

TOWN OF TAMWORTH

SELECT BOARD OFFICE

Select Board Meeting: 5:00 PM

Thursday, November 17th, 2022

RSA 91-A:3 II (b)

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:01 and Select member Goodson motioned to go into nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3 II (b), Behr seconded, roll call vote Goodson yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes. At 6:14 Roberts motioned to come out of nonpublic, Goodson seconded, roll call vote Goodson yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes. Those present are Goodson, Prentice, Roberts, Behr. Doucette joined electronically at 7:00 pm. Others present included Richard Roberts, Glenn Johnson, Maureen and Jim Diamond, Ed Comeau

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Discussion about fireworks, and continuation of Nonpublic session RSA 91-A:3 II (b).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget Discussion:
 - Highway Department, Richard Roberts presenting.
 - Part, full, and overtime time wages will be increasing by 7%, per the selectboard.
 - Vehicle fuel needs to go from \$60K to \$70K. OK by selectboard.
 - Board went through the rest of the line items – discussed all the high increases over the last two years. Fuel, salt and sand, repairs & maintenance.
 - Overall increase for Highway Department is approximately 9.4%
 - In other news for Highway department: most “summer” roads were shut down today. The rest will be shortly.
 - Transfer Station – We will need to readvertise the Transfer Station position – part time job.
 - Major increase is on hauling costs, an increase of 19%
- Web Manager Position: Roberts motioned to accept Becky Mason’s resignation from the Web Manager position, Goodson seconded. Goodson thanked Becky for all her hard work. Roll call vote Goodson yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes. Goodson motioned to hire Emily VERNY when Mason is done as new Web Manager, Behr seconded, vote Goodson yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Transfer Station Part time Position – Keats will poll other department heads to see if they can use some of the hours from the part time position. The board will circle back on this once we have polled the others.
- Veteran’s Memorial Committee: Prentice brought up the idea of creating a committee to oversee the beauty and ceremonial aspects of the Veteran’s Day Memorial. Behr raised the question of if the Cemetery Committee should watch over it. Prentice recalled the Cemetery Committee doesn’t really do flowers, and since the responsibilities aren’t huge, a new committee could possibly handle this better. Goodson shared that we post the creation of the committee, and then appoint committee members. Prentice motioned to create a Veteran’s committee responsible for the care and maintenance of the Veteran’s Day Memorial. Behr seconded, discussion: is there a limit on numbers? Agreed to limit the numbers to 3-5 people to get it started. Roll call vote Goodson yes, Roberts yes, Prentice yes, Behr yes, Doucette abstain.
- Fireworks: Cost is \$15,000 non-negotiable, Chris from Tamworth Fireworks will donate \$6,000. Dates chosen are 7/1 is first choice, rain date will be 7/8. Family day will stay on the 4th.

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OLD BUSINESS:

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Account Balance: \$2,018,022

SIGNATURE FILE:

- Roberts motioned to approved Selectboard Meeting Minutes from November 10th, 2022, Behr seconded Roll call vote Goodson yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approved Intent to Cut, Map 414 Lot 69, Goodson seconded, roll call vote Goodson yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approved Yield Tax on Timber Cut, \$1,138.89; Map 410 Lot 124, Goodson seconded, roll call vote Goodson yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approved Accounts Payable \$369,987.14, Goodson seconded, roll call vote Goodson yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Cash Used: \$8,131,954.81

SELECT BOARD UPDATE:

Goodson: Attended the Conservation Commission easement walks.

Behr: Met with June Aprille who is hoping to get on the 12/7/22 Select Board Agenda. They are at a point where they will need to know if there is approval from the SB for TCNA to build an addition onto the Town Office building. Prentice asked what the process is? Behr said that prior to Select Board approval, per the lease, that SB reviews and has say over the site, timing, manner, type of construction, and minimal disruption to town business (process). The town would own the building, and would not be responsible for utility costs, but would have shared maintenance expense. The town would gain much needed space. Behr also attended the **Sewer Commission meeting:** B. Mason is resigning as secretary as are two of the commissioners. Two new commissioners are needed by the end of December or responsibility reverts to the Select Board of oversight. Behr also attended the library meeting and reported that all is running very smoothly.

Roberts: no update

Prentice: Veteran's Day Ceremony was well attended, and she thanked everyone. She also attended the Planning Board meeting, and shared that there will be a Ground Water Protection Ordinance public hearing on 12/14, this will be the third meeting.

Doucette: Arrived in person at 7:20 pm. Attended the Veteran's Ceremony, his first one, and it was really cool. Attended the Planning Board meeting to learn about geo referencing and ramifications of making visual representation more accurate. He wants to find out more about this from Becky Mason. EPA grants are now open for solid waste. Could they be used for Education on the Tamworth Recycling project? Infrastructure? The money is from a bi-partisan infrastructure legislation. Doucette also attended a DOT meeting on the speed on Route 25 in South Tamworth – he agreed to those attending that this would go on the SB agenda and most likely a letter of recommendation to DOT would follow after discussion. Prentice will invite Chief Littlefield to attend the SB meeting. Group agreed that McConkey should be invited to SB meeting on 12/1. Select member Roberts wondered if we could buckle down and do more patrols of the area.

PUBLIC INPUT:

NON-PUBLIC: At 7:33 Roberts motioned to go back into RSA 91-A:3 II (b) continuation, Prentice seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Roberts yes, Prentice yes, Goodson yes. Roberts motioned to come out of RSA 91-A:3 II (b) continuation at 7:47, Goodson seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Roberts yes, Prentice yes, Goodson yes.

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ADJOURNMENT: Roberts motioned to adjourn at 7:48.

Emery Roberts

Karl Behr

Richard Doucette

Kelly Goodson

Lianne Prentice