

TOWN OF TAMWORTH SELECT BOARD

Select Board Meeting 5:00

Thursday, May 2nd, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Behr called the meeting to order at 5:00, those present include Select Board members Behr, Prentice, Doucette, Town Administrator Keats Myer, Ed Comeau of Governmentoversite.com, Linda Cook, Melanie Streeter, Mark Debitetto, Bruno Siniscalchi, Becky Mason, James Holzrichter, Barbara Bloomberg, Fire Chief Colcord.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- Excavation Tax Yield, Map 218, Lot 98, \$89.80

PUBLIC HEARING: Behr motioned to go into a Public Hearing Per RSA 41:9-a to amend Tamworth Transfer Station Fees, Prentice seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes. Behr explained this is to raise the fees for tires. Behr invited others to review the new price list. Mason noted that all the fees will have to be changed in the policies and procedures. Doucette motioned to accept the new Transfer Station fees and amend the related policies and procedures. Behr Seconded. Roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes. Prentice motioned to come out of Public Hearing, Behr second, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Department Report: Fire Department, Chief Colcord. Shared that there is a new EMT, and that the NH Employment Security has a reimbursement program to reimburse the tuition up to \$1,000 which will go to the new recruit as an incentive to stay in the job. 275 calls so far this year, with 32 of them at the same residence. Working with the State on strategies to reduce/eliminate these kind of calls. During the recent storm, had 25 calls in a 24 hour period. Reports on a shortage of available ambulances related to understaffing. Received the specifications for the new fire engine, will take 555 days to build. Ambulance is looking like an ambulance will be delivered in January of 2025. Waiting to hear from FEMA on the Radio grant.

Transfer Station Staffing:

- Doucette motioned to accept the retirement resignation letter from Glenn Johnson. Prentice second, Roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to hire Jason Ferrara on a permanent part time basis at \$20 an hour. Prentice second. Roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to hire Will Robinson and Paul Libby on a per diem basis at \$20 an hour. Prentice second. Roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to increase Ernesto Villareal's wage to \$20 an hour. Prentice second. Roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Doucette motion to approve the job description for the Transfer Station Supervisor with a salary range of \$23 – \$28 dollars per hour, Prentice second. Roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tamworth Community Nurses Lease:

- Behr motioned to accept the lease amendment, Doucette second. Discussion: Behr noted that TCNA is covering costs that they were not covering in the past. Siniscalchi asked about the handicap ramp and how water would drain. A discussion ensued, the Select Board will check with TCNA to better understand design intent. Behr read the email from Aprille explaining the decision to pave the back of the lot. Doucette seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.

Revised Building Notification Form: Prentice shared a revised Building Notification form, one that is largely the same as the old form, just stylistically simplified. Streeter raised the issue that the initial adoption of the RSA sometime around 2004 (?) which authorized the town to issue Building Notification forms listed the wrong RSA, and that the form, to be corrected, would need to be put before the town at Town Meeting, on the Ballot. Doucette said we would consult the town attorney.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Bank Balance: \$2,480,103.
- Worked on Transfer Station staffing all week.

SIGNATURE FILE:

- Behr motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, April 18th, 2024, Doucette Seconded. Roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to approve the Nonpublic Meeting Minutes from the April 18th meeting, RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Session #1, Nonpublic Meeting Minutes, RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Session #2, Nonpublic Meeting Minutes, RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Session #3, Doucette seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to approve the Timber Yield Tax, Map 212, Lot 23 Sub Lot 6, \$656.99 Doucette seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to approve the Timber Yield Tax, Map 419, Lot 7, \$531.46, Doucette seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to approve the Timber Yield Tax, Map 407, Lots 98 & 98.1, \$3,024.17, Doucette seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to approve the Excavation Yield Tax, Map 202, Lot 9, \$21.48, Doucette seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to approve the Excavation Yield Tax, Map 214, Lot 162, Sub Lot 2, \$378.72,
- Behr motioned to approve the Excavation Tax Yield, Map 218, Lot 98, \$89.80, Doucette seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- TCNA Revised Lease
- Behr motioned to approve the Elderly Exemption, Map 218, Lot 77, Doucette seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to approve the Elderly Exemption, Map 210, Lot 6 Doucette seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.

- Behr motioned to approve the Application for A Raffle, Bearcamp Valley Sportsman's Club Doucette seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to approve the Payroll Manifest: \$39,459.95 Doucette seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to approve the Accounts Payable: \$321,391.18 Doucette seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.
- Cash Used YTD: \$3,796,606.09

SELECT BOARD UPDATE:

Doucette on April 22nd LRPC had their monthly meeting, their solid waste planner Matt Rose gave a great presentation on solid waste, and brown fields. Attended the planning board meeting on 4/24 to inform them the North Country Recycling property is no longer an option, as it sold to someone else. So the discussion is now restarted to focus on the site we have.

Behr: Attended a sewer commission meeting – the meeting with DES was productive but challenges still exist. The strategy is to apply for a brand new permit for the existing services. See if they can get that approved.

Prentice: Planning board meeting last week, on May 15th there are two work sessions open to the public. The first one is at 5:00 pm to talk about the Master Plan, and how it would look to start that process again. The Planning Board has invited some people who were involved in the last process to learn what went well, or didn't. At 6:00 there is a meeting to review the first draft of the Buildout Analysis. Plans out for the next 200 years of growth.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mason noted that the Planning Board has the Building Requirements under Regulations under regulations, on their webpage, and the Ground Water Protection Ordinance is not on there yet. Additionally, the building notification updates would need to go on their website as well. Also, wanted to know if the new person will be permanent part time, RSA 275: 32 called "Sunday work" and read the RSA, requires a day off be taken off within the next 7 day period. Discussion ensued about the hours the new position would require.

Streeter: Requested that nonpublic meeting minutes could be posted on the website. Select Board agreed.

Mason: Wondered if the Board would consider a plaque to be posted at the Transfer Station. Doucette assured the room that the SB is talking internally about how to recognize him.

Mark Debitetto: Presented a petition that any property acquisition or sale of transfer station property. Noted that it isn't for or against, just that the petitioners want to be involved in the decision.

Streeter: Asked about the status of the transfer station, TSIC is looking at the options and will get the bathroom built. Doucette noted that the committee goal is to do the best with what we have in terms of funding and property. Discussion ensued about funding and related expirations.

Barb Bloomberg: Asked that the committee consider whatever recyclables they can consider. Asked about the scale as a priority. The SB would prioritize a scale. Mason pointed out that if you have a scale you can start charging for commercial trash.

Streeter: Shared about Maine Scales was super helpful in thinking through the scales. Urged everyone to keep speaking with TJ in Ossipee. Discussion ensued about installing a scale.

Holzrichter: Shared information on new technology where you can distill plastic into fuel.

Cook shared the benefits of a bottle bill.

Diamond: Asked if the Sewer Commission, if they do apply for a new permit, who pays the associated costs. Behr confirmed that is a part of the sewer commission cost.

NONPUBLICS

Behr motioned to go into nonpublic session 1 and 2 AT 6:06, Prentice seconded, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes. Behr motioned to come out of nonpublic session at 6:37, Doucette second, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Prentice yes.

Behr motioned to adjourn 6:38.