

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
October 1, 2009
Tamworth Town Office

Members Present Tom Abugelis, William Farnum and John Roberts

Others Present Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce, Rescue Squad Captain Chris Robinson, Anne Abear, Mr. & Mrs. David Farley, John Gotchen, Ruth Timchet, Judy Reardon, Jim Bowditch, Peter Smart, and other members of the community

William Farnum opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Non-Public Session

William Farnum moved to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II c for a discussion of an EMS medical call. Mr. Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes. This motion was made at 4:30 p.m.

William Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the non-public session at 4:52 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board met with Rescue Captain Chris Robinson to discuss concerns brought to the Board of Selectmen from Medstar regarding an incident in which during a medical call standard operating procedures of the department may not have been followed by Tamworth's rescue personnel.

Mr. Robinson will review this incident and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Farnum recessed the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Mr. Abugelis reopened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

The Board welcomed Mr. Abugelis whom thanked everyone for their support and necessary healing time needed for recovery. Mr. Abugelis recognized and acknowledged the team of Board members as well as the office staff. He continued by thanking the community for their support.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Farnum.

Mr. Farnum advised that this meeting is for the Board to take public input regarding phase II and III of the Chocorua Community Project to assist the Board in preparing for the project scope meeting with the State.

Purpose of the project is to enhance the safety of the Chocorua community. Mr. Farnum advised what has been done to the village to date with the funding received during phase I.

The Board began the discussion by advising the following should be considered as part of phase II and III:

1. Lighting - Finishing the lighting project that was removed from phase I.

2. Sidewalks – The Board advised that any sidewalks installed/built during these next two phases would need to be maintained at the Town's expense. Maintained was explained to mean usable year round.

Open public forum discussion included:

Mr. Tom Peters advised the CCA reviewed the plan and the list of the proposed construction and associated costs put forth by FST through 2013. Due to the delay in work from phase I and the changes in activities in the community, the CCA revisited their recommendations and offered the following for the Board to consider for a portion of the funding for phase II and III:

1. Finish lighting project that was not able to be funded in the last phase
2. Runnells Hall Lane/113 East
3. Route 16/113 SE corner, G3 Chocorua Church
4. Quirk Building Triangle
5. Route 16/Chocorua Road Intersection
6. Recommended placing a portion of the funding to be received be placed into an endowment for current and future sidewalk maintenance

The estimate amount for these items is \$547,410 without item #6.

It was announced that the CCA is not interested in placing another BIO retention area at the corner of Route 113 and Route 16.

Other recommendations given by the public included:

1. Requesting the State conduct a speed study to determine if the speed has been improved.
2. Better signage being placed for crosswalks to include painting of the roadway.
3. Placing a catch basin at 3Gs store to direct water to the bio retention area away from the river.
4. Looking at the ends of the project both north and south to shift/narrow the roadway to slow traffic down further away from the village.
5. Consideration given to a location for the bus route that will be running along Route 16.

Mr. Farnum gave an explanation of the project advising it is being funding by federal earmarked fund through federal grants. The total project was to cost approximately \$3,200,000. The request for these funds was made in phases. The funds were received through grants written by CCA to enhance the safety of the village.

The Board advised they would be proposing the following to the State at the upcoming scope meeting:

1. Finish the lighting
2. Placing a handrail on the sidewalk near the corner of the post office and Route 16
3. Discussion the possibility of placing a specially designed shoulders along the roadways versus sidewalks
4. Discuss the recommendations of the CCA as presented at this meeting including:
 - a. Runnells Hall Lane/113 East
 - b. Route 16/113 SE corner, G3 Chocorua Church

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- c. Quirk Building Triangle
 - d. Route 16/Chocorua Road Intersection
 - e. Recommended placing a portion of the funding to be received for these two phases into an endowment for current and future sidewalk maintenance
5. Calming of traffic on both ends of the village

The Board thanked the attendees for their participation in this open forum and reminded everyone that the Selectmen will make all decisions on this project and anyone having concerns, questions or suggestions regarding this project are requested to bring them to the Selectmen, not the State directly.

Adjournment

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen: 10/8/09

Tom Abugelis

William Farnum

John Roberts