

TOWN OF TAMWORTH SELECT BOARD

84 Main Street, Tamworth NH 03886

Select Board Meeting 5:00 pm
Thursday, December 21st, 2023

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Roberts calls the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

In attendance: Select Board Members Emery Roberts, Richard Doucette, Karl Behr, Steven Schaeffer. Administrative Assistant, Emily Verny. Ed Comeau of Government Oversight, Nelson O'Brian, Rick Moreau.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Conservation Commission & Forest Society conservation easement deeds. Nelson O'Brian explains this is the third installment of what was previously discussed. Tonight is to approve the reassignment of 4 conservation easement deeds which are on Chris Alt's property on Bunker Hill Road/Cleveland Hill Road. This is so that the 4 easements held by the town and 2 easements held by the Forest Society, can be combined into 1 easement. Before that happens, the Town needs to reassign these 4 easements to the Forest Society. These documents have been reviewed by our town attorney, Christine Johnston, who has no objections to them. Doucette makes a motion to reassign 4 of Chris Alt's conservation easements from the town to the forest society. The town of Tamworth agrees to assign the following conservation easement deeds, listed by the Carrol County Registry of Deeds book and page number to The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests: book 923/page 33 plus book 2602/page 569, book 695/page 131 plus book 1380/page 713, book 3424/page 131 and book 2099/page 290; furthermore the Town of Tamworth agrees to accept an executory interest in conservation easement deeds described in book 923/page 33 plus book 2602/page 569 and book 695/page 131 plus book 1380/page 713. Behr seconds. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. 4 yes, 0 no.

Department Reports

Recreation Department, Emily Verny gives an update on the Rec Department. Basketball is well attended; we have enough kids to have a coed 3 & 4th grade team and a 5 & 6th grade team. Comic Book Club just came to an end, as well as Movement for Longevity. More senior exercise classes will be coming up.

Maintenance, Rick Moreau said that everything is going well with the storm maintenance – there is water in the basement, but no damage. He does not believe this has anything to do with the construction on the building. The floors in the town office building have been waxed and polished. Upcoming project is to fix the backboard of the can container at the transfer station, and Rick will fill in at the transfer station while Allen is out. There is a streetlight in the parking lot at the town house, on a pole that belongs to the town and the question is who's responsibility it is to fix it. The pole services the distillery, but the light faces our parking lot. Rick will start by contacting Eversource, and if not ask the Distillery. Everything else with the other buildings is fine. All the proposals from the energy committee are in. We do have a contract signed for the windowsill at the town house, but probably won't be finished this year. The contract is signed, so the funds are encumbered.

OLD BUSINESS:

Doucette recalls there was a \$28,000 item budgeted for 2024 to do an air barrier in the ceiling of the Town Office building, which is impossible to do with the drop ceiling. Instead, we'll be doing more insulation, which is a completely different project, and will save thousands of dollars.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Bank Balance: \$4,136,231

SIGNATURE FILE:

- Roberts makes a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes, December 14th, 2023 Schaeffer seconds. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. 4 yes 0 no.
- Roberts makes a motion to approve the Non Public Meeting Minutes, December 14th 2023 for sessions:
 - o RSA 91-A:3, II, (a) session #1
 - o RSA 91-A:3, II, (b) sessions #2
 - o RSA 91-A:3, II, (b) session #3
 - o RSA 91-A:3, II, (c) Session #4Schaeffer seconds. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. 4 yes 0 no.
- Roberts makes a motion to approve the Rosie's Restaurant liquor license, town approval. Schaeffer seconds. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. 4 yes 0 no.
- Roberts makes a motion to approve the Veteran's Tax Credit for:
 - o Map 401 Lot 18
 - o Map 214 Lot 219
 - o Map 202 Lot 19Schaeffer seconds. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. 4 yes 0 no.
- Roberts makes a motion to approve the Intent to Cut for Map 401 Lot 33, access road: Washington Hill. Schaeffer seconds. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. 4 yes 0 no.
- Roberts makes a motion to approve the Supplemental Bill for :
 - o Map 214 Lot 217-001 for \$4,470.
 - o Map 216 Lot 253 for \$391Schaeffer seconds. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. 4 yes 0 no.
- Roberts makes a motion to approve the Abatement for:
 - o Map 216 Lot 253 for \$391
 - o Map 415 Lot 68-147 for \$17Schaeffer seconds. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. 4 yes 0 no.

Roberts states that we are still working on the Town of Sandwich/Tamworth/Moultonborough consent decree.

- Roberts makes a motion to approve the Payroll: \$ 59,048.88. Schaeffer seconds. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. 4 yes 0 no.
- Cash Used: \$ 11,859,192.38

SELECT BOARD UPDATE:

Doucette spent some time in the town office searching through building notification forms to see if there were any buildings on the flood plain zones. There were a handful of lots that were doing work, but nothing that would have interfered with the flood plain. Had a good conversation with NH DES regarding North Country Recycling, learned how the state does and does not regulate solid waste. Had a conversation with Charlie Townsend and Melanie Streeter about junkyards and Mel was able to give us a historical tour of the events. Charlie is working on the bigger ones, but Mel made a good point, working on the smaller junkyards are more likely to get cleaned up.

Behr has nothing to report.

Schaeffer attended the TSIC meeting and decided to form a sub committee to look into the bathroom discussion and making remedies on the existing transfer station.

Roberts has nothing to report. Merry Christmas.

PUBLIC INPUT: Nothing.

Roberts makes a motion to go into nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) session #1 and RSA 91-A:3, II (d) session #2 at 5:38 pm. Schaeffer seconds. Roll Call Vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. 4 yes 0 no.

Roberts makes a motion to come out of nonpublic at 6:10 pm. Schaeffer seconds. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Roberts yes. 4 yes 0 no. The minutes are not sealed. The next meeting is January 4th.

Roberts has a response letter from Madison seeing if they were potentially interested in sharing a transfer station, to which they said no.

ADJOURNMENT: Roberts makes a motion to adjourn at 6:11 pm.

These minutes prepared by: Emily Verny

Select Board Approval:

Emery Roberts

Richard Doucette

Lianne Prentice

Karl Behr

Steven Schaeffer