

TOWN OF TAMWORTH SELECT BOARD
Thursday, August 24, 2023

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM, those present are Selectboard members Roberts, Doucette, Behr, Shaeffer, Prentice, Town Administrator Myer, Ed Comeau of Government Oversight.com.

Roberts motioned to go into Nonpublic: RSA 91-A:3,II (a) Session #1, and Nonpublic: RSA 91-A:3,II (a) Session #2 at 5:16 pm, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

Roberts motioned to come out of nonpublic session at 6:00 pm, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

Those joining the meeting are Glenn Johnson, June Aprille, Annie Burke, Bruno Siniscalchi, Richard Roberts, Amy Carter, and on Zoom Linda Eldridge, Maureen and Jim Diamond, and Mary Cronin.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Lakes Region Planning Commission Vacancy Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Library Parking Discussion, Mary Cronin would like to make it easier for patrons to get into the library. Currently, the only handicapped spot is in front of the lyceum, 100 feet away, which is too far for old folks. She is requesting a few more spaces and a handicapped space right in front. Road Agent Roberts stated that there should not be two parking spaces under the tree as it is unsafe. RA Roberts felt they could do two spots in front, though not three due to traffic flow issues. Amy Carter asked the width and depth that a parking spot requires. Doucette shared from Google that it is 18 feet long by 8.5 or 9 feet wide. Road Agent Roberts agreed to look into creating those two spots, and will put up a sign up that those spots are reserved for library patrons during open hours, as they have at Chocorua Library, though Ms. Cronin would like smaller sign that the Chocorua Library sign. Chairman Roberts suggested they move the telephone pole in the middle of the road, Road Agent Roberts has tried twice to get it moved, with no success, however Eversource is buying all the poles, so it might get easier, he agreed to try again.

Tamworth Community Nurses Update, June Aprille: Construction will begin 9/18/23 with propane line work and excavation and slab work. For the fall and winter a few parking spots will be lost, but will be restored when the new parking lot is built. The HVAC will be down for three to four days the week of the 18th, so hopefully its not too hot or cold that week. There will be excavation around the boundary line. June noted that the southeast property corner boundary line is ambiguous between the Gilman house and the building. A boundary line agreement is recommended. The abutter is open to it. Doucette asked about the farmer's market will be able to use their winter "address," June assured everyone that would be all fine. Doucette also raised revising the lease by the start of construction. June & Keats will move forward with drafting the revised lease, but unlikely that would be by 9/18. A discussion ensued about the septic system, Chairman Roberts asked about difference in cost to build a new septic vs. trenching to existing sewer – Aprille will look into it. Aprille raised the discussion on EV charging station and if the Select Board needs to vote on implementing EV stations that use credit card

stations. The TCNA would need to know within the next month about if the town is going to approve EV charging stations. Aprile mentioned that Rick Moreau will salvage the siding windows at the end of the building.

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool Update (NHPDIP), Annie Burke: Burke met with Robert Seston Elaine Sherman, and Keats Myer. Seston wanted to bring to the Treasurer's attention that the NHPDIP has a great investment rate – of 5.44%, with a net rate of 5.1%. Burke did some research and the bank we have been using had been giving us 1% - As Treasurer it is her job to move money around to get an advantageous interest rate. Burke called the bank we are using - the VP of the bank, gave a rate of 4.8%. Based on this excellent rate, Burke has decided to stay with the local bank.

Transfer Station Report & Transfer Station Fees Discussion, Glenn Johnson: Everything is going well, a few repairs are needed and are in the budget. Schaeffer raised the issue of the large amount of unsorted trash created by the wedding venues. There is a concern about how much trash they are bringing in. This is a new and large influx to what we are hauling out. This past weekend the TS filled up 25 or 26 tons of garbage @ \$84 dollars a ton – around \$1,000 per dumpster. Roberts feels they should have their own dumpsters. Some businesses do that. They aren't separating the trash and recycling. Prentice suggested that we look at what other towns do. Glenn mentioned that we do not have mandatory recycling, so he is unable to enforce trash sorting. Some towns do have mandatory recycling. Board agreed to research options. Prentice suggested that at the least we could send a letter ask to try to recycle. Schaeffer is bringing up the fees schedule: Glenn noted at the last rate change, about a year and a half ago, was the first change in 30 years. We need to change the rates, or we will be losing money on tires. All small tires are costing \$5 to throw away. He's concerned that people will just throw the tires away incorrectly if we charge too much. Roberts suggested going up to \$25 on the 24" truck tires to subsidize smaller tire disposal costs. Discussion ensued. Motion to approve the new tire prices as presented and increase the large trucks 24" to 25 dollars. Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

