

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
July 2, 2009
Tamworth Town Office

Members Present Tom Abugelis, William Farnum, and John Roberts

Others Present Administrative Asst. Cassandra Pearce, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Clayton Johnson, Pat Farley, Nancy Russell, and Anne Abear.

Chairman Abugelis called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

Department Reports

Police Department

Chief Poirier discussed the following with the Board:

1. Police stats for the month of June 2009. Individual cases were discussed.
2. The 2009 Crown Victoria for the police department has been purchased, and radios are being installed.
3. The July 4th celebration plans are well under way. Chief Poirier advised there might be some congestion at the four corners.

Highway Department

Road Agent Bruce Robinson discussed the following with the Board:

1. A few washouts have been reported due to the recent rains that have fallen.
2. Mrs. Pearce discussed the need for some of the bridges having proper posting requirement for weights according to the State. Some pictures have been taken. Mr. Robinson will meet with Mrs. Pearce next week to discuss what signs are needed at each bridge.
3. Mrs. Pearce discussed a washout at the corner of Cleveland Hill and Brown Hill Road. Mr. Robinson advised he would view the area.

Public Comment

1. Mrs. Pat Farley invited everyone to the Summer Welcome scheduled for July 13 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Chocorua Library. Further, the Chocorua Community Association invites everyone to Chocorua Day scheduled for July 25, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Both events will begin on the grounds of the Chocorua Library and Runnel's Hall.

Selectmen's Report

1. Mr. Farnum discussed the Ordinance Review Committee's recommendation for the upcoming Town Meeting to eliminate/modify ordinances that have been adopted by the Town and are now governed under NH RSAs. The Board will review the information in their read file and will discuss the recommendations at the next meeting.
2. Mr. Roberts discussed his meeting with Mrs. Farley regarding the placement of granite benches at the park/bio retention area within Chocorua Village. Mr. Roberts advised this was a donation and would not cost the Town funds. The Board thanked Mr. Roberts for his generosity and approved moving forward with the project.
3. Mrs. Farley discussed the Economic Development Committee Meeting schedule for 7:00 p.m. this evening and the goals of the committee. She discussed the minutes being available on the website and advised the meeting of the committee is scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Sokokis Pines

Mr. Clayton Johnson who is a resident of 153 Silver Pine Lane met with the Board to discuss his request of the Town placing a sign at Brandywine Road to direct travelers to Silver Pine Lane. He advised the current road signs are not adequate for travelers and Silver Pine Lane is not available on map quest. The Board advised that as this road and subdivision are private and are maintained privately, the Town does not replace or adjust those signs. It is recommended Mr. Johnson meet with Mr. Coleman who owns and maintains the roads within this subdivision to advise him of the need for the signs. Mr. Roberts advised he would also speak to Mr. Coleman.

Administration

1. Carbon Coalition Challenge - Mrs. Pearce advised an email has been received from the energy committee to put a link on the website for the carbon challenge. Mr. Farnum recommended placing the link on the website as requested and reminded all that this challenge was put out by the 1st grade class of the KA Brett School. The Board approved the posting.
2. Streetlights - Mr. Farnum advised he rode with Chief Poirier last evening to view streetlights within the entire Tamworth community. He advised there are some lights that could be shut off at first glance. Prior to making any final recommendations to PSNH, the Energy Committee plans on holding a public hearing and notifying the abutting property owners of their proposal. Mrs. Pearce advised a resident of 92 Union Hall Road has come into the Town Office to recommend shutting off a light near their property. Mrs. Pearce will forward this information to the energy committee.
3. Signature Cards for Northway Bank – The Board signed new signature cards for Northway Bank.
4. Agreement for Drug & Alcohol Consortium with LR Occupational Health – The Board signed the agreement for the drug and alcohol testing of Town employees. The policy is effective immediately and testing will begin soon.

5. Banners on Telephone Poles in Chocorua Village – Mrs. Pearce advised Mr. Tom Peters would be at the meeting of July 16 to discuss the proposal he made to place banners within the village and his discussion with Fairpoint Communication to waive the requirement of the Town posting a line of credit or bond. Mrs. Pearce further advised the local bank and an insurance carrier are reviewing the contracts for both Fairpoint and PSNH to determine the cost of these items.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II c & e. at 4:51 p.m. Vote was: Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes, Farnum Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the non-public session at 5:18 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board discussed and was updated by Mrs. Pearce on pending legal issues regarding a junkyard on Route 16 and the Chocorua Community Project. No decisions were made during this non-public session.

Adjournment

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Board of Selectmen: 7/16/09

Tom Abugelis

William Farnum

John Roberts