

TOWN OF TAMWORTH SELECT BOARD

Select Board Meeting 5:00

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:14, those present are Select Board members Roberts, Schaeffer, Behr, Prentice, and on Zoom, Doucette. Also present are Emily Verny, Marianne Jackson, MD., June Aprille, Ned Beecher, Annie Burke, Bob Streeter, Bruno Siniscalchi, Peg Loughran, Town Administrator Keats Myer, Ed Comeau of Government Oversight.com, On Zoom Richard Doucette, Leslie Johnson, and Jim & Maureen Diamond.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Timber Yield Tax, Map 410 Lot 51- No Cut
- Timber Yield Tax, Map 413 Lot 19- No Cut
- Camper Abatements:
 - Abatement, Map 415, Lot 67, Sublot 38, \$256.00
 - Abatement, Map 415, Lot 49, Sublot 111, \$840.00
 - Abatement, Map 214, Lot 154, Sublot 23, \$75.40
 - Abatement, Map 415, Lot 67, Sublot T10, \$37.00

Department Head Report, Recreation Department, Emily Verny. The Easter Egg Hunt was great and well attended (40-60 children plus their families). Verny thanked the Recycling Committee for their efforts in washing and stuffing 1000 plastic easter eggs, and also thanked all the parents. Verny has started a seasonal newsletter for the Rec Department which will be handed out quarterly. She has launched a new App, it is free, with all community events in one spot. Go to the app store and it is under Tamworth Recreation. Youth sports kicking off include spring soccer, baseball, T-ball, track, and all are posted. Adult Tennis lessons are going to start in May. Busy working on summer programming. One of the swimming instructors isn't coming back, which is disappointing - and is a bit of a problem, Verny is trying to hire another. Fourth of July: We will have the parade on the 4th, fireworks are on the fifth.

Farmers Market Parking Discussion: They are here to continue the conversation on parking and pedestrian flows for the farmers' market. They suggested creating a bike/walk lane with painted markings to get from UUFES to the village. Create a way to encourage pedestrians to use one side of the road. Prentice raised concern that people don't pay attention to signage. Cones might be a clearer demarcation. Burke stated it was too much to "cone" the entire walkway, but a combo of painting and cones might work. Prentice suggested they speak with the Police Chief and the Road agent about what is required about painting on a town/state road. Chairman Roberts suggested the police chief and road agent come in to speak about it. Roberts also suggested as a temporary solution setting up cones.

June Aprille, TCNA building update: First meeting since December. Progress has been excellent. Lighting electric, solar, all is done. Expected to be completed by the end of May. Chairman Roberts raised question arose about the pavement of the back parking area, stating it was in the plan initially.

Aprille stated it was never in the plan, but she will look at the number of parking spaces that will be paved. Lease revision has been approved by both lawyers. So far, the Nurses have spent a little more than a million dollars.

MWV Age Friendly Community Marianne Jackson, MD Has come to speak about the work of the **MWV Age Friendly Community** – doesn't cost the town anything, so not a budget item. Participation in the way of looking at the improvements we make in our town that provide a lens on how does it impact older adults. AARP and the WHO have established a framework for towns – which function as a region. Gibson Center for the region that houses the age friendly initiative. There is a steering committee. Works to coordinate the town efforts between TCNA/rec/libraries and churches – learn from, magnify, multiply, and make more impactful to help the aged. They have a grant to support Marianne as a liaison for an eight month period, she is available to help with researching. Today she is asking for one of the board members to be on the Steering Committee. Currently they have no one from Tamworth. Started 5 years ago. Mary Phelps used to be a representative. The Steering Committee meets 3 times a year for an hour and a half. There are also working groups, which meet more often. Mr. Comeau asked about what the grant source was, it is an AARP challenge grant that funds their work. The other grant is from the partnership of public health which is from NH DHHS – elderly and adult services, which funds Dr. Jackson's position.

Town Facilities permit policy. There are two groups – TSIC and the Tamworth recycling project - Doucette suggested that there might be a few people who could put together a group to review the policy in its entirety. Doucette will reach out to them.

