

TOWN OF TAMWORTH  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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Non Public Meeting 5:30pm  
Selectmen's Meeting 6:00pm  
Town Office

Thursday, April 11, 2019

MINUTES

*Approved as amended 5/2/2019*

Present: Chairman Poirier, Selectmen Ricker, Farnum, Mason and Streeter, Road Agent Roberts, Asst Fire Chief Bowles, Police Chief Littlefield, Recreation Director Roberts, Transfer Station Supervisor Johnson, Friends of the Town House Member Cook, Kimball Packard, Ellen Farnum, Kelly Goodson, Barbara Bloomberg, Maureen Diamond, Shannon Maes, Maura King, Maud Anderson, Town Administrator McWhirter, Governmentoversite.com and several members of the public.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Selectman Poirier called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
- II. NON PUBLIC PER RSA 91-A:3 II (a) & (c)
  - Motion made by Selectman Poirier at 5:30pm to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) & (c). Motion seconded by Selectman Mason and passed by roll call vote. Poirier Y, Ricker Y, Farnum Y, Mason Y and Streeter Y
  - Motion made by Selectman Mason to reopen the regular session at 6:05pm. The motion seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.

*Selectman Mason made a motion to seal the minutes of the previous non-public sessions #1, #2 & #3, as it would adversely affect a reputation. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed by roll call vote. Poirier Y, Ricker Y Farnum Y, Mason Y and Streeter Y*

- Elect a Chairperson

*Selectman Ricker made a motion to elect Selectman Poirier as the Select Board Chairman. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.*

III. DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES:

- Highway
  - Road Agent Roberts reported that the winter is never ending. They are behind about a week with spring cleanup with last week's snow. The gravel is being crushed at the garage and the crew has been working on regular maintenance. Paving bids will be out in a couple of weeks. May 1<sup>st</sup> the crew will begin working a 4 day work week for the summer. Peg Poirier thanked Mr. Roberts and the crew for a job well done.
- Fire
  - Asst Fire Chief Bowles reported that the new fire truck has been ordered. The department has taken care of a number of propane induced fires and did an excellent job. He is asking if anyone has a video of the Chocorua fire; if so, please contact the fire

department. Mr. Bowles is working with the Trustees of the Trust Funds to withdraw the balance of the funds needed to purchase the extrication tools. The Tamworth Foundation will be funding \$20,470 of it. The Fireward's invited the Board of Selectmen to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Fireward's meeting to discuss a number of issues.

- Police
  - Police Chief Littlefield submitted his stats for March 2019. The Biannual "Drug Take Back Day" is scheduled for April 27, from 10am – 2 pm in the police station lobby. The board discussed a letter from the Tamworth Outing Club (TOC) requesting the town waive the cost of the 2 day police detail. Police Chief Littlefield stated that providing services at no cost would cause the officers to be possibly put into overtime status. He also suggested the board discuss a policy which would allow for event permitting. After some discussion the board agreed to waive the cost.
- Recreation
  - Recreation Director Roberts reported that it has been a long winter and the fields are not ready. Softball will begin practicing in the gym. Winter activities have ended and open gym will end May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Roberts has been working with a number of residents to coordinate moving the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities to the village this year. Utilizing Remick Park, the History Center, the Distillery and behind the Distillery. The board agreed to try it for this year. The Easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> at noon sharp.
- Transfer Station
  - Transfer Station Supervisor asked the board's permission to allow the cub scouts to sell trees as a fundraiser at the transfer station. They have done it in the past, with no issues. The board agreed.
- Friends of the Town House
  - Friends of the Town House member Cook asked the board to inquire when the work on the foundation will be completed. Town Administrator will contact J & S Masonry. She also commented that the Town House wasn't shoveled after the last storm.
- Administration
  - The board agreed to hold a class hosted by NH DRA on exemptions and credits, date to be determined. An updated PILOT agreement will be sent to Housing Initiative of NE for their signatures. The TCNA will be putting in 2 sets of upper cabinets in their offices. The office has sent out the reminder letters to the loggers and property owners to return their reports of cut. Letters were sent to exempt property owner's to complete the A-9 and A-12 forms. We have received the updated 2019 Hazardous Mitigation Plan. The PFAS testing at the recreation department, Tamworth Mobile Home Park and Marrone residents all came back negative. Selectmen Farnum and Mason will attend the organizational meeting in Freedom regarding the regional ambulance contract. The board agreed to have the office review all 2018 and 2019 bills to create a list of all last charges. The board will discuss further the request from the Gordon's to create new deeds for their property.

