

**Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
March 10, 2016**

Town Office

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Steve Gray, Jim Hidden and John Roberts

Chairman Gray opened the meeting at 4:10 pm.

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Executive Assistant Darlene McWhirter, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Coey Littlefield, Peg Poirier, John Gotjen.

Chairman Gray made a motion to elect Selectmen Roberts as Chairman. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

**NON-PUBLIC
MEETING:**

Motion made by Chairman Roberts at 4:13 p.m. to enter into a non public session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (a & c). Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed by a roll call vote. Gray Y, Hidden Y, Roberts Y,

Motion made by Chairman Roberts to exit non public at 4:18 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Hidden and passed unanimously.

The board discussed and decided which boards/committees they would be a representative to. Chairman Roberts will be a member of the Planning Board and Joint Loss Management Committee. Selectman Hidden will be a member of the Economic Development Commission, Road Study Committee, Lakes Region Planning Commission and the 250th Committee. Selectmen Gray will be a member of the Conservation Commission, CIP, Cook Memorial Library and Record Retention Committee. The Board will ask Pat Farley if she still wishes to serve on the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council.

**DEPARTMENT
HEADS:**

Road Agent Richard Roberts reported he and his crew added gravel and used the York rake on some of the dirt roads. Mr. Roberts has invited a representative from CAT and John Deere to present quotes for a new Backhoe to the March 24th meeting. He presented a quote

from All States Asphalt, Inc. to sand seal parts of Bryant Mill Road, Gilman Valley Road, Whittier Road and Cleveland/Brown Hill Roads.

Park and Recreation Director Parker Roberts reported that the basketball season has concluded. Baseball may be able to start early this year. The Flower Show is March 17th and the Easter egg hunt will be held on March 26th. The 5 & 6 grade girls won the division in the Carroll County tournament. He extended a thank you for all the volunteers. He has been working on the fields and getting the driveway ready for the spring season. The tennis court is scheduled to be resurfaced in June after school lets out. The process should take about 3 to 5 days.

250th COMMITTEE: The 250th committee has ordered additional commemorative license plates.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Gotjen, representative to LRPC TAC presented the NH DOT current resurfacing schedule. NHDOT intends to resurface NH 113 from Bennett's Corner to Holderness in 2016 and NH 113 from Page Hill Road in Chocorua Village to the junction with NH 25 in 2017. Mr. Gotjen is recommending that the Board request DOT change the plan and resurface NH 113 from Page Hill Road in Chocorua Village to at least where the new roadway begins.

Mr. Gotjen stated that Judith Reardon has information on the street light dimmers for Chocorua Village. Road Agent Roberts is still working on costs to repair the railings in Chocorua Village.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Poirier asked the board, in light of the recent situation, what made the board feel it was okay to have Chief Colby present the plaque to Chief Poirier? In no way was this appropriate. Dan should have been acknowledged for his 16 years of service not humiliated. Mrs. Littlefield also expressed her disappointment and fury with the behavior of the Board. Town Administrator Pearce told Mrs. Poirier, that it is standard for the incoming Chief to recognize the outgoing Chief.

ADMINISTRATION:

➤ *Items approved and signed by the Board:*

- Yield Tax Levy in the amount of \$135.92.
- Pole License No. 45-0731 on Chinook Trail.

- The board agreed to attend the Special Meeting for the Tamworth Village Association being held on March 26, 2016 at 3:00pm.
- Motion made by Chairman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of February 25, 2016. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Roberts made a motion to approve and sign the non-public minutes Per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a & c) of February 25, 2016. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Chairman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$247,660.81. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Chairman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$247,660.81. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Chairman Roberts to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$103.46 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$103.46 for direct deposit. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Chairman Roberts to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$18,311.12 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$9,534.70 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$5,943.22 to be transferred for the Federal tax deposit (not included in the amount above). Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.
- The auditor Paul Mercier will be conducting his field work March 14 – 16.
- The town has been selected for a random audit by NH Retirement System. The preliminary work needs to be completed by March 17th.
- Ms Pearce would like to donate her remaining sick time to an employee at a later date. The board approved that offer. Her sick time will be held until needed.
- The board reviewed and discussed the response letter from Mr. Farnum regarding his Right to Know request.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Poirier returned to the meeting to ask Selectman Gray to explain their decision. Selectmen Gray was sad by the way it work out. His desire was to make sure the chief was shown gratitude and respect. The board's decision was made in good faith. It was important to the board that former Chief Poirier gets the respect and admiration that he deserved. Mrs. Poirier was very upset with the decision to have Chief Colby present Dan the plaque.

**NON-PUBLIC
MEETING:**

Motion made by Chairman Roberts at 5:35 p.m. to enter into a non public session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (a & c). Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed by a roll call vote. Gray Y, Roberts Y,

Motion made by Chairman Roberts to exit non public at 7:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Hidden and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Chairman Roberts to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden. The Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene McWhirter
Executive Assistant

Approved by Board of Selectmen

John E. Roberts

James S. Hidden

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