Board Chair Process discussion: The practice used to be when there were three people on the board, the person whose last year it was would be the chair. Emery was the chair as he was the only one with any experience. Emery has done a great job as chair, but maybe it's time to rotate it through - What's the practice: Prentice stated that Chairing is a learned skill, limiting the term to one year isn't long enough to gather expertise. Roberts – not sure we need a written policy - it should be up to the board at the time. Roberts doesn't have the time during the day, so being a chair is a way to give back. Doucette feels three years is a good maximum number of one year terms. Doucette nominated Roberts as the chair for a third and final year. Prentice seconded, roll call vote. Doucette yes Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

Board Committee Assignments: The only change is flipping police and fire department liaisons - Roberts & Prentice.

Planning Board Alternates: Roberts motioned to approve the planning Board alternates Ian Haskell and Jim Diamond. Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote. Doucette yes Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

Waste Management Hauling Contract renewal discussion: If it is put out to bid, they will pull their offer back and change the price. The only dumping site is Waste Management's. So WM seems to have pretty strong handle on this. Prices will go up if we put out to bid. We still have 30 days, so we can defer deciding.

Full Time Deputy Town Clerk Job Description: Prentice moved to accept the job description as presented, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote. Doucette yes Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

Doucette left the meeting at 6:33 pm.

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- Roberts motioned to approve Meeting Minutes, March 21st, 2024, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve Intent To Excavate, Map 214, Lot 162, Sub Lot 2, Access Road, Maple Road, and Intent To Excavate, Map 210, Lot 3, Access Road, Gilman Valley Road, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 217, Lot 46, Access Road, White Mountain Highway, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve Timber Yield Tax, Map 412 Lot 16 - \$204.28, Timber Yield Tax, Map 217, Lot 46 - \$2,159.82, Timber Yield Tax, Map 401 Lot 33 - \$81.59, Timber Yield Tax, Map 410 Lot 50- \$569.23, Timber Yield Tax, Map 410 Lot 51- No Cut, and Timber Yield Tax, Map 413 Lot 19- No Cut, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve Appointment Form for Jim Diamond as Alternate to the Planning Board, and Appointment Form for Ian Haskell as Alternate to the Planning Board, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve Camper Abatements: Abatement, Map 415, Lot 67, Sublot 38, \$256.00, Abatement, Map 415, Lot 49, Sublot 111, \$840.00, Abatement, Map 214, Lot 154, Sublot 23, \$75.40, and Abatement, Map 415, Lot 67, Sublot T10, \$37.00, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve All Veteran's Tax Credit: Map 410, Lot 48, and All Veteran's Tax Credit: Map 415, Lot 14, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve Payroll Manifest: \$49,262.49, and Payroll Manifest: \$484.43, Schaeffer second, roll call vote Doucette yes Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts motioned to approve Accounts Payable: \$473,222.33, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote. Doucette yes Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Cash Used YTD: \$2,975,486.81

Select Board Update:

- Behr – Attended a meeting with NHDES and the Sewer Commission in Concord. The engineer from the firm that designed the system attended and had done a lot of work. Commission is cautiously optimistic.
- **Schaeffer:** Nothing additional to report.
- **Prentice:** Is on working with the Planning Board and with the company that's doing the build out analysis, there will be a series of work sessions to look at all the data they have provided and what that means for the town. The final draft should be done at the end of May. LRPC has its monthly meeting on 4/22 at Runnel's Hall. Their awards nominations info is out, and anyone can nominate.

- **Roberts:** Nothing to report.

PUBLIC INPUT: Ed Comeau reported that the County jail superintendent has a recycling bicycles project, so people can drop off bikes on May 4th. Inmates fix the bikes.

NONPUBLIC: Roberts motioned to go into nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3, II (A) at 6:47. Schaeffer second, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes. Roberts motioned to come out of nonpublic session at 6:53. Schaeffer second, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

ADJOURNMENT: Roberts motioned to adjourn at 6:54.

Emery Roberts, Chair

Karl Behr, Member

Richard Doucette, Member

Lianne Prentice, Member

Steve Schaeffer, Member