

TOWN OF TAMWORTH SELECT BOARD

Select Board Meeting 5:30 PM
RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Session #1

Thursday, May 11th, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Select Board member Behr called the meeting to order at 5:33 and made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Session #1 Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes. Other present Town Administrator Myer, Ed Comeau of Government Oversight. Doucette entered the room at 5:34, Roberts entered the room at 5:37. Roberts motioned to come out of nonpublic at 6:01 Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes. Others attending the meeting included Bruno Siniscalchi, Jim Bowles, Zach Remick. On Zoom: Maureen and Jim Diamond, and Linda Eldridge.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- Town Warrant, First Issue
- Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 217, Lot 46

NEW BUSINESS:

- Department Head Report: Fire - Jim Bowles reporting – Mr. Bowles shared that they are now staffing the fire station full time on weekdays, and that the door at the firehouse is completed, and was done entirely with in house talent. Still looking for more workers as it is hard to predict when and where they will need an emergency response.
- Tamworth Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Mr. Remick, the town's Emergency Management Director, reported on the May 1 rainstorm, and share that the road damage is estimated to be around \$255,000. He has been working with Homeland Security and other towns to ensure everyone is reporting their estimated damages. Not sure if the state will reach the \$2.4M threshold. Page Hill was very badly undermined and will have to be significantly repaired.
- Tax Warrant – First Issue, \$4,746,435.00. Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the 2023 Town Tax Warrant, First Issue, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Union Hall Raffle Application Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the two raffle applications as presented by Union Hall, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Peak Performance Services & Repair - Automobile Inspection Station Application, Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the Peak Performance Service & Repair application, Prentice seconded, discussion, Schaeffer asked if we had answered a question in the letter, Myer stated she would be sure the question was answer, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Styrofoam Event at the Transfer Station, Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the Styrofoam collection events in perpetuity, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- State Liquor Commission Approval, Hill People, LLC at Farmer's Market 2023, Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve Hill People Liquor Tasting and Sales Application for the Farmer's Market, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Bank Balance: \$2,047,424
- Myer reported on various projects she is working on.

SIGNATURE FILE:

- Town Warrant First Issue, \$4,746,435.00
- Roberts motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes, May 4th, 2023, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Select Board Nonpublic Meeting Minutes, May 4th, RSA 91-A:3 II (c), 2023 Session #1, Select Board Nonpublic Meeting Minutes, May 4th, RSA 91-A:3 II (a), 2023 Session #2, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Inspection Station Application Form, Map 308, Lot 33
- State Liquor Commission Approval Form, Hill People, LLC
- Union Hall Raffle Form
- Roberts motioned to approve the Abatement, Map 414 Lot 107, \$5,051.13, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Veteran's Tax Credit, Map 415 Lot 68, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Solar Exemption, Map 414, Lot 63, Solar Exemption, Map 218, Lot 62, Solar Exemption, Map 411, Lot 5, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Wood Heat Exemption, Map 408, Lot 11 Sub Lot 01, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 421 Lot 3, Map 421 6, Map 420 Lot 5, off of Rt. 113, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 217, Lot 46, off of Whittier Highway, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Payroll Manifest: \$46,179.58, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Cash Used: \$4,339,596.03

SELECT BOARD UPDATE:

Doucette: Has been working on the grant application to the Northern Borders Regional Commission. The application has been advanced forward through the first cut, the final grant is due in early June. Lots of work in a short window. There is \$11M total awards for the State of NH. The first draft of the Moose Plate grant application for the Town House has been sent to the Select Board for their review. Doucette will send by end of next week. 6 windows will be repaired over two years for \$7,200.

Behr: He missed the Library Trustees meeting – but is able to report that work on AC is done and the walkway is getting rebuilt. Friends of cook library plant sale is June 3rd.

Schaeffer – EDC meeting was cancelled. Willie asked Schaeffer for help with the Closure & Operating plans.

Prentice: Attended the LRPC Executive Council meeting. An interesting commonality is that there were discussions about perambulations, and noted that the State has taken away the fines when a town misses its seven year perambulation requirement. There was a big conversation about finding qualified help for municipal positions. Then she met with Sean Chamberlain, the transportation person for the LRPC - spoke about looking at the corridor on rt 16 and agreed the need to make a joint conversation about the roadway hazards on a bigger scale. The Personnel Committee will meet May 23rd at 4:15. Patrolman Ryan McKee– back from the academy. Doucette asked if the retired police cruiser is still needed by PD?

Roberts: Have spent time speaking with Road agent this week, and feels the reason we did relatively well is that our roads were already in good shape. GMI has some time on their schedule, and so paving will happen sooner on Depot road and Washington Hill, and the entrance to Philbrook neighborhood, also they fixed the tall Pines spot. Announcement that Emily Verny has been hired as a part time rec coordinator – 6 month interim position.

PUBLIC INPUT: Maureen – thanked the Board for the discussion about Page Hill Road, and appreciates that the road will be fixed. She wished the Board the best in getting the money to finish the repairs. Comeau noted that Ossipee's damage is at \$750,000 and rising.

NON-PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT: Roberts adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm

Emery Roberts

Karl Behr

Richard Doucette

Lianne Prentice

Steve Schaeffer