

Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
November 5, 2009  
Tamworth Town Office

Members Present	Tom Abugelis, John Roberts and William Farnum
Others Present	Many residents representing Tamworth Pines, along with Nancy Russell, David Haskell, Robert Abraham, Scott Finman, Ruth Tichet, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Fire Chief Richard Colcord, Jim Bowles, Members of the Fire Wards, Sam Martin, Donna Lane, Jay Poulin of HE Bergeron Engineering, Robert Duvall of TF Morin, Roch LaRochelle and other representatives of CMA, Terry Lorbert and other representatives of Provan & Lober Engineering, Lynn Booth of NH Community Loan Fund, Anne Abear and other members of the public.
<i>Chairman Abugelis opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the evening.</i>	
Department Heads	<p>Chief Poirier disbursed stats for the month of October for the police department. The Board discussed the individual cases on the stats report.</p> <p>Chief Poirier discussed the December 7 training scheduled from 9 – 12 on reasonable suspicion training per the drug and alcohol policy advising he would attend the training but felt the training was unnecessary and elementary to the officers of the police department. After some discussion, the Board advised they would agree to waive the training requirement for the officers as long as Chief Poirier attended and discussed the training with the officers.</p>
Highway Department	<p>Road agent Bruce Robinson advised the highway department is doing well with no problems to report at this time. He further advised that several street signs have again become missing and he has placed an order to replace them.</p> <p>The Board requested Mr. Robinson to attend the meeting scheduled for later tonight at Runnel's Hall regarding salt usage planned for this coming winter.</p>
Public Comment	Rev. Custer advised of the no idling sign that is missing that was on the store across from the Town Office.
Administration	<p>Mrs. Abear discussed and the Board signed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A letter of commitment for 2010 funds to be requested at the 2010 Town Meeting to assist in the funding of the 2010 household hazardous waste day.</li></ol>

2. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to accept the minutes of October 22, 2009 (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) as written. Vote was: 2-0-1. Motion passed.*
3. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to accept the minutes of October 22, 2009 (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting) as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
4. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to accept the minutes of October 26, 2009 as written. Vote was: 2-0-1. Motion passed.*
5. *Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to accept the minutes of November 2, 2009 as written. Vote was: 2-0-1. Motion passed.*
6. A 2009 property tax abatement was signed for map 206 lot 028 in the amount of \$389.42.
7. The July 2010 dental renewal application for town employees was signed.

Tamworth Pines  
Engineering Interviews  
For the Feasibility Study

HE Bergeron

Mr. Jay Poulin of HE Bergeron Engineers discussed his credentials and the long-term relationship that is held between HE Bergeron Engineering and the Town of Tamworth. He advised he would be the project manager and prime contract if chosen for this feasibility study. He discussed the infrastructure needs of the park and commended the residents of the park for having the foresight in working on the infrastructure prior to problems developing. He discussed his thoughts on the project. He further discussed other projects that HE Bergeron considered similar in nature to this project.

Mr. Poulin reminded the attendees of the meeting that HE Bergeron was involved in the original development of the park and still had plans available that would assist in the study being done.

Members of Tamworth Pines and the Board presented questions and comments to Mr. Poulin regarding HE Bergeron's past involvement in the park, mapping requirements for HE Bergeron's proposal, what kinds of developments that HE Bergeron has been involved in that may be similar to this project, and the lack of a representative of HE Bergeron attending the initial meetings with the residents of the park. Ms. Lane reminded member of the park that the attendance at these walk through meetings was not a requirement of the engineer.

TF Morin

Mr. Robert Duval of TF Morin advised he would be the lead engineer on the project and that this is the 44<sup>th</sup> year of business for TF Morin. He discussed the company's portfolio consisting of large infrastructure projects conducted in Seabrook, AES Power Plant in Londonderry, work that was done with PSNH and campus wide studies and capital improvement plans that have been done for university systems. He further

discussed the dozen cooperatives that TF Morin had worked with from the construction of town houses to subdivisions.

