



TAMWORTH 2017 TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Tamworth, County of Carroll in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet for the First Session of the Annual Town Meeting at the Tamworth Town House, 27 Cleveland Hill Road, in said Town of Tamworth on **Tuesday, the 14th of March, 2017**, to choose town officers and to vote on other matters required to be on the official ballot. Polls to be open for voting on **ARTICLE #01** and **ARTICLE #02** at eight o'clock in the forenoon and to close not earlier than seven o'clock in the evening. You are hereby notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting at the Kenneth A. Brett School, 881 Tamworth Road, in said Town of Tamworth on **Wednesday, the 15th of March, 2017**, at seven o'clock in the evening for the transaction of all other Town business as specified in the remaining articles of this warrant.

ARTICLE #01 To elect all necessary **Town Officers**, which appear on the official Town ballot for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE #02 (By Petition) We the undersigned voters of the Town of Tamworth, NH under RSA 41:8-b submit this petition to the Tamworth Board of Selectmen to be placed on the warrant for town meeting in 2017. The question **“Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members?”**

ARTICLE #03 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$83,662** for **salary and benefits** for the current year for the position of **Town Clerk/Tax Collector**. **NOTE:** The amount requested under this article shall be used for an annual salary of \$54,000 to include 15 paid days off, FICA and Medicare in the amount of \$4,131, a health and dental insurance premium (93% of the premium for the Town’s health insurance plan currently with an 80/20% split for a two person policy and 100% of the employee dental insurance) of \$19,456 and contributions to the NH State Retirement System at the effective contribution rate (remaining at 11.17% thru June 30th and 11.38% July thru Dec 2017) of \$6,075. (These funds shall only be disbursed as long as the eligibility requirements are met in accordance with the NH Retirement System). Also, if a midterm appointment of a new Town Clerk/Tax Collector should be made a salary and benefit package will be determined by the Board of Selectmen at the time of the appointment. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #04 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,030,866** for **General Government Operations:**
(Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen	\$ 13,489
Town Administration	\$177,423

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 41,593
Election & Registration	\$ 4,407
Treasurer's Expense	\$ 9,076
Data Processing	\$ 32,700
Revaluation of Property	\$ 13,424
Legal Expenses	\$ 30,000
Personnel Administration	\$ 4,700
Planning	\$ 9,135
Zoning	\$ 1,982
Office Building	\$ 31,250
Town House	\$ 12,551
Cemeteries	\$ 34,549
Property Liability Insurance	\$ 31,000
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$ 9,267
Emergency Repair Response	\$150,000
Hazardous Mitigation Grant	\$ 8,000
<u>CDFA – Tamworth Village Assn</u>	<u>\$350,000</u>
Total Grants & Emergency Response	\$508,000
Debt Service Principal & Interest	\$ 66,320

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #05

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$662,056** for **Public Safety**: (Majority Vote Required)

Police Department	\$232,142
Ambulance Contracted Services	\$138,715
Fire Department	\$207,066
Rescue Squad	\$ 66,581
Forest Fires	\$ 6,953
Emergency Management	\$ 4,933
Animal Control	\$ 5,666

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #06

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,331,729** for **Public Works**: (Majority Vote Required)

Highway Department	\$587,588	
Bridge Repair/Replace	\$225,000	
<u>Road Reconstruction</u>	<u>\$280,000</u>	
Total Highway		\$1,092,588
Street Lights		\$ 16,000
Well Monitoring & Testing		\$ 4,000
Transfer Station Operations	\$194,866	
<u>Transfer Station Containers</u>	<u>\$ 24,275</u>	
Total Transfer Station		\$ 219,141

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The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #07

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,408** for **Health and Welfare**: (Majority Vote Required)

Health Officer	\$ 639
General Assistance	\$ 23,769

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote)

ARTICLE #08

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$120,707** for **Culture & Recreation**: (Majority Vote Required)

Parks & Recreation	\$98,427	
Playground Equipment	\$7,500	
Total Recreation		\$105,927
Swim Program		\$ 6,780
Patriotic Purposes/Family Day		\$ 8,000

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #09

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,457** for **Tamworth Conservation Commission** expenses. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectman **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #10

To see if the town will vote to approve the **purchase of a new Fire Vehicle** at a cost not to exceed \$384,000 payable over a term of 2 years with an appropriation of \$196,000 in 2017 and \$188,000 in 2018, and further to raise and appropriate \$196,000 for the first year's payment. In the following year the appropriation of \$188,000 will be contained in the operating budget. (2/3 Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommend** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$72,000** for the **Cook Memorial Library roof replacement**. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to **perform a needs assessment and planning for a future Public Safety Building**. This article to be non-lapsing for 5 years. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

