

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
February 12, 2009
Tamworth Town Office

Members present: Mr. Farnum, Mr. Abugelis, and Mr. Roberts

Others present: Administrative Assistant Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Daniel Poirier, Road Agent Bruce Robinson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kim Noyes, David Little, Mr. & Mrs. Farley, Anne Abear and many member of the community who arrived for the budget public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Chief Poirier discussed information that he had received regarding a new property owner on Cleveland Hill Road. The new owner was identified as Scott Finman who purchased the Horne property known as map 414 lots 091 & 090. The information indicated that Mr. Finman plans to put in a shooting range. Chief Poirier disbursed the State RSAs for this type of business indicating that the only issue that is regulated is the distance from a dwelling must be 300 feet. The RSAs presented are intended to not allow any community from banning this type of business and protects it from discrimination. Mrs. Pearce advised she was informed that the property had already been marked out for a range location. Chief Poirier advised he was willing to meet with Mr. Scott Finman to discuss his proposal.

Mrs. Pearce discussed the accident report that was waiting to be filed in which a driver of the highway department, driving the Town's loader hit a vehicle parked in a snow bank. Chief Poirier advised he was still waiting for information from the vehicle's owner regarding the accident and to assess the damages, the vehicle had to have the snow bank in front of it removed. Chief Poirier will keep the Board updated on this incident.

Mr. Robinson discussed the following with the Board:

1. New garage:
 - a. The tools that were purchased have arrived and have been inventoried for use.
 - b. The fuel tank has been moved from Mr. Robinson's shop to its new location.
 - c. Mr. Robinson discussed the storage container that had been previously discussed and inquired if the Board still planned to purchase this item. The cost of the units ranged from \$2,650 - \$5,500 depending on size and whether the unit had 2 doors or one. The price did not include a delivery fee of \$175. The Board decided they would go to the facility that is selling the containers to view them on Thursday, February 19. Chairman Farnum will contact the company to set up the meeting.

- d. The Board discussed the recent problems that have been discovered regarding the vents on the gable end of the building. Mr. Farnum advised that Shawn Bergeron had been at the property to assess the situation and will be making a recommendation to the Board to correct any issue.
- 2. Salt/Sand - Two loads of salt were ordered and delivered this week. Mr. Robinson advised the sand appears to be holding up fine at this time.
- 3. Part Time help – The Board discussed the use of part time employees on a regular basis and advised Mr. Robinson that unless they were absolutely needed for a storm, that the Board’s desire is to use just the three full time employees. Mr. Robinson was requested to contact Mr. Horton when a 4th guy would be needed.
- 4. Posting of Roads – The Board discussed the posting of the roads for this year and advised they would be working on this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. KA Brett School’s Long Range Planning Committee Report - Mr. Farley presented the final report for the school’s long range planning committee which included general recommendation. The committee’s report gave two recommendations to the school. The recommendations were:
 - a. The School Board should take a strong leadership position on improving the costs structure of the district and set specific cost improvement goals for the district that balance cost controls with student performance and
 - b. The School Board should consider hiring an outside consulting organization to do a more detailed cost comparison of Tamworth to comparable school districts, and to make recommendations on options for cost improvements.

The report also compared the KA Brett School cost per pupil to other schools within the State and showed this school to be well above the cost per student over the other schools. The gross numbers showed the cost per student was \$24,000. After adjustments were done to include eliminating the debt service part of the budget the cost was down to \$16,155 per student.

- 2. Chocorua Library fundraiser - Mrs. Farley advised Chocorua library would hold a Black Tie and Blue Jeans Bash on Saturday, February 21 from 6 – 9 p.m., which will include a silent auction.
- 3. Snow removal in Chocorua Village – Mrs. Pearce read an email from Attorney Reardon regarding the snow removal in Chocorua Village along the sidewalks. The Board advised they are not interested in taking over the sidewalk maintenance and requested Mrs. Pearce notify Attorney Reardon that this was a decision of the Board. Chief Poirier discussed his meeting with NHDOT

regarding clearing of snow from the intersections within the Chocorua Village. Chief Poirier advised he was not fully aware of the tension the State had over the Chocorua project and advised the sidewalks would not be maintained by the State in the winter. They will however, maintain the intersections for site purpose. Mrs. Farley advised the Town was not to expend any funds on this community project and understood from the beginning that the sidewalks were not going to be maintained in the winter.

