

# TOWN OF TAMWORTH

## SELECT BOARD OFFICE

Select Board Meeting: 5:35 PM

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (b)

### AGENDA

**CALL TO ORDER:** Selectperson Roberts, called the meeting to order at 5:35. Roberts motioned to go into nonpublic session Doucette seconded roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes. Roberts motioned to come out of nonpublic at 6:11 pm. Prentice seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

**Those present:** Select people Roberts, Doucette, Behr, Goodson, Prentice, Roberts, Bruno Siniscalchi, Zach Remick, Kate Thompson, Jim Bowles, Chief Colcord, Rick Moreau, Ed Comeau, Andrew Chehayl, Pat Farley, Laura Pike, Keats Myer, Ed Comeau.

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** To continue the non-public Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Session after the public meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **CCCDPC – Public Hearing, Matt Plache Presenting**

Roberts motioned to go into a public hearing to discuss the Carroll County Communications District Planning Committee's draft to create the communications district. Matthew Plache is a consultant to the CCCDPC, and is working on the effort to form the district. Plache passed around the RSA and the draft agreement. Fourteen towns in Carroll County expressed an interest in joining a district, and so a district agreement was drafted. Plache walked through the highlights. One of the main concerns is that we don't want another municipality in terms of taxing - approval of this draft would be a warrant article at town meeting in March. The agreement is not yet final, they may make changes, and then it would go to NH Attorney General, and then for a final public hearing. A governing board will run the district. Behr asked what decisions the district will make. Only those related to reaching the goal of getting high speed broadband to every door in Carroll County. By forming the district you have more power with the BB companies, and have legal power to apply for grants to get broad band. The district can enter into agreements with other entities, and it opens up other grant opportunities. Plache mentioned that just by making the planning committee, the providers are paying more attention. Kate Thompson asked if the district would negotiate on behalf of the collective district or by towns, and would/could there be multiple providers? Yes, there could be. Maureen Diamond appreciated the discussion has some finance questions – on how is the committee funded? There is no financial obligation from the town or the taxpayers of the town. If it was determined that the district needed to raise money, that could only happen if the town agreed. Currently the district has received 30K in ARPA funds from Carroll County. Roberts motion to close the public hearing, Goodson seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes. Hearing ended at 6:35 pm

- Maintenance Department, Rick Moreau – reported that all is well, and we discussed the fire escape at the Town House and alternatives to replacing the fire escape. Moreau had some questions about generator connect, and wanted the Select Board to know he is covering shifts for Glenn on occasion. Chief Colcord publically thanked Rick for his helpful efforts.

- **Budget Discussion**

- Economic Development Committee, on a side note Pat Farley was at LRPC meeting and they

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shared that having .gov was better than having .org. Budget: Laura passed out collateral they need to have updated. They've been working on updating it for the last several months. Laura is the treasurer. Would like to do the street fair again. FYI, all the development work for the website is being donated.

- Fire Department: Regarding salaries – the Department will accept whatever COLA the Select Board deems appropriate. Chief Colcord reviewed the budgets for the Fire Department and “Fire Other.” Each line was discussed with the Select Board. Major changes from last year are increases to the cost of radio equipment, vehicle fuel, and fire protection equipment.
- Zach Remick presented the Emergency Management Director's budget, with the major change being increasing the stipend, the case was made that as he is not a town employee there is less automatic overlap. The expenses line was also increased to \$2,000 for computer equipment and software upgrades.
- Keats Myer presented the Town Administrator's budget, which increased 4%, before any voted COLA increases.
- Roberts motioned to give a 7% raise to town employees who were employed prior to May 1 of 2022, seconded by Doucette, discussion ensued, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Ambulance Contract Extension: Roberts motioned to enter into the action ambulance contract negotiations for another 5 years, Doucette seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes. Doucette suggested we have a nonpublic to discuss what kinds of things we can do to decrease the calls.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Account Balance: Not available.
- Update on sales plan for Tax Deeded Properties: Myer shared that she had the SJS Auction House out to visit, and they felt the two 725 properties would sell well. They referred the town to Mr. Charlie Smith, who came to look at the Gardner Hill Property and is willing to clean it out for no fee, but in exchange for all the contents inside. Prentice motioned enter into a contract with Charlie Smith to clean out 725 Gardner Hill Road, assuming all legal documents have been done correctly, and cleaned out by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at no expense to the town. Seconded by Roberts, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Update on Junk Yards. Myer reported that the follow up letters will be going out this week.

### SIGNATURE FILE:

- Roberts motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday November 3rd, 2022, Goodson seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Non Public Meeting Minutes RSA 91-A:3 II (b), Session #1, Thursday, November 3rd, 2022, and Non Public Meeting Minutes RSA 91-A:3 II (b), Session #2, November 3rd, 2022, Goodson seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest: \$2,783.80 Goodson seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the payroll manifest: \$40,115.47 Goodson seconded, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

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- Year to Date: \$7,759,183.87

### **SELECT BOARD UPDATE:**

- Doucette: nothing to report.
- Behr: Visited the rec building bathroom with Rick and Keats a memo was sent. Keats will mail it.
- Goodson: We all did our election duties and had a great turn out. 1460 people came out to vote
- Prentice: worked at the poles. Put finishing touches on tomorrow's Veteran's Day ceremony. Starting at 11:00.
- Roberts: worked the polls

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Maureen thanked the select board for their hard work tonight.

**NON-PUBLIC:** Roberts motioned to back into Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (b), Behr seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes. Roberts motioned to come out of nonpublic Session #1 at 8:29, Prentice seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:31

Emery Roberts

Kelly Goodson

Lianne Prentice

Richard Doucette

Karl Behr