

TOWN OF TAMWORTH

SELECT BOARD OFFICE

Select Board Meeting: 5:00 PM

Thursday, April 20, 2023

- RSA 91-A:3 (a) Session #1
- RSA 91-A:3 (e) Session #2

Draft Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:02. Those present are Select Board members Roberts, Doucette, Shaeffer, and Behr, TA Myer, and Ed Comeau of Government Oversight.com. Roberts motioned to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 (a) Session #1 and RSA 91-A:3 (e) Session #2, Shaeffer seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. Myer and Comeau left the room. The public session was reopened at 6:00 pm, Roberts motioned to come out of nonpublic at 6:00, Doucette seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. Those joining the meeting are Myer, Comeau, Willie Farnum, Richard Roberts, Road Agent, and on Zoom Ellen Farnum, Maureen and Jim Diamond, and Amber Sadlier.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- Economic Development Commission Appointment
- Cemetery Committee Appointments, Mark Albee Committee Member, Bruno Siniscalchi Alternate
- Accounts Payable Manifest March 24th, 2023, \$315,531.39

NEW BUSINESS:

- Roberts motioned to open a public hearing on NE Renewable Power Tamworth, LLC, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement. A discussion ensued about reasons for the hearing, history of NE Renewable, and related tax revenues. Doucette motioned to close the public hearing seconded by Roberts, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. Doucette motioned to approve the three-year PILOT agreement, Roberts seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes.
- **Reach the Beach** - Amber Sadlier presenting. Looking at bringing the race back in September. They have permission to use the School. Sadlier understands there are concerns from the Police Department and Towns people. She will be the Race Director. Behr explained that Chief Littlefield's concerns regarding the support vans being out of control. Sadlier has a few suggestions: Put runners against the traffic, and do not allow for Support Vans to provide support while in Tamworth. Doucette asked if there is a local person who can interface here. During the race Sadlier will be here. Runners will come through at 7:00 pm. Doucette requested a written document stating how this year will be different than last year. It should include her comments about bringing in extra staff, and making all Tamworth legs non-support, and non-pullover legs. Myer asked how do they get volunteers – they will reach out to clubs charities, etc. Select Board agreed it will speak with the Chief Littlefield to see if he feels ok with her solutions. Sadlier will be in the area for the last week of May and will meet with the Police Chief and with the select board. She will email over to Myer a bullet point list of how this year will be different from last.
- **Department Head Reports:**
- Road Agent – Richard Roberts reported that it's been an early mud season, potholes are now all down, any closed roads will be opened next week. He is pleased with the bids he received on tarring certain roads. Lots of spring clean up coming. Will get a sweeper for a few days. Scott Bridge - R. Roberts has found a great solution and it will cost significantly less. 80% of roads are graded which is very unusual for this time of year. Grateful for the support of the towns people in re-electing him, and grateful to the Select Board for the raise this year for the employees. The Road Crew fixed up the recreation area and it looks much better. E. Roberts asked about sand usage – would it be worthwhile for the town purchase its own sand pit? R. Roberts agrees that would make sense to buy our own sand pit.

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- **Transfer Station** – Northern Borders Grant Request – Doucette reporting: an infrastructure project grant. Unlike last year, this year we do qualify to apply because the town's unemployment rate is a little higher than the County's. The new cost estimate for the Transfer Station Improvement project is \$2.7M, down from \$4.3M that was submitted with the EPA grant. The new estimate is a more refined, with additional data to get a more accurate price and the building is smaller. At a minimum it needs to be big enough to hold a baler and bales. If it gets much smaller then you don't have a recycling center. The application is due on April 21st. The budget numbers are provided by Sanborn Head. Doucette stated we won't really know the true cost until it is bid out. Behr motioned to approve this application to the Northern Borders as prepared by Doucette, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. Farnum noted that we are still waiting to hear from Pappas on a potential earmark. Doucette noted that the grant assurances are standard and non concerning. Comeau requested a copy.
- **Transfer Station – Permit by Notification Update:** Myer explained that the Department of Environmental Services had requested an updated Permit by Notification. Myer noted that Farnum had done a lot of work on this. Doucette motioned to approve the Permit by Notification for limited solid waste, Behr seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. Farnum noted that DES does not have to approve our Operation Plan or Closure Plan, but they do need to be on site.
- **Appointment Economic Development Commission, Eleanor Aparicio** Roberts motioned to appoint, Doucette seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Town House Fire Escape Discussion** – Behr noted that the Tamworth Foundation did not approve the Friends of the Town House grant request to cover an inspection of the fire escape. So does the Select Board want Bergeron to come over and inspect? It does seem like a good idea to have an engineer to draw plans, to make for fair bidding and mitigate potential liability. Bergeron could do it by mid-May. The Fire Chief said it is ok for now, but it will need to be replaced. Behr noted that A&M has withdrawn its name from the running. The Select Board agreed to send out an RFP for an engineer or architect. Agreed some of the voter-authorized funds could be used. Myer will assemble a list of engineers and draft an RFP. Doucett mentioned the Moose plate grant program should we need additional funds. He will be drafting a grant for the Window repair, the deadline is May 5th.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: So that could be taken off the plate of

- **Account Balance:** \$2,328,296 Myer reported on the high level of interest in the Town Property Auction, and that she and Emily have been keeping very busy.

SIGNATURE FILE:

- Roberts motioned to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2023 Behr seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve Nonpublic Meeting Minutes, RSA 91-A:3 (c) Session #1, April 13, 2023, and Non Public Meeting Minutes, RSA 91-A:3 (c) Session #2, April 13, 2023, Behr seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve Intent to Cut, Map 217, Lot 46 – access road is White Mountain Highway, Behr seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve Intent to Excavate Map 214, Lot 162 Sub lot 2, Behr seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve Gravel Tax Levy, Map 413 Lot 14, \$150.00, Gravel Tax Levy, Map 413 Lot 13, \$10.00, Gravel Tax Levy, Map 206 Lot 40, \$190.00 Behr seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes.
- **Permit by Notification For Limited Public Solid Waste**

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- Economic Development Commission Appointment, Eleanor Aparicio
- Roberts motioned to approve Cemetery Committee Appointment, Mark Albee, Doucette seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes.
- Doucette motioned to accept the resignation of Bruno Siniscalshi from the Cemetery Committee, and to appoint him as Alternate to the same committee, Roberts seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve Accounts Payable: \$326,755.65, Behr seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes.
- Accounts Payable Manifest March 24th, 2023, \$315,531.39
- Combined Cash Used: \$3,922,722.12

SELECT BOARD UPDATE:

Doucette worked on the updated design which will have to be presented to the Select Board soon. He attended a cemetery committee meeting.

Behr: nothing to report.

Shaeffer – Attended the TSIC meeting, which did receive a letter of support from Pappas. It was a good session working through the design.

Roberts: no update.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

NON-PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT: Roberts motioned to adjourn 7:06 pm.