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Selectmen's Meeting 6:00pm  
Town Office

Thursday, August 23, 2018

MINUTES

*Approved as written: September 6, 2018*

Present: Chairman Gray, Selectmen Farnum, Ricker and Mason, Carol Miller, Director of Broadband Technology, EDC Chairman Farley, State Representatives McConkey, Butler & Knirk, NH Senator Bradley, Councilor Kenney, Town Administrator McWhirter, [governmentoversite.com](http://governmentoversite.com) and several members of the public.

- CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 5:14pm.
- NON PUBLIC per RSA 91-A:3 II (b)
  - Motion made by Chairman Gray at 5:15pm to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (b). Motion seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed by roll call vote. Gray Y, Ricker Y, Farnum Y, Mason Y.
  - Motion made by Chairman Gray to reopen the regular session at 6:04pm. The motion seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously.
  - Selectman Mason made a motion to seal the minutes of the previous non-public session #1, as it would adversely affect a reputation. The motion was seconded by Chairman Gray and passed by roll call vote. Gray Y, Ricker Y, Farnum Y, Mason Y.
- APPOINTMENTS:
  - Carol Miller, Director of Broadband Technology attended the Selectmen's meeting to share ideas regarding cable franchise agreements, update broadband availability and access to broadband for underserved residents of Tamworth. She spoke of a number of ongoing projects and funding available statewide. Ms. Miller suggested the first step being a public survey be conducted and area mapping to determine where the problem areas are in Tamworth.

The board recessed the meeting from 7:35pm to 7:48pm.

- NEW BUSINESS:
  - The board opened one bid proposal for the drainage work at the town house.

*Selectman Farnum made a motion to award the work to J & S Masonry. Project 1 \$1,200, Project 2 \$3,680, Project 3 \$2,550 and Project 4 \$1,800. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.*

- Councilor Joseph Kenney spoke to the board of possible grant opportunities through the State of NH. A brief discussion was held about the biomass senate bill and possible veto of the bill. The date for the veto vote is 9/13/2018.

▪ SIGNATURE FILE:

- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the selectmen's minutes for August 9, 2018. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed (3-0-1).
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the selectmen's non-public minutes of August 9, 2018. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed (3-0-1).
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the accounts payable manifest and check register for August 30, 2018 in the amount of \$276,474.32. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the payroll Manifest dated August 30, 2018 in the amount of \$30,344.58. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the raffle permit for St. Andrew's in the Valley. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the appointment for Nathaniel Winship as a Library Trustee. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the appointment for Mary Phelps and Erica Boynton as representative to the AARP Network for Aging Communities. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the Application for reimbursement for State and Federal Forest Land. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Farnum and passed unanimously.

▪ ADMINISTRATION:

- Town Administrator McWhirter reported an extension has been filed to Oct 30, 2018 for the MS-1. The board has scheduled a work session for August 30, 2018 at 5:30pm. Confirmation from FEMA regarding the October 2017 disaster that Tamworth will be awarded \$62,611.78. During the work session on August 30 the board will discuss the proposal to build the outside staircase and the proposal for support of the town email. Postponed until the work session is a discussion regarding the draft town house rental policy and the use of 2 week timecards for the employees. After a brief discussion regarding internet at the town house:

*Selectman Mason made a motion to use Spectrum for internet and phone service at the town house. There is no contract and it can be installed next week. The cost is \$74.98 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$89.09 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The motion was seconded by Selectman Ricker and passed unanimously.*

▪ SELECTMEN UPDATES:

- Selectman Farnum attended the library trustees meeting. He and Chairman Gray attended the Freedom Selectmen's meeting. The meeting was to discuss with North Conway Ambulance the contract that has not been upheld.
- Chairman Gray responded to a noise complaint on Whittier Road along with Selectman Ricker. Chairman Gray attended election training in Wolfeboro. He attended the Conservation Commission meeting where they discussed easement monitoring. He has received material from the State of NH regarding a right to know requested regarding Irene's Way.
- Selectman Mason has regularly attended the Fire Ward's meetings and the CIP meetings. On behalf of the board, Selectmen Mason will be proposing that an ambulance be included in the CIP in the next year or so.

▪ PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Resident Siniscalchi asked the board to explain the reason for sealing the non-public minutes. As explained, non-public minutes can be sealed for 3 reasons only. 1. When divulgence of the information would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the board itself. 2. When release of the minutes would render the proposed action ineffective. 3. The information relates to terrorism planning functions. The board also explained the sealed minutes will be reviewed periodically and unsealed if appropriate.
- NON PUBLIC per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) & (e)
  - Motion made by Chairman Gray at 8:57pm to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) & (e). Motion seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed by roll call vote. Gray Y, Ricker Y, Farnum Y, Mason Y.
  - Motion made by Chairman Gray to reopen the regular session at 9:29pm. The motion seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.
  - Selectman Mason made a motion to seal the minutes of the previous non-public session #2, as it would adversely affect a reputation. The motion was seconded by Chairman Gray and passed by roll call vote. Gray Y, Ricker Y, Farnum Y, Mason Y.
  - Selectman Mason made a motion to seal the minutes of the previous non-public session #3, as it would adversely affect a reputation. The motion was seconded by Chairman Gray and passed by roll call vote. Gray Y, Ricker Y, Farnum Y, Mason Y.
- ADJOURNMENT: At 9:30 pm, Chairman Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Mason and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McWhirter  
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

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Steve G. Gray

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Daniel J. Poirier

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Aaron Ricker

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William W. Farnum

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Rebecca Mason