

# TOWN OF TAMWORTH SELECT BOARD

Select Board Meeting 6:00pm

Thursday, July 13, 2023

## Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Those present are Select Board members Karl Behr, Steve Schaeffer, Lianne Prentice, Emery Roberts, Town Administrator Keats Myer, Ed Comeau of Government Oversight, Glenn Johnson, Willie Farnum, Jim Bowles, Richard Colcord, Bruno Siniscalchi. On Zoom Maureen and Jim Diamond.

### CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Session #1
- RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Session #2
- RSA 91-A:3 II (e), Session #3
- Fire Department Update, Chief Colcord
- Economic Development Council Membership Discussion
- Ordinance Adoption Process
- Release of Lien: Map 214, Lot177

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Sanborn Head Discussion**, Glenn Johnson - Sanborn Head called to say they are coming in to do boring tests on the ground. They will be drilling down about 20 feet. Glenn will meet with them, they will be there for three or four days. The Select Board thanks Johnson for coming in.
- **Fire Department Update**, Chief Colcord: everything is going well, no calls on motorcycle week. Budget looks like it is right where it should be. Said that the town's idea of repurposing the old rescue vehicle is fine with them. Myer asked when it would be delivered. They are not sure. It will hopefully be less than a year. Myer asked if it is in good shape. The old rescue vehicle is from 2006. 33,000 miles on it. Runs on diesel. New rescue vehicle is a Dodge, Behr asked if it comes fully outfitted - comes with lights and sirens, lettered and everything. Schaeffer asked if the SCVA Compressor grant has come through? They are optimistic that the grant will come through, and discussed how outdated their departments air bottles are. Really in need the updated equipment.
- **Rescue Vehicle Discussion** – Myer mentioned that the mileage budget is going to go over, Prentice will speak with Police department about using their vehicle for maintenance, at least for the fall to save money. A discussion ensued about Rescue vehicle as maintenance, board seemed positive. Cost assessment needed.
- **Zoning Board of Adjustments, Board Assignment** – Steve Schaeffer volunteered to be the representative to the ZBA with E. Roberts as alternate.
- **Economic Development Council Membership Discussion**: Schaeffer stated that Pat Farley will be moving, and so she will become the Alternate, and Greg Hufford will become a commissioner. Prentice motioned to appoint Greg Hufford as a Commissioner, and Pat Farley as an alternate, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- **Ordinance Adoption Process**: Prentice is sharing the steps that a voter or a group can use to introduce an ordinance to the town at town meeting. The Select Board can put an item on the warrant, or voters can put petition articles on as citizens. They would draft the warrant and circulate the article for other registered voters to sign, 25 voters, or 2%, whichever is less, but no less than 10. The number of registered voters for this purpose is based upon the list of voters who were registered immediately prior to the last general election.

The original petition must be filed with the Select Board no later than the 5th Tuesday before town meeting. For 2024, this would be February 6, 2024 (5 Tuesdays prior to March 12, which is the 2d Tuesday in March). The Select Board forwards the petition to the Town Clerk, who reviews it to determine whether there are enough registered voter signatures. If the petition has enough signatures and is filed in time, the Select Board must include it in the warrant for the next town meeting. Traditionally, any article that is petitioned onto the warrant will include a note at the end of the article that it was "Submitted by Petition."

#### ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Bank Balance: Annie is on vacation, and so the bank balance was not available. Myer thanked Emily for covering for her while she was away.

#### SIGNATURE FILE:

- Roberts motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes, June 29, 2023, Schaeffer Seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Driveway Application Permit, Map 211, Lot 55, Sub lot 1, Schaeffer Seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the PA-28 Use Questionnaire, Schaeffer Seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 215, Lot 41, Access Road Rt. 16, Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 411, Lot 33, Access Road 113A, Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 408, Lot 53, Sublot 1, Access Road High Street, Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 408, Lot 56, Access Road High Street, Schaeffer Seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Release of Lien: Map 214, Lot 177, Schaeffer Seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Lien Abatement, Map 420, Lot 15, Sublot 27, (2021) \$121.55, Lien Abatement, Map 215, Lot 49, Sublot 102, (2021) \$108.25, (2022) \$80.36, (2023) \$84.82, Lien Abatement, Map 214, Lot 154, Sublot 46, (2021) \$71.53, (2022) \$123.30, Schaeffer Seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Abatement, Map 415, Lot 67, Sublot 104, \$36.00, Abatement, Map 216, Lot 256, Sublot 0T3, \$183.33, Abatement, Map 214, Lot 154, Sublot 47, \$155.00, Abatement, Map 205, Lot 15, \$841, Abatement, Map 411, Lot 20, \$1,660.00, Schaeffer Seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Elderly Exemption, Map 211, Lot 14, Sublot 1, Schaeffer Seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Payroll Manifest: \$41,028.45, Schaeffer Seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest: \$410,341.32, Schaeffer Seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Cash Used: \$6,266,857.58

#### SELECT BOARD UPDATE:

**Behr:** Attended the library trustees meeting on 7/10. Summer programs have started. Mary is attending a course on AI for Librarians. Also part of a group on digital equity grants. Thanks those that put on the float for the parade. They received a tech grant for 4,200. Town records are now on line to access town records from town.

**Schaeffer** attended the Conservation Commission meeting on Monday in Doucette's stead. Enjoyed meeting everyone and learning what the TCC does. They are working on consolidating some of the easement.

**Prentice:** Fourth of July week - every one of the department heads has been super busy and managing a lot well. Everyone was on it – doing a crackerjack job!

**Roberts:** Scott Bridge was installed, in and out in two days. Very cool project, very efficient. Much cheaper than building a bridge in place.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Ed Comeau asked what Crackerjack means (cultural clarification for the international watchers – it means doing an excellent job). He also asked about the connection between Tamworth England and here. Discussion ensued.

Maureen Diamond: “For some reason you all were unable to hear me as I attempted twice to comment tonight. I simply wanted to say that—with all of my siblings in town, several nieces and nephews and their kids over the July 4 weekend—I was extremely proud to be a Tamworthian. There was so much to do, everyone representing the town was so engaged and so friendly..... can’t imagine a nicer summer weekend. Thanks to all.”

**NON-PUBLIC:**

At 6:53 Roberts moved to go into RSA 91-A:3 II (a), RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Session #2, and RSA 91-A:3 II (e), Session #3, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

At 7: Roberts moved to go into RSA 91-A:3 II (a), RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Session #2, and RSA 91-A:3 II (e), Session #3, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Roberts motioned to adjourn at 7:24.

Emory Roberts

Karl Behr

Richard Doucette

Lianne Prentice

Steve Schaeffer