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ARTICLE #13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for a watercraft to be used by Emergency Management.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,668 for the Cook Memorial Library of which **\$149,175** to be raised through taxation and \$21,493.00 to come from library income from donations, grants, fees etc; such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees. (Majority vote required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #15 (By Petition) Whereas the 250th Celebration Committee generated net proceeds of \$21,757.83 from sales of memorabilia, and the monies were deposited with the town and now resides in the general fund, and Whereas the Board of Selectmen are responsible for the expenses of preserving town records, under New Hampshire state law RSA 41:59, and Whereas there are records that if not preserved could be lost, and Whereas the public may wish to research those records, and Whereas the Tamworth Foundation has offered to double any money raised and given to Tamworth Foundation for the purpose of the preservation of town records during their current fiscal year, now therefore To see if the voters of the Town of Tamworth will vote to appropriate the sum of \$21,757.83, said monies to come from the general fund not from taxes raised, and to remit to the Tamworth Foundation not later than March 31, 2017 the total sum of \$21,757.83, for the purpose of preservation of The Town of Tamworth's historical records. (Majority vote required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote2-0)

ARTICLE #16 (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to deposit 100% of the revenues collected for the land use change tax pursuant to RSA 79-A, up to \$7,500 in any given calendar year, in the conservation fund, in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 IV. This article shall take effect on April 1, 2017. (Majority vote required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (1-1)

ARTICLE #17 (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to establish a **cemetery expendable maintenance trust fund** pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and to appoint the Cemetery Trustees agents to expend funds in said fund for improvements, expansion and general maintenance of cemeteries in Tamworth: and further;

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To see if the Town will vote to authorize funds received from the sale of cemetery lots to be deposited into the above cemetery expendable maintenance trust fund. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #18 (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** to the **Tamworth Outing Club** for the support of the Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball programs. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #19 (By Petition) We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Tamworth do hereby petition the 2017 Annual Town Meeting to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** for **Tri-County Community Action** for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #20 (By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$97** or transfer same from available funds, for support of the **Medication Bridge Assistance Program**. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #21 (By Petition) To respectfully request that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,744** in support of **Starting Point** providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #22 (By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for the **Tamworth Scholarship Committee, Inc.** (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #23 (By Petition) Warrant Article for the Town of Tamworth to raise and appropriate the same sum as last year of **\$5,000** to assist the **Community Food Center** the food pantry serving Tamworth people. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #24 (By Petition) We the undersigned, being registered voters in the Town of Tamworth request that the following item be included in your 2017 town warrant:

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To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,400** for the Family Resource Center at **Children Unlimited, Inc.** (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #25

(By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$80,000** to support the **Tamworth Community Nurse Association.** (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #26

(By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,000** to provide meals for Tamworth **Meals on Wheels** recipients. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #27

(By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for the annual support of services provided to the citizens of this community by the **Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice.** The VNA-Hospice Agency has been serving the Town residents for many years, and the Town has consistently supported the VNA & Hospice. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #28

(By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,000** for support of the Tamworth children, ages 5 – 12, using the Out-of-School hours, School-Aged childcare services at **Bearcamp Valley School and Children's Center** (Tamworth Preschool Inc.), a non-profit organization. These services include before and after school, vacation weeks and summer programs for Tamworth Children ages 5-12. This request does not include any preschool programming. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #29

(By Petition) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,750** to assist the **Mental Health Center.** (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #30

(By Petition) We the undersigned voter of the Town of Tamworth do hereby request the Selectmen to place this petition warrant article on the 2017 Warrant for Town meeting. To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,500** in support of **Blue Loon Bus Service.** (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **do not recommend** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #31

(By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,216** for the support of **White Mountain Community Health Center** to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #32

(By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** for **MWV Supports Recovery Coalition Recovery Support Programs** (family and peer support programs for substance use disorders). (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article. (Vote 2-0)

ARTICLE #33

(By Petition) Shall the town adopt the "all veterans' property tax credit" under RSA 72:28-b? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of \$500.00, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the Selectmen or the Assessor by April 15 of the tax year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #34

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 23rd day of February 2017.

Tamworth Board of Selectmen

John E. Roberts, Chair
James S. Hidden, Member
Steve G. Gray, Member

Public Hearing held on 02/9/2017

Posted on or by: 2/27/2017
At the following locations:

Tamworth Town Office
Chocorua Post Office
South Tamworth Post Office
Tamworth Post Office
KA Brett School

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