#### IV. APPOINTMENTS:

- Kimball Packard met with the board to discuss the NH Scenic & Cultural Byways proposal to begin at Rte 16/Rte 113 & Rte 113A to Squam Lake. Mr. Packard is working with the town of Sandwich and this project would be part of the State Scenic Byways program. The reason for participating is to make tourists & visitors aware of the historic, scenic and cultural amenities in the 3 villages. This visit is a preliminary introduction to the program. The state will be looking for permission

from the board for signage. The committee has been discussing a contest for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to design the sign. Selectman Farnum suggested the board hold a public hearing before a final decision be made.

- Members of the Tamworth Recycling Project Group met with the Board to discuss the 3 projects they are pursuing.
  1. Recycling steel cans. The transfer station will provide a container to collect steel cans. All cans must be cleaned and free of all food. Ricker's junk yard will transport material and pay the going rate. The recycling group will educate the residents on this program. The board agreed to begin collection of cans May 1, 2019.
  2. The committee will start a swap shop at the transfer station for 2 consecutive weekends beginning April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be on trial basis.
  3. Proposal for glass aggregate to resume glass recycling in town. This program is coordinated through NRRA. The glass would need to be hauled to a host site to be crushed. This project is still being researched and discussed.
  4. The committee briefly discussed the survey they conducted with 17 surrounding towns. They also plan to visit other facilities.

The board will plan to meet with Waste Management and NRRA to discuss the details of the processed glass aggregate program. Transfer Station Supervisor Johnson will coordinate the meeting. The literature provided by the recycling project group will be placed on the town website. There was some discussion for the need to educate the public regarding recycling.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS:

- Selectmen will serve as the representative to the following committees:
  - Planning Board, Ex Officio – Dan Poirier, Willie Farnum Alternate
  - Capital Improvement – Becky Mason, Melanie Streeter Alternate
  - Conservation Commission – Aaron Ricker, Dan Poirier Alternate
  - Municipal Building Committee – Willie Farnum
  - Cook Memorial Library – Melanie Streeter, William Farnum Alternate
  - Municipal Records Committee – Melanie Streeter
  - Economic Development – Dan Poirier, Aaron Ricker Alternate
  - Joint Loss Management Committee – Becky Mason, Willie Farnum Alternate
  - Road Study Committee – Willie Farnum
  - Mount Washington Economic Council – Pat Farley
  - Lakes Region Planning Commission – Aaron Ricker and Pat Farley
  - LRPC Round Table Discussions – All members may attend
  - Regional Select Boards Meeting – All members may attend
  - Community Broadband – Becky Mason, Melanie Streeter Alternate
- Community broadband – Selectman Mason reported that the last meeting she attended regarding the broadband project was attended by about 25 people from a number of communities. The people presenting from Vermont are willing to continue to work with the group, but are requiring more of a commitment. This project will be at least a 5 year plan commitment.

#### VI. SELECTMEN'S UPDATES:

- Selectman Mason reported there is a page on the town website for the Health officer, where items are posted regarding health issues. She attended a number of workshops to include arsenic, Dos and Don'ts of Employee Handbooks & Local Official's Workshop.
- Selectman Ricker has been working with the Transfer Station Supervisor Johnson about recycling.
- Selectman Farnum reported that Eversource did not have a work order on the lights throughout town that were not working. The Town Administrator will look into it. He has been attending the

Tamworth Recycling Project meetings. The Municipal Building Committee met April 1<sup>st</sup> and discussed the need for 1 central fire station or 4 stations.

- Selectman Streeter attended the Local Official Workshop.

VII. SIGNATURE:

- Chairman Poirier made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes of March 7, 2019. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Mason and passed (4-0-1).
- Chairman Poirier made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes of March 21, 2019. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Mason and passed (3-0-2).
- Chairman Poirier made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes of March 28, 2019. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Mason and passed (4-0-1).
- Chairman Poirier made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes of April 4, 2019. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Mason and passed (3-0-1).
- Chairman Poirier made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation to deny the abatement on 214-217-001 and grant the abatements on 215-030 & 202-054. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Poirier made a motion to approve and sign the following items. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.
  - Notice of Intent to Cut (3) 414-096-001, 407-066 & 411-056
  - Yield Tax Levy (5) 212-020, 413-007-001, 412-032, 411-031 & 411-029
  - Intent to Excavate (5) 218-098, 413-014, 206-040, 413-013, & 201-039
  - Veteran's Credit (2) 218-065-101
  - Application for business website link

Selectman Mason stated she invited the treasure to the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the possibility of applying to a Tax Anticipation Note before the June tax bills are due.

Chairman Poirier reported the Memorial Day Celebration will be May 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon.

The board discussed briefly and agreed to put all town cell phones on the website.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:35pm, Selectmen Streeter 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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Daniel J. Poirier

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Rebecca Mason

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Aaron Ricker

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Melanie Streeter

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William W. Farnum