

TOWN OF TAMWORTH SELECT BOARD

Select Board Meeting 5:00 PM

Thursday, May 4th, 2023

RSA 91-A:3 II (c), Session #1

RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Session #2

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Select Board member Behr called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm, those present are Behr, Doucette, Schaeffer, Prentice, Town Administrator Myer, and Ed Comeau of Government Oversight. Behr motioned to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (c), Session #1 and (a) Session #2, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes. Roberts joined the meeting electronically.

Behr motioned to come out of nonpublic at 6:04, Prentice seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes. Those joining the meeting are Bruno Siniscalchi, Rick Moreau, Maintenance, Jim and Maureen Diamond, Eric and Devon Ames, on Zoom,

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- Appointment form for Sgt. Perley
- New Hampshire Kombucha Company, Liquor Sales/Tasting
- Personnel Update

NEW BUSINESS:

- Department Head Report: Maintenance, Rick Moreau - Rain has made it hard to keep up with spring cleanup, but he has been very busy. Prentice noted that the Recreation Field is looking great. Boulders now in place to make the fields safer. Added stone to the drip line around the Rec Building. Cleaned up Remick Park – took over 4 truck loads of debris. Still some tree work to do. No flooding with town buildings. The tennis court area is ready to go after a significant amount of repair. Library HVAC repair is going to start next week. Lots of earth/lawn repair around the Town Hall and would like to do some plantings. Will be purchasing a lot of seed. Has gotten all the summer equipment ready for mowing etc. Baseball lines will be done, has started on the diamond. A discussion on the fire escape for the town house ensued. RFP is out, waiting for responses. Rick will do some cosmetic repairs on the handrails in the interim. A discussion ensued about a sign for the Town Hall building, which led to a discussion about the Town Seal and about a competition for a sign. Doucette asked Mr. Moreau to give him the measurements of the gable, and he will write something up for a potential contest.
- Transfer Station Operating and Closure Plans: On behalf of the Select Board, Myer will ask Glenn Johnson to manage updating the operating and closure plans.
- Road Name Safety Concern: E911 called and suggested the Select Board rename Bryant Heights Road. There are three roads with Bryant in them, which can lead to confusion for emergency services. The board authorized Myer to reach out to the family living on Bryant Heights Road. While researching this Myer learned from Chief Littlefield that Whittier East Road is also a road that gets confused with other addresses on emergency calls – and requested that the Board consider this road too while engaging in road name changes.
- Behr moved to appoint Greg Hufford to the Economic Development Committee as an Alternate, Prentice seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Behr moved to appoint Sherryl Hitte to the Carroll County Communications District, Prentice seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Behr moved to approve the New Hampshire Kombucha Company, Liquor Sales/Tasting application form, Prentice seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Personnel update: Behr shared the news that Shannon Heath, the Recreation Coordinator, handed in her resignation, effective May 19th, 2023. A member of the public asked what the plans are for her replacement, and the board shared that it will have news of an interim appointment within the next week or two.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Bank Balance: \$2,079,089.
- Myer reported that this week many hours were spent on responding to a 91A information request. Also she is working on the Transfer Station permit renewal and related forms, as well as preparing for the Auction on May 13th.

SIGNATURE FILE:

- Behr motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes, April 27th, 2023, Prentice seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Behr motioned to approve Select Board Nonpublic Meeting Minutes, April 27th, RSA 91-A:3 (a), 2023 Session #1, Select Board Nonpublic Meeting Minutes, April 27th, RSA 91-A:3 (a), 2023 Session #2, Select Board Nonpublic Meeting Minutes, April 27th, RSA 91-A:3 (a), 2023 Session #3, Select Board Nonpublic Meeting Minutes, April 27th, RSA 91-A:3 (a), 2023 Session #4, Select Board Nonpublic Meeting Minutes, April 27th, RSA 91-A:3 (e), 2023 Session #5, Prentice seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Behr motioned to approve Notice of Intent to Excavate, Map 214, Lot 162, Sub lot 2, Prentice seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Behr motioned to approve Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 420, Lot 4, Prentice seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Behr motioned to approve Gravel Tax Levy, Map 202, Lot 9, \$232.30, Schaeffer seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Behr motioned to approve Timber Tax Levy, Map 414, Lot 53, \$366.51, Schaeffer seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- LRPC Alternate Appointment Form, Wyatt Berrier
- EDC Alternate Appointment Form, Greg Hufford
- CCCD Appointment Form, Sherryl Hitte
- New Hampshire Kombucha Company, Liquor Sales/Tasting Application Form
- Behr motioned to approve Accounts Payable: \$321,014.07, Prentice seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Cash Used: \$4,293,416.45

SELECT BOARD UPDATE:

Doucette: Filled out the NH Department of Historic Resources, Moose plate Grant Program, a proposal to fix windows on the Town House, for two years of window repairs. Jean Chester's price has not changed. They had their bi-weekly call with Sanborn Head. Design is advancing. Value engineering is happening – the pricing is still very much in flux. Doucette suggested getting rid of some of the pavement, which has dropped the price. Waiting for Northern Borders Letter of Interest response. Hoping to pass this "gate." Prentice asked about operating costs, SH can help estimate what operating costs will be. Doucette anticipates the operating costs will increase simply from the increase in building size.

Behr: Nothing to report.

Schaeffer: Reported there is a new applicant for the transfer station, as well as the one reported by Myer. Also on the transfer station committee - they are looking at temporary station during construction. Is pleased with Sanborn's responsiveness.

Prentice: Meeting for Safe Streets and Roads for all got delayed.

Roberts: Nothing to report. But had a question, has the Transfer Station Improvement Committee considered asking other towns about using them as the interim solution? It's been discussed, but nothing has been actually done yet. Further consideration is necessary. Maybe the burden is shared with three towns.

PUBLIC INPUT: Mr. Siniscalchi said that he is upset by the 91A discussion, it appears that the Select Board is not allowing the public to express themselves. They took away the public comment from the beginning of the meeting. Doesn't agree with the Select Board's discussion about posting the legal expenses related to a 91A request. Prentice shared that by posting the expense the select board hopes to be more transparent about

legal costs. Feels there are too many calls to the attorney, and that it stifles what people can do. Eric and Devon thanked the Select Board. There was a problem with the OWL Speaker system, Myer will look into it.

NON-PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT: Behr motioned to adjourn at 7:06.

Emery Roberts

Karl Behr

Richard Doucette

Lianne Prentice

Steve Schaeffer