Lakes Region Planning Council, Open Select Board Position: Doucette has agreed that he would be willing to fill the position based on the Planning Board's appointment which it did last night. Roberts motioned to accept Doucette's appointment by the planning board, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette abstain, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hiring of Temporary Part Time Code Compliance Liaison: Roberts motioned to hire Mr. Charles Townsend to the position of Code Compliance Liaison, a temporary, part time position, paying \$22.00 per hour and capped at 8 hours per week for two months. Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

Town Logo – Color Version – Myer presented the four options, discussion ensued, Roberts motioned to adopt the color logo #4, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette no, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

Town House Design Update: Doucette shared the current updated design for the fire escape and, based on Melanie Streeter's input on snow, the architect made it a little skinnier, and other tweaks as well. Doucette likes the design and is still seeking input on it. Doucette wondered if the stairs could spiral in

the opposite direction. It would provide more space. Doucette will ask the architect this question. Others liked the design. All agreed that there are many safety benefits to this design.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Myer reported she has been interviewing candidates for the assessing clerk position, working with the treasurer on the interest bearing account questions, among other daily tasks.
- Bank Balance: \$3,942,004

SIGNATURE FILE:

- Roberts motioned to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2023. Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Nonpublic Meeting minutes, August 10, 2023, RSA 91-A:3,II (c) Session #1, Nonpublic Meeting minutes, August 10, 2023, RSA 91-A:3,II (c) Session #2, Nonpublic Meeting minutes, August 10, 2023, RSA 91-A:3,II (c) Session #3, Nonpublic Meeting minutes, August 10, 2023, RSA 91-A:3,II (c) Session #4. Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 419, Lot 7, Access Road Hackett Hill Road. Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 411, Lot 33, Access Rt. 113A/Great Hill Road . Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Appointment Form, Lakes Region Planning Commission
- ~~Investment Policy Revised August 24, 2023,~~
- Roberts motioned to approve the Veteran's Tax Credit Map 403, Lot 015. Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Elderly Tax Credit, Map 215, Lot 65. Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Payroll Manifest: \$48,431.82. Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve the Accounts Payable: \$486,550.94. Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Cash Used: \$7,687,862.24

SELECT BOARD UPDATE:

Doucette: Attended the Conservation Commission meeting last week on the 14th. Chocorua dam property was discussed, still undecided. Doucette learned that Broad Band operator Fidium is working to engineer all the lines going to all the residences, 25,000 addresses that will be served. In bad news department, we did not get the Norther Borders Regional Commission grant. Two grant rounds next year, perhaps we can reapply. Still waiting on the EPA program.

Behr. Attended the Tamworth foundation annual meeting – a great foundation, and are handing out more money than ever. Also attend library trustees meeting. The electric meter in the town house is in a bad position, Karl has been working on relocating this box. This is a challenging project. Karl will keep working it.

Schaeffer – All his meetings were cancelled. Matt Griffin and Richard Collins have resigned from the Economic Development Commission, Schaeffer thanked them and is looking for new volunteers.

Prentice: Also attended the Tamworth foundation meeting – it was great. Attended two planning board meetings.

Roberts: Attended the planning board meeting, and has a CIP meeting coming up.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Ed Comeau- Asked if we check if the person has paid their taxes before we approve Intents to cut or excavate.
- Mr. Siniscalchi asked if the Select Board will continue with every other week meetings, and the answer is that for now, yes.
- Maureen Diamond stated that it has been a great meeting, thank you Emery for your chairmanship. Good report from the Transfer station. Suggested the EDC could look into the Wedding venue trash issue, and if there an industry standard for wedding venues in this regard. Roberts thanked her for this suggestion.

At 7:38 Roberts made a motion to go into Nonpublic: RSA 91-A:3,II (e) Session #3 Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes. Roberts motioned to come out of nonpublic session at 8:00 pm, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

Doucette notified the board he will not be here on the 7th.

ADJOURNMENT: Roberts motioned to adjourn at 8:02 pm

Emery Roberts

Karl Behr

Richard Doucette

Lianne Prentice

Steve Schaeffer