BID OPENING

Mr. Farnum advised that the Town submitted advertisements for the sale of a trailer taken by tax deed located at lot #32 within the Tamworth Mobile Home Park. The following two bids were received:

1. \$ 5,500 from Glenn Johnson
2. \$1,250 from Linda Williams

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to accept the bid in the amount of \$5,500 from Mr. Glenn Johnson for the sale of the trailer located at lot #32 within the Tamworth Mobile Home Park. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to move into a non-public session per RSA 91 A: 3 II a & c at 4:40 p.m. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Farnum moved and Mr. Abugelis supported to adjourn the non-public session at 4:49 p.m. Vote was Roberts, Yes, Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes. Motion passed.

The Board discussed a personnel issue and cases under investigation within the Tamworth Police Department. The Board met with Chief Poirier, Anne Abear and Cassandra Pearce during this session. Chief Poirier reminded the Board of the importance to conduct a background investigation on all newly hired personnel. No decisions were made during this non-public session.

ADMINISTRATION –

1. Chocorua Project –
 - a. NH DOT Survey of Chocorua Project – NH DOT sent a questionnaire for a reference to the Town regarding Nelson Communications. Mrs. Pearce advised suggestions for response had been received from FST for the Board to consider. . The Board completed the survey as requested by the State.

- b. Funding – Mrs. Pearce advised of the \$15,781 that was requested to be reimbursed from NHDES, \$15,050 has been received. The Town has an obligation to pay 20% or \$4,471 and this will be paid in the next reimbursement. NH DOL is holding \$9,200 for labor compliance issues in which the contractor did not pay employees timely.
 - c. Extra Work Contract FST – Mrs. Pearce advised that Donna Lane has requested copy of the extra work contracts so that they can be forwarded to the State for their approval prior to the Town signing the contracts.
 - d. Invoice for rails – Due to changes in the railing, there was an additional increase of \$590 due. The Board is happy with the rails as they were built and will be looking for the change order.
2. Ricker’s Auto Salvage – Mrs. Pearce advised an application for a junkyard license has been received for Ricker’s Auto Salvage. A public hearing is scheduled for March 5, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. The Board advised they were interested in conducting a site walk of the property. Mrs. Pearce read the regulations pertaining to issuing a junkyard license for the Board. The Board requested Town counsel at this public hearing and further requested notices be sent to the abutters advising of the public hearing.
3. Election (use of paper ballots) – Mrs. Pearce and Ms. Noyes discussed the wishes of the moderator to use paper ballots and hand count them for the 2009 election. LHS (ballot counter distributor) email Ms. Noyes stating the Town of Tamworth was under no obligation to use the electronic machine this year. RSA 656:40 was read by Mrs. Pearce. After deliberating the pros and cons of the use of the electronic ballot counting machine and with Mr. Farnum being on the ballot this year he decided to abstain from any further discussion. Mr. Roberts indicated the voting counting ballot machine should be used. Mr. Abugelis recommended using the paper ballot without the machine. After some discussion, the Board decided to hand count the ballots this year. The Board of Selectmen will make a decision to use or not to use the electronic ballot machine on a case-by-case basis.
4. *Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Farnum supported to approve the minutes of February 3 and February 5, 2009 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
5. An application for a veteran’s tax credit was approved for the owner of map 401 lot 036.
6. An intent to cut for map 415 lot 015 was approved.
7. A letter of recognition was received from Madison Police Chief James Mullen thanking the efforts and assistance of Chief Poirier and Chief Colcord during one of their recent incidents.

8. A letter has been received from Mr. Sansouci (Utility Valuations Company) in which a proposal was received to assist the Town in placing values on utility companies. The cost is \$22,000 for the first year and \$6,000 any time updates are necessary. Mr. Farnum would like to know what the tax revenue is prior to making any recommendation on this offer.
9. The Board received an email from Ann Albrecht advising she is unable to represent the Town on the transportation committee being established to evaluate the need for public transportation for the community of Tamworth.

Chairman Farnum recessed the meeting at 5:45 pm

PUBLIC HEARING – 2009 WARRANT & BUDGET

Chairman Farnum convened the meeting at 6:00 pm and opened the public hearing to discuss the 2009 budget proposal and Town Warrant.

Mrs. Pearce gave a breakdown of the items within the handouts and read the articles as follows:

TAMWORTH TOWN WARRANT
2009 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 at the Tamworth Town House in said Tamworth on **Tuesday, the tenth of March, 2009**, polls to be open for voting on Article 1 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and you are hereby notified to meet at the Kenneth A. Brett School in said Town of Tamworth on **Wednesday, the eleventh of March, 2009**, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the deliberative session of the Town Meeting at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles of this warrant.*

ARTICLE #1 To elect all necessary Town Officers, which appear on the official Town ballot for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE #2 To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Town Ordinance pursuant to RSA 31:39 to prohibit animals not used to assist disabled persons and smoking from certain public properties. (Majority Vote Required)

NOTE: Attendees of the meeting received copies of the proposed ordinance.

