

Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
October 22, 2009  
Tamworth Town Office

Members Present William Farnum, John Roberts, and Tom Abugelis

Others Present Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Sam Martin, Nancy Russell, Dan Dineen, Scott Finman, Pat and David Farley, Lee Custer, Ned Beecher, representatives of the Carroll County Commissioners and Anne Abear

*Chairman Abugelis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the evening.*

Department Heads

Highway Department Bruce Robinson discussed the following with the Board:

1. One truck has been hooked up for snow and a sander put placed.
2. This week the department has been cleaning leaves from ditches.
3. Everything seems to be going well within the department.
4. Mr. Roberts inquired if a review had been done of the Stony Brook Bridge. Mr. Robinson advised he would be meeting with KV Partners LLC from Gilford to acquire their recommendations. Mr. Robinson advised the signs have been posted as recommended by the State. KV Partners LLC is the engineering firm that is utilized by the Town of Moultonborough.
5. Mr. Farnum announced the meeting that Green Mountain Conservation Group is holding regarding salt usage for the upcoming winter. This meeting will be held on November 5 from 6 –8 p.m. at Runnells Hall.

Police Department Chief Poirier discussed the following with the Board:

1. Chief Poirier requested the Board to approve Officer Frechette to carry over 2 days of unused vacation time from 2009 to 2010. He advised Officer Frechette has a planned family vacation that she would like to use those days for in 2010. The consensus of the Board was to allow Officer Frechette to carry over the days as requested by Chief Poirier.
2. A memorandum of agreement for a grant with the State of NH to add a central communication channel to all the radios owned by the Tamworth Police Department was presented. This channel will enhance the communication between all emergency departments of the State. The State will pay the cost of reprogramming the equipment. *William Farnum moved and Tom Abugelis supported to sign the memorandum of agreement as recommended by Chief Poirier to update the radios within the Tamworth Police Department. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Public Comment None

Administrative Matters The Board reviewed, discussed and signed the following:

1. *William Farnum moved and John Roberts supported to approve the unofficial 2009 tax rate of \$17.97 per \$1,000 of valuation as presented by NH DRA. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.* Mr. Farley asked for a full explanation of the tax rate and was advised that once the rate becomes official, the information will be provided for the public. Mrs. Farley requested the information be placed also at the libraries for public viewing.
2. Chairman Abugelis advised of his recent meeting with the new Superintendent of schools and advised he felt the meeting was very productive. The next scheduled meeting will take place in December of 2009.
3. Mr. Farnum requested time on the 11/5/09 meeting agenda to make a public presentation regarding streetlights and the recommendations of the energy committee. The Board advised that meeting would be a public forum and should be posted in the papers.
4. Energy Commission – Mr. Farnum discussed recent legislation that allowed communities to create an energy commission versus an energy committee. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported creating an energy commission pursuant to NH RSA 38-D . Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
5. Chocorua Community Project – *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to sign the municipal agreements for phase II and III of the Chocorua Community Project. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.* The Board discussed the next step of the project advising that the agreements now have to be approved by the State and then a notice to proceed for RFQ for an engineer would be issued,
6. The Board approved Mr. Farnum to attend the LGC's annual conference in November.
7. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to sign a letter to the Town Trustee's requesting funds from the revaluation and bridge capital reserve accounts. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
8. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to approve the minutes of October 8 and October 16, 2009 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
9. The Board reviewed the 10 engineering proposals received for the engineering feasibility study of Tamworth Pines. The Board selected to have interviews with Provan & Lorber and HE Bergeron. Representatives of Tamworth Pines will select a 3<sup>rd</sup> engineering firm and notify Donna Lane who will set up the interviews for November 5.
10. Update on Cook Library Plowing – Mr. Abugelis advised he attended the Cook Library meeting advising it is his understanding that the library is unwilling to give up funds in their budget to have the town take care of the

plowing in front of their building. The Board decided they would discuss this further with the library trustees at the upcoming budget work session.