Mr. Duval discussed green projects and bio retention areas that could be developed within the park and possible funding that may be available to offset the construction costs.

Members of Tamworth Pines, the Board and Ms. Booth presented questions and clarification on statements made by Mr. Duval during his presentation.

#### CMA Engineering

Mr. LaRochelle and Mr. Dunshare discussed CMA Engineering and presented a picture proposal for the community to consider from the walk through that had been completed with members of Tamworth Pines. Mr. Dunshare was presented as the person who would be considered the project engineer. Other cooperatives that CMA has worked with were disclosed along with the funding potentials that could be available to the park to assist in completing their project.

Members of CMA discussed the items that were brought to their attention during the walk through from water wells, backup power with security, septic systems, and access to the park.

Members of Tamworth Pines, the Board and Ms. Booth discussed individual items proposed of the engineer from their presentation.

#### Provan and Lorber

Mr. Lorber and Mr. Sharp discussed the company of Provan and Lorber and what they believed to be the 1<sup>st</sup> issues for the park to deal with to include water supply followed by septic systems. Mr. Lorber discussed his experience with Ms. Lane and Ms. Booth. A draft report was presented for the community of Tamworth Pines and the Board to review.

Members of the Tamworth Pines advised that the listing of questions/comments/items that were presented from the engineering firm of Provan and Lorber were very good.

Individual questions from Tamworth Pines, the Board and Ms. Booth were asked and answered. Specific attention was given to the water tanks of the park and the ability to check their integrity by either entering the tanks or through the use of electronic devices. Also, the cost associated with supplying power to the well house with a possible alternative energy supply being discussed.

The Board thanked each firm that presented at this meeting and spoke directly to members of Tamworth Pines advising them that although the decision was that of the Selectmen, they valued the information and input of them.

Individual Board members and residents of Tamworth Pines gave their recommended choices with the majority selecting CMA Engineering. The Board thanked Ms. Lane and Ms. Booth for their input at this meeting.

*Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to enter into a contract with CMA Engineering to conduct a feasibility study of Tamworth Pines. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Recess Chairman Abugelis recessed the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Reconvene Chairman Abugelis called the meeting back to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### Public Forum Street Lights

Mr. Farnum discussed the proposal of the Tamworth Energy Commission to shut off some of the street lights in the community to save funds. Mr. Farnum gave a brief presentation on the number of lights that the Town is currently paying for at the annual cost of \$15,101.28 or 15.16/month/light. The individual location of the lights were identified as being in every part of the community with South Tamworth having 17, Chocorua having 23, Tamworth village having 27, Whittier having 7, and 9 other lights scattered throughout. A total of 83 lights are currently being billed to the taxpayers.

The proposal from the Energy Commission is to reduce the number of lights as follows:

- South Tamworth reduce by 13 leaving 4
- Chocorua Village reduce by 12 leaving 11
- Tamworth Village reduce by 14 leaving 13
- Whittier reduce by 5 leaving 2
- Others reduce by 1 leaving 8

A total of 45 lights were proposed to be turned off. The estimated savings per year by turning off these lights is projected to be \$7,304.76 or \$608.73 per month.

Members of the Board inquired if there would be a cost to the community to turn off the lights and remove the fixture if that was the choice of PSNH? Members of the Energy Commission could not answer this question. The Board advised they wanted to look at the individual lights being recommended to be turned off and would discuss this again at the December 17, 2009 meeting. Members of the community were advised to also consider the listing being presented.

Mr. Haskell recommended the Board contact NH DOT to discuss the proposal being made.

Everyone at the meeting discussed personal safety being a primary issue to be decided prior to any lights being turned off.

## Tamworth Fire Department

Chief Colcord along with members of the fire wards attended the meeting to discuss their 2010 proposed budget and a request to withdraw \$242,000 from the capital reserve for the purpose of purchasing a demo fire truck that has become available.

