

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
October 8, 2009
Tamworth Town Office

Members Present: Tom Abugelis, John Roberts and William Farnum (arriving at 4:15 p.m.)

Others Present: Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kim Noyes, Mr. & Mrs. David Farley, Sam Martin, Scott Finman, David Haskell, Nancy Russell, Jim Bowditch and Anne Abear.

Mr. Abugelis called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for those present.

Department Head Reports:

Police Department Chief Poirier disbursed stats for the month of September 2009 commenting that the report is two pages long and has been the busiest month that has been seen in the Tamworth for some time.

Highway Department Mr. Robinson advised he received prices on tires for the grader ranging from \$5,800 - \$6,191 installed. Lowest was Frechette Tire. *Mr. Roberts moved to approve the purchase of 4 tires for the grader from Frechette Tire at the cost of \$5,800. Mr. Farnum supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed*

Paving of garage driveway is planned for this weekend.

Mr. Farnum advised the bank at the corner of the driveway looks good.

Mr. Roberts advised Wayne Lloyd is looking to carry the town sander this winter if needed. Mr. Robinson advised he would discuss this with Wayne Lloyd.

Mrs. Pearce advised Whittier Bridge over Stoney Brook was red listed by the State and is now posted for 15 ton. Mr. Robinson advised rebar is still showing as it was two years ago. This is the only bridge that a report was received on. Mr. Robinson mentioned an engineering firm in Gilford and will be discussing with them what their costs for engineering currently is. The recommendation from the State was to replace the bridge or conduct an extensive rehab to allow the bridge to carry all necessary vehicles and loads. The State put in the bridge in 1927. John Roberts thought the cost associated to hire an engineer would be the same as putting in a new culvert pipe bridge.

Public Comment Pat Farley discussed the recent economic development committee meeting and is waiting to hear about the expansion of broad ban service. William Farnum thanked the members of the economic development committee for hosting the recent business meeting. Approximately 200 mailings were sent out to Tamworth businesses.

1. 2010 Budget – The schedule for work sessions for the 2010 budget was proposed for 3 full days of review. Meetings will be held on October 26 beginning at 9:00, November 2 & November 9. The public hearing for the 2010 budget is scheduled for 2/11/10 with the last day for petitioned warrant articles to be accepted to be 2/2/10. The Board will hold off on meeting with outside agencies. A new line will be added to the budget to cover the expense of the alcohol and drug testing of employees.
2. Chocorua Community Project – The Board met with NH DOT on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 to discuss the Chocorua Community Project's next phase. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Farnum gave a recap of that meeting. A grant administrator for this project was discussed. William Farnum believes the grant administration could be done in house. John Roberts advised he would like to know how much time it would take to do this project. Check with New Market about their administration of grants as they have brought the grants in house. The Board discussed Mrs. Pearce's statement of needing to consider how hands on the engineer is when working on the project. Mr. Peters inquired if the lighting could be done as a separate portion than the regular project. The Board will check with DOT to see if that is possible. John Roberts advised the rail on the ramp should also be considered to be fixed first. Mr. Peters thanked the Board for their work on the project and honoring the suggestions made by the CCA.
3. Meeting Schedule – The Board agreed to continue the bi-weekly meeting schedule. The next meeting will be held on 10/22/09 at 4:00 p.m.
4. SAU Meeting with Superintendent – Tom Abugelis agreed to be the liaison between the SAU and the Board of Selectmen. The Board agreed to have Mr. Abugelis as that liaison.

Mr. Abugelis recessed the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Mr. Abugelis reconvened the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

5. Plowing at the library – The Board viewed the area in front of the Cook Library for snow removal and shoveling. Tom Abugelis will discuss this with the library trustees at their next meeting and will bring the information back to the Board at the next meeting.
6. Town Reports – Quotes were received for the 2009 Town report. The prices ranged from \$1125 - \$3855 for 750 copies. *Mr. Farnum moved to award the annual report for 2009 to Prison Industries in the amount of \$1125. Mr. Roberts supported this motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
7. Flu and H1N1 Update – JoAnne Rainville discussed a flu clinic to be held at Brett School for children. A list is being created for residents desiring the H1N1 vaccination. Anyone interested should contact the nurse's office directly. Cost of a flu shot is \$15 Tamworth Residents - \$20 for non-residents. The cost of the H1N1 shot will be \$0 to all.
8. Emergency Operation Plan – *John Roberts moved to adopt the Emergency Operations Plan. Tom Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous.*
9. A land use change tax levy in the amount of \$5,590 was signed.

10. An intent to cut for map 405 lot 007 was signed.
11. A timber tax levy in the amount of \$1,272.78 was signed.
12. A change order (#5) for the Chocorua Community Project was approved.
Once this change order is signed, it will close out phase I of the project.
13. The Board discussed an engagement letter and proposal for auditor Paul Mercier. The Board recommended getting prices from other auditors prior to signing this agreement as the price has increased \$900 per year.
14. *John Roberts moved to accept the minutes of October 1, 2009 as written. Tom Abugelis supported this motion. Vote was unanimous.*
15. *John Roberts moved to accept the minutes of October 6, 2009 as written. William Farnum seconded this motion. Vote was (2-0-1). Motion passed.*

Kim Noyes – MV Registrations

Ms. Noyes advised she will begin 10/20/09 eliminating the need for anyone registering vehicles to have two checks. One check will be allowed to cover both expenses. She further is looking at an electronic check program in which residents could register their vehicles, pay taxes, etc. on line from the Tamworth website. She advised there are expenses that the Town must incur to set up this program and the possibility of taking debit and credit cards. The Board will be updated more on this process as more information becomes available.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abugelis supported at 6:16 p.m. to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II c at 6:16 p.m. VOTE: Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abugelis supported at 6:41 p.m. to adjourn the non-public session. VOTE: Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.

The Board discussed issues remaining from a prior non-public session regarding the Tamworth Rescue Squad and requested an emergency non-public session be set up for Friday, October 9, 2009 if possible to work through the issues remaining as soon as possible.

Adjournment

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen: 10/22/09

Tom Abugelis

William Farnum

John Roberts