11. Budget Preparation – Members of the Board discussed their proposal for the 2010 budget specifically regarding salaries for Town employees. Mr. Farnum advised he felt that the employees should get an increase this year. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Abugelis felt that the employees of the Town do a great job, but would not recommend an increase in the budget for employee raises. The direction given for the 2010 budget will be to not offer an increase in employee wages for the year.
12. The Board briefly discussed the ORC recommendations for the 2010 Town warrant to repeal ordinances. The Board will review this information further and requested a discussion be scheduled for the meeting of 11/5.
13. The Board reviewed a letter from Edmond and Bridget Mautone regarding their property at 266 Hollow Hill Road. The letter requested the Board allow for an amendment to their building permit in which they did not state they were going to place a photovoltaic system on the property. The Board requested to review the original building permit at the next meeting prior to approving the request of Mr. & Mrs. Mautone.
14. The Board signed an intent to cut for map 414 lot 053.
15. The Board signed a timber tax levy in the amount of \$1,317.96 for map 424 lot 002.
16. An announcement was made that the Assessor and Selectmen's office would be closed on Friday, October 23, 2009.
17. The Board was reminded of their budget work session meeting scheduled for Monday, October 26 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
18. Mrs. Abear advised Mrs. Pearce underwent surgery last week and is doing well in her recovery at home. Everyone wished Mrs. Pearce a speedy recovery.
19. The Board discussed employee evaluations. Mr. Abugelis will check his schedule for the Thanksgiving Week holiday and will report back at the next meeting.
20. Mrs. Abear discussed the drug and alcohol policy and the need for reasonable suspicion training. LRGH offers the training for \$75/pp at their facility or will come to Tamworth for the cost of \$250 for an unlimited number of employees. The Board authorized the expense of \$250 to have the employees trained as outlined in the drug and alcohol policy. The training will be open to all personnel and it will be a mandatory requirement for supervisory personnel to attend.

Ned Beecher  
Raffle Permit

Mr. Ned Beecher attended the meeting requesting the Board of Selectmen approve a raffle permit for Nebra. After some discussion regarding the necessity for a raffle permit, *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to approve a raffle permit as requested by Mr. Beecher for Nebra under RSA 289-A:1. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.* Tickets will be on sale until November 5, 2009.

Mrs. Farley discussed a prior conversation she had with the Town Office in which it was indicated she did not need a raffle permit for the Chocorua Community Association who is in the middle of a fundraiser at this time. The Board will review the RSAs governing this type of permit and will discuss this again at a future meeting.

Conservation  
Commission

Mr. Beecher discussed a 5.8 acre parcel of land in South Tamworth that abuts the Thompson & Berry property along the Bearcamp River. He advised a potential buyer who would be willing to purchase the property and give it to the Town as conservation land has approached him. The Board advised given the current information, they were interested in pursuing the land offer further. Mr. Beecher indicated the transaction would take place prior to the end of December 2009.

Carroll County  
Commissioners

Members of the Carroll County Commission attended the meeting to explain and acquire public input for the new nursing home. The total cost of the project will be \$23,500,000. The commissioners are looking at all options to assist them in building the most up to date facility within budget to include energy savings, providing a café that would be utilized by the general public and by requesting donations. The new facility will hold 103 beds which is the same number of beds that the current facility holds. The cost to Tamworth residents is proposed to be an estimated .17 cents per \$1,000 in valuation.

The report on staffing advised that 2 additional positions will be added to the roster – one will be for the housekeeping department, the other will be for the café.

The Board discussed the number of beds increasing any time soon. The Commission advised that the State dictates how many beds the facility can have.

Selectmen Update

Mr. Farnum updated the Board on the following:

1. The Mount Washington Valley Housing Coalition will hold a meeting in Jackson on Monday. This meeting is projected to discuss the needs of the county.
2. A meeting was held by the Planning Board on October 19 with the conservation commission to discuss the concerns of protecting the local water quality.

Non-Public Session     *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A 3 II a, c & e at 6:17 p.m. Vote was Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.*

*Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the non-public session at 6:36 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

1. The Board was given an update on the BTLA case of Pine tree Power.
2. The Board was given an update on the Nelson Communication's legal case against the Town.
3. The Board was given an update from Attorney Sager on two other cases involving property that was taken by tax deed several years ago in which the prior property owners still reside at those properties.
4. The Board gave Chairman Abugelis an update of the non-public meeting held on October 16, 2009.
5. The Board discussed a letter received regarding a welfare case. The welfare director will be contacted to acquire further information for the Board and will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Adjournment     *Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen: 11/5/09

Tom Abugelis

William Farnum

John Roberts