

Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
June 11, 2009  
Tamworth Town Office

Members Present Tom Abugelis, John Roberts and William Farnum

Others Present Administrative Asst. Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Park & Recreation Director Parker Roberts, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Nancy Russell, David Haskell, Scott Finman, David Little, Pat Farley, Sam Martin, Ned Beecher, Anne Abear and other community members.

*Chairman Abugelis opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. with a non-public session.*

Non-Public Session *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to enter into non-public per RSA 91 A: 3 II c at 3:00 p.m. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Farnum, Yes. Motion passed.*

*Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the non-public session at 3:35 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Members of the Board met with an individual whose property was recently taken by tax deed. The Board considered the information from this individual but did not make any final decision from this discussion. The Board will review the information received at a future meeting.

Gregg's Way The Board met with Road Agent Bruce Robinson at Gregg's Way. The purpose of this meeting was for a review of the drainage needs of this roadway.

Department Head Updates -

Police Department Chief Poirier advised Officer Frechette has returned to work and is currently using a cruiser owned by Carroll County Sheriff's Department pending a decision from NH DRA to allow the Town to purchase a replacement cruiser. Officer Frechette will begin training on June 15, 2009 for two weeks. Chief Poirier advised the Town of Tamworth has the responsibility of putting fuel in the vehicle.

Highway Department Mr. Robinson presented a list of projects planned for the highway department through the remainder of 2009. The Board discussed the estimated amount of 2,700 yards of material to be removed from the highway garage location and the location for storing some of this material. The Board requested Mr. Robinson mark the storage location for the Board to view. The Board discussed selling the additional product and decided they would discuss this at a future meeting. Mr. Robinson recommended and the Board agreed to not cut any additional trees on the lot of the highway garage in order to keep an acceptable buffer between this property and abutting properties.

An estimated 3500-ton of sand will be necessary for the 2009-2010 winter season. The Board recommended renting screening equipment once a decision is made on the location of the loam.

The Board discussed the ditch/shoulder work to be done and Mr. Robinson advised although most of the work could be accomplished using Town equipment, an excavator may be needed in some locations.

The drainage on Cleveland Hill Road was discussed. Mr. Robinson advised the Town currently has permission to put 7 drainage pipes along the roadway.

Ms. Russell inquired about the replacement of the road sign on Union Hall Road and the yield sign at the corner of Main Street and Route 113. Mr. Robinson will look into replacing these signs.

The Board reviewed the reference submitted by Mr. Marrone on the mowing bid. The Board requested Mr. Robinson contact Mr. Marrone directly for a discussion prior to the next meeting. Mr. Roberts advised the Town of Sandwich rents mowing machinery from a company out of Plainsfield. The Town pays for the fuel and provides the operator. The cost is estimated to be around \$5,000/month.

Mr. Haskell advised there is a pile of loam in back of the South Tamworth Post Office and behind the Union Hall triangle that needs to be removed. The material was placed there during winter plowing.

Mr. Roberts discussed a culvert on Mountain Road that needs attention due to it not draining properly and the field that appears to be receiving the entire run off to include that of the roadway. Mr. Robinson will look at the area.

#### Parks & Recreation

##### Family Day

Mr. Parker Roberts discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration for the community. He advised he has been approached by residents who want to hold a road race on the morning of July 4<sup>th</sup>. The interested parties are willing to do all the necessary legwork to make sure the event is successful. Mr. Parker Roberts will meet with Chief Poirier to discuss the direction of the run. The funding received from this event will go to a local non-profit organization. The Board discussed the insurance and inquired if this event would be covered under the Town's policy? Mrs. Abear will check with the current insurance carrier.

#### Public Comment

Mrs. Pat Farley discussed the 1<sup>st</sup> Economic Development Meeting.

Mr. Jim Bowditch advised the Chocorua Lake Association has put plantings in near the "Grove" located on the shore of Chocorua Lake. This is in an attempt to stop any erosion of the property surrounding the lake.

#### BOS Pending Matters

##### Energy Committee

Mr. Farnum advised that all of the streetlights have been located and a meeting will be held on Tuesday June 16, open to the public to discuss whether all of the lights are necessary. Chief Poirier was asked to attend the meeting to discuss the safety of Tamworth residents in regard to the location of the lights. The students of the KA Brett School have challenged as many people to go to [www.carbonchallenge.org](http://www.carbonchallenge.org) and complete a survey regarding energy savings. Chief Poirier was advised to notify the Selectmen's Office of pole numbers for any streetlights that are noticed as being out.

