Plan is lacking a reference to any pedestrian guidelines
 - Plan needs better definition for lot lines and ROW limits.
- Pedestrian Pathways
 - Proposed widened shoulders are not acceptable to NH DOT as they do not meet the intent of the earmark per the application, contradict the goal of slowing vehicular traffic, NH DOT will not maintain a widened shoulder, and crosswalks will not be allowed shoulder to shoulder.
 - The Selectmen will be discussing this at the 2011 Town Meeting to include costs associated with winter maintenance. NH DOT agreed to revise the project schedule and shift funds as appropriate to accommodate this request. Mr. Poulin will provide the Board with information from surrounding Towns who maintain their sidewalks.
- GIII Store Access
 - Identified by all as a hazardous area
 - NH DOT requests some additional traffic details reflecting current conditions.
- Runnells Hall Road Intersection Realignment

- Removal or redesign of two parking spaces on NH 113 has been denied as a vehicle would be backing onto the proposed crosswalk. Proximity of a nearby access needs to be evaluated further for impacts to traffic-circulation pattern.
 - Adequate sight distance must be demonstrated.
- Public Transit Parking
 - The Board is no longer interested in offering a public transit parking area.
- Chocorua Road/NH 16 Intersection Realignment
 - Same concerns as Runnels Hall Road intersection
 - Requested additional details regarding the proposed drainage pond.
- Next steps
 - Board of Selectmen to determine next step and notify NH DOT
 - Jay Poulin will develop cost estimates for winter maintenance in preparation of the 2011 Town Meeting for the sidewalks.
 - Traffic data should be compiled.
- General Comments
 - Members of the Board advised that if one sidewalk was to be maintained all sidewalks throughout the community will be maintained.
 - The bidding of this project is proposed for late fall of 2011 and the work will begin in the spring of 2012.
 - The Board recommended holding off on any further work by HE Bergeron until after Town Meeting 2011.

Planning Board's Concern By Chairman Bergen

Mr. Dom Bergen Planning Board Chairman attended the meeting to discuss a statement made by Selectman Robert Abraham that was recorded into the minutes of 10/28/2010. Mr. Bergen read a letter and provided the Board with a copy advising that as a member and chairman of the planning board that the planning board does take public comment into consideration and his concern of another person reading Mr. Abraham's statement from the 10/28 meeting and trusting that a member of the Board of Selectmen is informed and in the know, might come away with a biased opinion of what the Planning Board does and how they operate.

Mr. Abraham indicated he still felt some of the comments given to the planning board are ignored and has found this to be true.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Roberts moved at 5:37 p.m. and Mr. Farnum supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91 A:3 II a & c. Vote was: Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abraham, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Roberts moved to come out of the non-public session at 6:17 p.m. Mr. Farnum supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Public Comment

1. Mr. Gaudet inquired if the Remick Museum would be attending the meeting tonight to discuss their payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) program and further

stated the Town should be thankful for the organization and not attempt to get money from a non-profit organization that does not have any. Mr. Roberts explained the Remick Foundation and its creation to Mr. Gaudet correcting several misconceptions he may have had.

2. Mr. Gaudet discussed current use taxation and advised the Board that he would report any concerns of properties that are in current use to the Board.
3. The Board discussed a concern of Mr. Gaudet and his notice to the Board that he intends to contact the Attorney General's Office if minutes were not placed on the Town's website within a timely manner. The Board advised that the minutes are placed on the website and emailed out to several people in Town as a courtesy, not a requirement. Mr. Gaudet was requested to contact the Selectmen's office for copies of minutes if he felt a meeting had taken place and the minutes were not on the website.

Selectmen Updates

William Farnum discussed the following:

1. The Energy Commission conducted a "blower test" of the Town Office and found that the building has several leaks. Mr. Farnum advised that the Commission is still seeking membership if any resident may be interested.
2. Cook Library update – the Friends of the Library will hold their annual gathering on December 8 from 6 – 8 p.m. The Friends of the Cook Library have received recognition from the State as a top library support group.