1. New Fire Truck - Chief Colcord presented a proposal from Lakes Region Fire Apparatus to purchase a fire truck for the price of \$245,000, with \$242,000 coming out of the capital reserve previously established and to remove the remaining funds from the fire department's 2009 budget.

The Board discussed the amount of funds that the fire wards are going to be requesting at the 2010 town meeting. Members of the fire wards advised they would be looking for a reduced amount to be placed into the capital reserve. The Board advised they would be looking for the fire wards to support the Selectmen in placing \$0 in that capital reserve in 2010.

### Recess

Chairman Abugelis recessed the meeting to view the fire truck that was brought to the meeting.

### Reconvene

Chairman Abugelis called the meeting back to order.

*Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to authorize the release of \$242,000 from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve for the purpose of purchasing a demo vehicle from Lakes Region Fire Apparatus. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Members of the fire wards will advise the Selectmen of what additional equipment will be needed to put the fire truck into service.

2. The Board discussed the 2010 proposal of the fire department for their budget. Minimal changes were made from the proposal of the fire chief and wards.

### Public Comment

Mr. Scott Finman addressed Chairman Abugelis regarding the personnel policy of the Town regarding employees carrying firearms on Town property while on Town time. Chairman Abugelis advised he would place this item on the agenda of 11/19/09 for the Board to discuss further.

### Administrative

1. Games, Amusements, Athletic Exhibitions – RSA 287-A – Chairman Abugelis requested the discussion regarding this topic be brought back to the 11/19/09 meeting.
2. Mautone Amendment to Building Notification Request – The Board discussed a letter received from Edmond and Bridget Mautone of 266

Hollow Hill Road in which they requested an amendment be allowed to their building permit for a photovoltaic system which was part of the original plan of the project to be considered part of the original notification and that the need for a new form to be filed be waived. The Board agreed to amend the original building notification application as requested by Mr. Mautone and to not require they complete a new application.

3. Recommendations from the ORC for repeal of ordinances - The Board agreed with the recommendations of the ORC committee to repeal several ordinances at the 2010 Town Meeting to include:
  - a. Unvented space heaters
  - b. Leash Ordinances
  - c. Sign Ordinance
  - d. Hazard Waste Ordinance
  - e. Radioactive Waste Ordinance
  - f. Building permit ordinance of 2004
  - g. Fireworks ordinance

Most of these ordinances were superseded by other ordinances or State RSAs.

4. Timber Harvesting at the transfer station – The Board agreed to contact the county forester as recommended by the timber monitor to develop a management plan for this property.
5. Bioretention grant for Chocorua Village – The Board discussed the balance of the grant (\$8,500). The Board requested more detail be supplied regarding what remained to complete this project and close out the grant.
6. Mowing at the Transfer Station – The Board was informed that mowing had begun at the Transfer Station by Mr. Streeter.

#### Non-Public Session

*Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to enter into a non-public session at 7:15 p.m. per RSA 91 A:3 II c. Vote was: Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.*

*Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the non-public session at 7:35 p.m. Vote was: Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes. Motion passed.*

The Board received an update on the many legal cases pending through an email from the Town Attorney.

The Board reviewed a recommendation of the Tamworth welfare director after a review of documentation submitted on an application by the Town of Madison to not reimburse the Town of Madison as they requested for services they paid for.

#### Selectmen Items

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1. Plowing/Sanding of the Town Office & Library – Mr. Farnum advised he had a call from Mr. Hadden to discuss the plowing of the Cook Library and this will be discussed further at their budget meeting.
2. Employee Evaluations – The Board decided they would hold a meeting on December 30, 2009 to conduct employee evaluations for all Town Department Heads. The evaluations will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be scheduled every ½ hour. The Board plans to conduct evaluations with the Administrative Asst., Transfer Station Super, Road Agent, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Welfare Director, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Adjournment      *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne M. Abear

Approved by Tamworth Board of Selectmen: 11/19/09

Tom Abugelis

John Roberts

William Farnum