ARTICLE #3

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 80:52-a allowing for the prepayment of property taxes. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #4

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body? (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #5

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to “qualified organizations” for purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #6

To see if the Town will vote to change the term length of the Board of Firewards from a one year term to be a three year term and to be effective starting the election of officers for 2010. In order to create a stagger for elected officers, the following schedule below donates the limited term applied to elected officers for the election year of 2010. Once the limited term expires for that elected officer the term will then default to the three-year term for the election year the term expires in. (Majority vote required).

Election of Officers for 2010:

Fireward North	3 year term
Fireward South	3 year term
Fireward At Large	2 year term
Fireward East	2 year term
Fireward Tamworth	1 year term

ARTICLE #7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500,000 for the Chocorua Village Safety Improvement Project with said funds to come from Federal and or State Grant money. No money to be raised through taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2014, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Farnum advised this was a non-lapsing appropriation in which federal funds are available for withdrawal immediately upon passage of this article. The Town of Tamworth will sign an agreement with NH DOT to accept the funds once this warrant article is passed at Town Meeting. The reason the article

is on the warrant is due to the fact that the funds have to be spent by the Town prior to being reimbursed by the State. An identical amount of revenue (\$500,000) is anticipated under the revenue section of the handouts. This \$500,000 will be used for “Phase II” of the Chocorua Village project.

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article (Farnum, Yes, Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes)

ARTICLE #8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$553,356 for **General Government Operations:** (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen	\$ 14,113
Town Administration	\$155,272
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 91,419
Election & Registration	\$ 6,064
Treasurer's Expense	\$ 5,273
Data Processing	\$ 14,400
Revaluation of Property	\$ 23,250
Legal Expenses	\$ 18,000
Personnel Administration	\$ 2,000
Planning	\$ 33,895
Zoning	\$ 200
Office Building	\$ 20,505
Town House	\$ 15,185
Cemeteries	\$ 26,963
Property Liability Insurance	\$ 35,000
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$ 4,809
Interest/Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 5,000
Debt Service Principal & Interest	\$ 82,008

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Pearce advised this was an overall decrease from the 2008 budget. The proposal includes the purchase of two new computers for the Selectmen’s office with one of the old computers to be moved to the hallway for public use. The Town plans on conducting a perambulation of Town lines with Ossipee. No funding will be requested for the revaluation work this year as the funds that are in the capital reserve should be sufficient to finish the revaluation in 2009.

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$513,244** for **Public Safety:** (Majority Vote Required)

Police Department	\$238,554
Police Cruiser Lease Payment	\$ 3,070
Ambulance Contracted Services	\$ 41,606
Fire Department	\$170,515
Rescue Squad	\$ 42,416
Forest Fires	\$ 10,765
Red Hill Fire Tower	\$ 450
Emergency Management	\$ 1,000
Animal Control	\$ 4,868

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$115,000** to be added to the **Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund** previously established, and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority Vote Required)

DISCUSSION: The Board advised that no money was placed into this capital reserve last year and the Board is recommending the amount that should have gone in last year and this year's appropriation within this article. Mr. Cooper advised the CIP committee did not recommend putting any funds into this capital reserve this year due to the expense of the highway trucks purchased last year. Mr. Farnum advised that the Town was able to accomplish the purchase of the highway equipment, land and building for one-half the cost and in one-half of the time. Mr. James Bowles advised the fire department would not be looking to purchase a truck in the next year.

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE # 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** to be added to the **Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** previously established, and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority Vote Required)

DISCUSSION: The Board reiterated that this fund did not receive any money in the year 2008 and this article would appropriate the funds for 2008 and 2009 as in article #10.

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #12

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of **Highway Paving** and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200,000** to be placed into said fund and to further designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority Vote Required)

DISCUSSION: The Board advised that there is no funds within the operating budget of the highway department for paving. This article will set up a new capital reserve fund and will appropriate the \$200,000. The funds not spent will remain in the article and not have to be raised again in the future. The plan for the 2009 budget will be to repair/pave Old Route 25. The Board does not anticipate having funds enough to cover the entire road. Mr. Haskell disbursed a memorandum entitled UNH Interns for RSMS Tamworth Road Evaluation. He advised this program can be used as a capital improvement tool for roads, signs, culverts, and cemeteries. The cost ranged from \$1656 to \$2760 depending on the number of days that the interns were utilized. Mr. Farnum advised that the plan of the Board is to place approximately \$200,000 into this fund every year for the next few years.

