

Transfer Station Improvement Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2022, 6 pm

6:06 Call to Order

Present: Willie Farnum, Gabrielle Watson, Kelly Goodson, Maud Anderson, Richard Doucette (remote) Ellen Farnum, Secretary

Approval of January 4, 2022, Minutes:

Motion to approve: Kelly G. **Second:** Maud A.

Vote: unanimous

USDA Grant:

The TSIC again presented the grant proposal to the Tamworth SelectBoard at their January 6, 2022, meeting. (Previous grant proposal was not approved by the SelectBoard by a 2-2 vote.) Lots of questions were asked and Becky Mason helped clarify the role SelectBoards play in overseeing grant money. This time the SelectBoard **approved** the application for the grant with the following vote:

Becky Mason: Yes, Melanie Streeter: Yes, Kelly Goodson: Yes, Emery Roberts: No, Aron Ricker: Absent (but previously voted yes).

SelectBoard members signed the application and Willie. F submitted it January 6th.

Other Grant opportunities: (all info from websites: E. Farnum)

Maud, Willie and Gabrielle have been researching other available grants.

~Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)

(a Federal-State partnership for economic and community development within the most distressed counties of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York).

Willie contacted NBRC. In his email, he requested that all the granting agencies work together to help fund our project. He outlined the proposed transfer station renovation and cost, gave information on the town profile, and explained that Tamworth has applied for the USDA grant to cover 35% cost.

Willie received an email back from NBRC suggesting he contact Benoit Lamontagne, NH Dept Business and Economic Affairs. It is possible that B. Lamontagne could help coordinate a meeting.

Willie will follow-up.

~NH Charitable Foundation

(The vision of the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund is "To serve as a catalyst for the region to move toward sustainable community and economic development in Coös County and surrounding communities in the United States and Canada.")

Maud has a contact with a staff member at NH Charitable and will find out if Tamworth's Transfer Station project is something that would qualify for their help.

Maud will contact

~US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration

(Under the American Rescue Plan, EDA was allocated \$3 billion in supplemental funding to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating the economic

recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks.)

~NH the Beautiful

(New Hampshire communities are eligible to apply for funding to assist with the purchase of recycling equipment. Grant applications are considered on an individual basis and funding may be up to 20% of the purchase price of the equipment. While we will not help with the purchase of land, studies or buildings, we do help fund the purchase of balers, crushers, roll-off containers and other equipment that will help a community achieve higher diversion rates.)

Gabrielle will contact

~The Tamworth Foundation

(The Tamworth foundation is a community foundation serving the Town of Tamworth by supporting local nonprofits in the areas of health, civic and community responsibility, education, arts and culture, local infrastructure, recreation, and safety.)

Willie will contact

~Department of Environmental Services (DES)

(NHDES administers several loan and grant programs. NHDES programs also assist groups in obtaining funding for projects from myriad sources.)

Town Warrant Article

Discussion:

Should TSIC submit a petitioned article?

Willie will talk to Becky Mason

Transfer Station Improvement Committee (TSIC)

TSIC was formed as a town committee last year. In March, the new Tamworth SelectBoard will need to vote to re-appoint (or disband) the committee.

TSIC members are hoping to have the support from the SelectBoard to continue work in March.

Public informational Meeting February 8th, 2022

The group reviewed a draft Power Point Willie had prepared to show at the Informational Meeting on February 8th. The meeting will be in-person at Runnells Hall, with a Zoom option.

Maud and Gabrielle will review/edit the draft power point, then send back to Willie.

Maud, Gabrielle and Willie will also assign TSIC members to speak to portions of the presentation. The draft will then be reviewed by the full committee at their next scheduled TSIC meeting February 1.

~Technology:

Ellen and Maud will meet at Runnells Hall on Wed to practice with the projector, Gabrielle will run the Zoom.

~Publicity:

Ellen will **post the brief meeting notice** (see below) to the Conway Sun and in the Tamworth Column. (It is already posted to the town website.)

Ellen will also write a **draft publicity statement** based on the info submitted to the Town Report. This will be reviewed by Maud and Gabrielle, then submitted to the Conway Sun and posted on the Tamworth Exchange.
AFTER the public meeting, Willie will contact Damon Steer (Conway Sun) and George Cleveland (Drive time) and will try to **arrange interviews**.
Gabrielle has also arranged a library **Face to Face time** on February 23rd.

Other Business

February 13th Budget Hearing:

TSIC will address questions/concerns raised at the budget hearing
~If the Transfer Station Project is approved, will there be a need for increased staffing?
The group will research staffing at the transfer station with similar sized towns.

Next meeting, February 1, 2022

To Do List:

Willie, Gabrielle and Maud:

Continue to research grants and find out when grants need to be submitted.

Maud:

Meet with Ellen and Mary Cronin to fix technology problem for power point
Information from NH Charitable Foundation
Work with Gabrielle to review Power point and assign TSIC members to speak to various topics
Work with Ellen and Gabrielle to review draft publicity statement

Willie:

Follow-up with Benoit Lamontagne, NH Dept Business and Economic Affairs.
Information for Northern Borders
Information Tamworth Foundation
Contact Becky Mason about the Transfer Station Improvement Warrant
Article/petitioned article

Gabrielle:

Information on NH the Beautiful
Work with Maud to review Power point and assign TSIC members to speak to various topics
Work with Ellen and Maud to review draft publicity statement
Face to Face time

Ellen:

Contact information from the Sandwich Broad Band group @ Northern Borders Grant
Notice February 8th Informational Meeting
Draft Publicity article, then share with Gabrielle and Maud

Meeting Adjourned 7:35

Tamworth, NH
Notice of Public Information Meeting
February 8, 2022, 6:30 PM Runnells Hall
Runnells Hall Road, Chocorua Village, Tamworth, NH

The Transfer Station Improvement Committee will hold an informational meeting to receive input from residents of Tamworth about:

1. The proposed Tamworth Transfer Station Improvements
2. Funding for the improvements
3. Grant application from the USDA

The conceptual plans are on the Town Web Site @
https://www.tamworthnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif3906/f/uploads/210902_concept_dwgs.pdf

Below please find the Remote Option for this meeting:

Topic: TSIC Public Information Meeting
Time: Feb 8, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83378015760?pwd=MmtTQXhJZVZWSEd5TWZldTNzMzdLdz09>

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