

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
May 14, 2009
Tamworth Town Office

Members Present

Tom Abugelis, William Farnum and John Roberts

Others Present

Administrative Asst. Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Recreation Director Parker Roberts, Scott Finman, Sam Martin, David Haskell, Robert Strobel, Nancy Russell, Mr. & Mrs. David Farley, John Gotgen, Anne Abear and many other members of the community.

Chairman Abugelis opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

Department Updates

Town House

Mr. Parker Roberts disbursed and discussed the plans that have been received to repair and modify the exit to the Town House. He recommended the plan that was presented by Mr. Marone due to the cost associated with the project. The proposals ranged from \$2,975 to \$14,930 depending on which proposal is accepted. After some discussion of the historic impact that the Marone plan could have on the Town House, the Board decided they would begin their May 21, 2009 meeting at 3:45 p.m. at the Town House to discuss both options and will further decide whether to bring the options to Town Meeting for their consideration in 2010.

Police Department

Update on Officer
Frechette

Chief Dan Poirier updated the Board on the status of Officer Frechette advising she will be out of work for a while longer and she has an appointment scheduled for June 4, 2009.

Hiring of P/T Officer

Chief Poirier discussed the status of the Police Department with the Town going into its busy season and being down one officer. Chief Poirier requested the Board allow for a part time officer to be hired during the interim. The Board authorized the hiring of Officer Christopher Keaton to pick up two (2) shifts per week. Further, the Board authorized paying Officer Keaton at the same hourly rate as Officer Frechette.

Sexual Offender
Policy

Chief Poirier inquired on the status of the Sexual Offender Policy. The Board advised they would review the policy that was proposed and will discuss the policy at the 5/21 meeting.

Replacement Cruiser

The Board discussed the recommendations of NH DRA regarding replacing the cruiser that was recently totaled. The Board was given a copy of RSA 32:11 entitled Emergency Expenditure and Over Expenditure Procedures. The Board will review the RSA and will discuss how they would like to proceed with replacing the cruiser.

Chief Poirier advised that the Carroll County Sheriff has approached him advising they have a vehicle that could be utilized by the Town if needed.

UNH Technology Center
Software presentation

Mr. David Haskell and Mr. Robert Strobel of UNH Technology Center gave a presentation to the Board showing software that is available to assist communities in conducting an inventory of roads, culverts, signs, and road surface. The inventory also will rate the conditions of each road to assist the Town in determining what roads need immediate attention with projected costs for the future.

Mr. Strobel advised the software would assist the Town in becoming budget efficient, reducing the liability, and would assist the Board and Road Agent in becoming management efficient.

The program currently has an estimated 50 town users.

The cost to the Town would be \$500 for the maintenance engineering service pack and an additional \$100 per year. An offer was made for the community of Tamworth to use the program free through June 2009.

Mr. Strobel advised at this time, UNH cannot offer any internship assistance and would recommend the Town consider looking for volunteers within the Town to assist in the collection of data for this program.

The Board discussed the accuracy of the software according to GPS location. Mr. Strobel advised that the GPS locations were found to be very accurate. Mr. Haskell recommended not only looking at the GPS locations but for the Town to consider taking picture of the culverts and signs as the fieldwork is completed.

Public Comment

Mrs. Pat Farley discussed the asphalt berm surrounding the triangle near the post office in Chocorua Village and inquired if plantings could be placed in the area to cover the berm. The Board advised they were working on closing out Phase I prior to creating any further work on this project.

Economic Development Committee

Ms. Pat Farley discussed the recommendation of the planning board to have the Selectmen appoint an economic development committee. The committee's goals will be to develop a strategy for the retention, growth and attraction of businesses in Tamworth by:

- Conducting an assessment of existing business base of the town, including the types of businesses; employment base; and residence of employees,
- Identifying the specific types of businesses that match the character of the town and skill levels of residents,
- Making realistic recommendations about what the town can do to grow its existing business base; retain existing businesses; and attract new businesses to town,
- Develop a strategy for high-speed internet access in Tamworth and,
- Coordinate Town economic development activities with surrounding towns and appropriate regional and state resources.

Mrs. Farley introduced and gave bios for the committee members who are interested in serving on the committee. Included were:

- Pat Farley
- Michelle Cleveland
- Chris Frances
- Karin McNiff
- Marletta Maduskuie
- Chris Moneypenny
- Alt. Rebecca Boydon
- Alt. Sheldon Perry
- Ex-officio for BOS Member

The meetings will be held the 1st Thursday of each month beginning at 7pm at the Chocorua Library.