## Planning Board

Mr. Farnum advised the Planning Board met on June 10 to review the design of Mr. Scott Aspinal to subdivide a property along Gregg's Way. Further, the Planning Board held a discussion on the implementation of the master plan.

## Administrative Matters – Part I

### Fuel Prices 2009 – 2010

The Board discussed quotes received for #2 heating fuel and propane from several local vendors. The price of heating fuel ranged from \$2.045 to 2.599 per gallon. The price of propane ranged from 1.715 to 1.776 per gallon. The Board was advised that the prices for these items are rising daily. The Board recommended utilizing Eastern Propane for propane and either Reliable Oil or Eastern Propane for the #2 fuel oil.

### Signature Items

The following items were signed by the Board:

- A financial management letter for the 2008 audit
- An intent to cut for map 407 lot 096
- An elderly exemption for map 415 lot 087
- An elderly exemption for map 215 lot 037
- An intent to cut for map 217 lot 049
- *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to approve the minutes of June 4, 2009 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

### Other Items for Review

- The Board reviewed but did not approve an intent to cut for map 405 lot 009 as the notice of intent did not include the estimated amounts to be cut.
- A transfer station bill for the Tamworth Historical Society was approved for billing in the amount of \$145.
- Mrs. Pearce advised Lakes Region Conservation Trust, which is a charitable non-profit organization, is claiming they are non-taxable from property taxes. The assessor is recommending the properties that are not being specifically utilized by the organization to become taxable properties. A letter has been sent to the organization to acquire additional information. If the information is not received by July 1, 2009, the intent is to make the properties taxable. Mr. Farnum requested a follow up letter be sent to this organization.
- Mrs. Pearce discussed the solid waste pollution prevention program for the transfer station and advised the writing of the plan is beyond the ability of the current staff. A quote has been received in the amount of \$3,000 from HE Bergeron Engineering to update the plan. The Board decided since they did not appropriate the funds to update this plan, they would consider placing funds in the 2010 budget.
- Mrs. Pearce discussed the option of hiring a tri town assessor and inquired if the Board was still interested in this option. The Board advised they continue to be interested and are willing to talk to other communities.

## Conservation Commission

Mr. Ned Beecher attended the meeting advising the Board that a letter will be sent to all property owners along the rivers and lakes in Tamworth to discuss the State regulations under the Shore Land Protection Act. Mr. Beecher requested electronic information from Mrs. Pearce for this mailing.

Mr. Beecher advised he received an email regarding the drainage put in with the Chocorua Project. The Board recommended he contact FST Engineering with any questions.

Household hazardous waste day will be held on August 1 in the Towns of Moultonborough and Ossipee.

Mr. Beecher discussed the creation of a website specifically for the Conservation Commission. This website will have a link from the Town's website. The Board advised they would prefer the Commission access to the Town's website so they could do their own postings. Mr. Farnum will look into this action.

#### Non-Public Sessions

*Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91 A:3 II d at 5:12 p.m. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Farnum Yes. Motion passed.*

*Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn this non-public session at 5:25 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

The Board discussed a proposal of an acquisition of land for a conservation easement. Mr. Beecher attended this session.

*Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91 A:3 II c at 5:25 p.m. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Farnum Yes.*

*Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn this non-public session at 5:34 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

The Board discussed legal correspondence from a property owner's attorney with Mr. Beecher.

*Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91 A:3 II a & c at 5:34 p.m. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Farnum Yes.*

*Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn this non-public session at 6:30 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed*

The Board was given an update on the pending Chocorua Project legal case where Nelson Communication has filed suit against the Town of Tamworth.

*Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to remove Anne Abear from a probationary status employee effective immediately. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

#### Administrative Matters – Part II

The Board discussed the following:

- An RSA 91:A request for information received from David Little. The Board after much discussion, decided they would not charge Mr. Little for this information as he indicated in his request letter it will be used for assisting the many Board's that Mr. Little serves on.
- A payment request was approved for Dubois Excavation for the Cleveland Hill Road Bridge in the amount of \$46,971.

- The Board reviewed the Town House rental policy and a listing of organizations that are exempt from paying a fee to use the building. The Board requested Mr. Parker Roberts to attend the next meeting to discuss this information.
- The Board was advised the drug and alcohol policies for CDL and non-CDL employees would be available for their review over the weekend.
- Mr. Tom Peters will be at the meeting of 6/18 to discuss the proposal and contract to place banners within the Chocorua village on utility poles.

Adjournment

*Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Mr. Farnum supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board of Selectmen: 6/18/09

Tom Abugelis

John Roberts

William Farnum