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$904,553** for **Public Works**:

Road Maintenance	\$590,442
Capital Purchases	\$ 77,313
Street Lights	\$13,500
Well Monitoring & Testing	\$ 10,000
Transfer Station Operations	\$213,298

(Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** to be placed into the **Bridge Capital Reserve Fund** previously established, and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority Vote Required)

DISCUSSION: The proposal is to replace Cleveland Hill Road Bridge in the 2009 year.

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$21,600** for **Health and Welfare**:

General Assistance	\$21,000
Health Officer	\$600

(Majority Vote Required)

DISCUSSION: General discussion ensued regarding the responsibilities of a Town health officer. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Mersfelder requested Mr. Roberts as the Health Officer place a report in the annual Town Report next year advising what this position’s responsibilities are.

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$207,885** for **Culture & Recreation**:

Parks & Recreation	\$81,692
Swim Program	\$6,000
Cook Memorial Library	\$112,693
Patriotic Purposes/Family Day	\$7,500

(Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** to be added to the **Cook Memorial Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund** previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cooper inquired if the library had an overall plan for the funds that were sitting in this capital reserve. It was advised that the roof on the building may need to be repaired in the future.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article. (Farnum, No, Abugelis, No, Roberts, No 0-3)

ARTICLE #18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,125** for the **Tamworth Conservation Commission's** expenses. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to be added to the **Transportation Enhancement Capital Reserve Fund** previously established, and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority Vote Required)

DISCUSSION: It is unclear whether the project, which is being funded by the State of NH, will proceed in the 2009 year due to the funding crisis the State is in at this time. If the project is to go forward, the amount appropriated needs to be increased to \$7,500 to cover the Town's portion of the expense.

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #20

(By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for the **Tamworth Outing Club** to fund the Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball programs. (Majority Vote Required)

DISCUSSION: David Littlefield inquired if the Board met with any outside agencies for funding requests this year? The Board advised they met with only three that they had questions on and further advised they requested representation from all those agencies at Town meeting to explain their requests and answer questions of the tax payers of Tamworth.

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, No, Roberts, Yes 2-1)

ARTICLE #21

(By Petition). 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 **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #22

(By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** for the **Tamworth Veterans Memorial Committee**. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article. (Farnum, NO, Abugelis, NO, Roberts, NO 0-3-0)

ARTICLE #23

(By Petition). To raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** for **Tamworth Caregivers** for the purpose of continuing services for the residents of the Town of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #24

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will appropriate **\$98**, or transfer same from available funds for support of the **Medication Bridge Assistance Program**. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #25

(By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,935** to help defray the costs of service delivery of **Mount Washington Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross**. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #26

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,489** for the support of **White Mountain Community Health Center** to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #27

(By Petition). To respectfully request that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,433** 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 **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #28

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

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #29

(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 **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #30

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise the sum of **\$4,000** to assist the **Community Food Center**. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #31

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,100** for the Early Supports & Services Programs (birth to 3 years) of **Children Unlimited, Inc.** (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #32

(By Petition). To raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** for **Tamworth Community Nurse Association** for the purpose of continuing services to the residents of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, NO (2-1)

ARTICLE #33

(By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,000** to provide meals for the **Tamworth Meals on Wheels** Recipients. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #34

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000** for the annual support of services provided to the citizens of this community by the **Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc.** The VNA-Hospice agency has been serving the Town residents for many years, and the Town has consistently supported the VNA-Hospice. This year's request is for the same amount that was approved last year.

The voters of Town recognize that in fiscal year 2009 the VNA-Hospice provided 695 home health care, hospice and/or child health visits to citizens of the Town. They also recognize that the number of town residents with no or limited health insurance have been rising. The VNA-Hospice utilizes the Town's allocation to assist the agency in continuing to provide home care, hospice and child health services to the citizens of the Town who are without adequate insurance coverage to meet costs of providing the services.

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Farnum, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Roberts, Yes 3-0)

ARTICLE #35

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,500** for the support of 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 **does not recommend** this article. (Farnum, NO, Roberts, NO, Abugelis, Abstain 0-2-1)

ARTICLE #36

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,800** for the support of **Agape Ministries Food Pantry** to serve any in need. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does recommend** this article. (Roberts, Yes, Abugelis, Yes, Farnum, NO 2-1-0)

ARTICLE #37

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

With no further discussion, Chairman Farnum closed the public hearing on the 2009 warrant and budget at 6:46 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board advised a request has come in to utilize the Town Highway Garage for personal use, the Board is not interested in allowing this action to begin and will notify Mr. Robinson of the Board's decision.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Abugelis moved and Mr. Roberts supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board: 2/19/09

William Farnum

Thomas Abugelis

John Roberts