Mr. Farnum advised he was very interested and willing to serve on this committee.

Mr. Roberts moved to accept the appointments as presented by Mrs. Farley for the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Farnum supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Roberts moved to appoint Mr. Farnum as ex-officio to the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Energy Committee

Mr. Farnum advised that the energy committee met earlier in the week and are working on the street light project. He advised that Mr. Chris Conrad has mapped out all of the streetlights in Town. Mr. Farnum advised recommendations are forth coming on the appointments to this Board.

Mr. Roberts discussed a presentation planned for June 6 at 1:00 p.m. at the Remick Museum regarding energy savings. Public notices should be going out soon in regard to this presentation.

The next meeting of the energy committee is scheduled for June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

Mr. Farnum discussed the planning board meeting he attended and advised they discussed RSA 155-E regarding excavation and held a public hearing on a septic waiver that was authorized.

Conservation Commission

Mr. Roberts discussed the conservation commission meeting he attended advising the meeting topic was on the Master Plan and what involvement the conservation commission will have in that plan.

Board Project Listing

Mr. Abugelis requested the Board's project listing be added to the next agenda of 5/21 for the Board's discussion.

Tire to be cleaned up

Mr. Farnum discussed the 24 tires that were pulled up over the bank on Hemmingway Road and requested the highway department be notified to pick up the tires before the pile gets added to.

Mr. Abraham discussed 4 tires that he took to the transfer station recently that were left beside the roadway.

Washington Hill Road Property

Ms. Custer discussed a property on the corner of Washington Hill Road that is falling down and has two (2) vehicles that have been in the driveway for many years. Mr. Farnum advised a letter had been sent to the property owner and no response was received.

Signature Items

The Board signed the following items:

1. Map 403 Lot 002 Current Use Application
2. Map 210 Lot 008 Current Use Application
3. Map 208 Lots 023, 024 & 028 Intent to cut
4. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported approval of a timber warrant in the amount of \$2,736.69. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
5. \$1539.83 timber warrant
6. \$4,991.66 timber warrant
7. Abatement for Map 407 Lot 097 – denied
8. Map 213 Lot 030 abatement to be granted in the amount of \$462.65 which includes interest
9. Timber warrant \$896.64
10. Gravel tax levy - \$1488.90

11. Current use application map 206 lot 001-001
12. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to approve the minutes of May 7, 2009 as presented. Vote: 2-0-1 with Mr. Farnum abstaining. Motion passed.*

Administrative Matters

Mrs. Pearce discussed the following with the Board:

1. The current costs associated with the repairs to Whittier Road.
2. An email from the Community Nurses regarding the installation of cables for internet access into the town office building. The Board requested the suggested configuration be changed to access the building through the basement and to be run through the attic if possible to prevent damage to the exterior of the building.
3. A class is currently scheduled for May 28 beginning at 9 am – 4 pm entitled regulating municipal managed projects. The Board decided Mr. Roberts, Mr. Farnum and Mrs. Abear would attend the class. Mr. Abugelis requested a calendar be created to inform the Board as to the dates that the Town Office will be closed for the remainder of this year. He advised the office needed to be open for the public and wants a sense of priority for training of the office personnel. Mr. Farnum and Mr. Roberts advised that a calendar is very difficult to produce for an entire year as training may become available for the employees in a future date. The Board decided the meeting of 5/28 would be cancelled.
4. Mrs. Pearce discussed the grand reopening of May 23 of Monkey Trunks beginning at 10:30 a.m. All members of the Board will be in attendance for this reopening.
5. Mrs. Pearce advised the library trustees will be at the meeting of May 21.
6. The 1st issue tax warrant will be available for the Board to sign at the May 21 meeting.

Non-public Session

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Farnum supported to move into a non-public session per RSA 91 A:II c & e. Vote: Farnum, Yes, Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes. Motion passed. This motion was made at 6:22 p.m.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the non-public session at 6:40 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Discussions during this non-public session included:

1. A Confidentiality Agreement proposed between Pine Tree Power, George E. Sansoucy, PE, LLC and the Town of Tamworth. The Board approved and signed the agreement.
2. A taxpayer requested the Board stop a lien from being placed on his property. The Board advised of their policy to not stop liens from being placed on properties or deeding of properties.
3. The Board discussed the meeting held at the State Offices on Monday, May 11, 2009 with members of the State regarding the Chocorua Community Project – Phase I closure.

Adjournment

Mr. Abugelis adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board of Selectmen: 5/21/09

Tom Abugelis

William Farnum

John Roberts