Robert Abraham discussed the following:

1. Pat Farley recapped the last Economic Development Committee meeting at a prior meeting.
2. The Superintendent's Office has moved to the KA Brett School. They will be discussing in the near future the possibility of outsourcing some of their billing practices and the new principal is looking at reducing the staff by 2 in the coming year. The 2012 teachers' contracts are in the works. Mr. Abraham advised that the reason the MS25 (State report for the school) was late was due to problems with the prior years accounting of the School. The Board requested a notice to be posted advising residents why the 2nd issue tax bills were sent out so late. Mr. Abraham advised that the School Board still has concerns related to the generator placement at the school and the maintenance costs associated with this equipment.
3. The Planning Board continues to work on revisions to the innovative zoning ordinance. The next work session/meetings of this board will be held on 12/6 and 12/8 at the Town Office.
4. The Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee continues to work on the plan and is meeting bi-weekly at this time.

Mr. Roberts discussed the innovative zoning ordinance public hearing held and advised that approximately 107 people were in attendance for this hearing.

2011 Ambulance Contract

Mr. Roberts announced that the 2011 ambulance contract has been awarded to CarePlus effective January 1, 2011 and is a 5-year contract. Tamworth will sign the contract at the December 16 meeting and will utilize this company in conjunction with Eaton, Freedom, and Madison.

Administrative

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

1. 2010 Certificate for the NH DRA Equalization Board verifying sales that have taken place between 10/1/2009 – 9/30/2010.
2. A letter needed for Wendy Parks allowing entertainment to be allowed at her property on Route 16 was approved.
3. An abatement for the 2010 taxes second issue for Lakes Region Conservation Trust.
4. The Board requested the office staff verify the statement of Mr. Robinson that the Shore land Protection Act documents had been filed with the State.
5. A 2009 & 2010 (1st issue) tax abatement for Lakes Region Conservation Trust.
6. A current use tax penalty and warrant for map 415 lot 011 was approved.
7. A current use tax penalty and warrant for map 402 lot 022 was approved.
8. A current use tax penalty and warrant for map 202 lot 076 was approved.
9. The Board discussed the status of Tamworth's Wireless project.
10. A timber tax levy in the amount of \$4495.25 was approved for several maps/lots.
11. An intent to cut for map 403 lot 002 was approved
12. An intent to cut for map 414 lot 084-001 was approved.
13. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the minutes of November 8, 2010 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
14. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the non-public minutes of November 8, 2010 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
15. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the minutes of November 22, 2010 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
16. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the non-public minutes of November 22, 2010 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
17. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the non-public minutes of November 29, 2010 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
18. Mr. Abraham requested 2 amendments to the minutes of November 29, 2010. Since the Board did not take a vote on the minutes they will be reviewed again at the 12/16 meeting as amended.
19. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abraham supported to approve the non-public sealed minutes of November 10, 2010 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
20. A quote from Whyte's Welding has been received for the work to be done in the 2011 budget year.
21. Mr. Farnum advised that a warrant article should to be placed on the 2011 warrant to rescind the Gravel and Aquifer ordinance that was adopted in 1984 under article #47. The Planning Board recently adopted new gravel excavation regulations.
22. Mrs. Pearce discussed the statewide mosaic-mapping project underway and inquired if the Selectmen wished the Town to participate in this project. The consensus of the Board was not to participate in the project at this time.
23. The Board was reminded of the December 13 training, lunch and employee meeting scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.
24. The Board discussed a request of Modern Concepts out of Center Barnstead NH to be placed on the Town's website. The Board advised the website is to be utilized for Tamworth's businesses and they could not allow out of Town businesses on the site at this time.

25. The Board discussed the shoveling prices that have been received thus far for the Town Office. Prices are coming in anywhere from \$45/1st trip and \$25/each additional trip during the storm to clear the walkways. The office will continue to look for an individual/company interested in shoveling snow.
26. Mrs. Pearce discussed a petitioned warrant article in which the original petition cannot be located. The Board advised they would accept a copy of the petition as the original for this particular petition for Tri County Cap.
27. Mr. Farnum discussed the playground funds available for the village area and advised a letter is forthcoming for the Board to discuss at a future meeting.

Non-Public
Session

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

Mr. Roberts moved to come out of the non-public session at 8:07 p.m. Mr. Farnum supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen: 12/16/2010

John Roberts

William Farnum

Robert Abraham