

TOWN OF TAMWORTH

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 12, 2016

Town Offices

Present: Selectmen James Hidden & Steve Gray
Town Administrator Darlene McWhirter

Others: EDC Chairman Pat Farley, TC/TC Kim Trammell and Sergeant Cooper

Selectman Hidden opened the meeting for budget reviews at 8:30 a.m.

The board reviewed proposed encumbrances from 2016.

The Public Hearing to review the 2017 budget will be scheduled for February 9, 2017.

The board briefly discussed proposed 2017 warrant articles.

Economic Development Commission (4197.10)

- Pat Farley was present to discuss the Economic Development Commission budget. Mrs. Farley explained the increase in the budget is due to an increase in events. The Street Fair will become an annual event. The Commission is planning 2 to 3 educational forums. They are printing more Business listing brochures and will be distributing to a wider area, in the hopes of reaching a larger audience. Mrs. Farley asked for a revenue line to be created for Economic Development Commission. There was a brief discussion to take the business listings off the Town website and link to the EDC website for current and updated information.
- Pat asked to again encumber \$500.00 from 2015 for maps for the Planning Board. After some research it was discovered that the original encumbrance did not happen. She will discuss this encumbrance for 2016 with the planning Board.

TC/TC Kim Trammell met with the board to review the warrant article that pertains to her salary and benefits. Mrs. Trammell is requesting an increase in salary to include 15 days off. The Board agreed to support the proposed changes.

Police Department (4210.10)

- Sergeant Cooper presented updates to the Police Department. Sgt. Cooper included 12 months' salary for a sergeant and 8 months' salary for a Chief's position. The board agreed to add an overtime/part time salary line. It was decided to put \$7,500 in the building maintenance line to repair portions to the outside of the building.

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After a brief discussion regarding salary increases, Selectman Hidden made a motion in increase the salaries for 2017 across the board by 2% for full time and permanent part time employees. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Non Public: Motion made by Selectman Hidden to enter into Nonpublic Session at 10:45 a.m. under 91-A: 3 II (a). Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed with a roll call vote, Hidden Y, Gray Y.

The Board discussed a wage discrepancy in the highway department. The board discussed how to distribute the funds from the 2016 merit pool.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to return to regular session at 11:05am. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Selectman Hidden made a motion to correct a small wage discrepancy for Equipment operator Baker. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Selectman Hidden made a motion to distribute the 2016 merit pool equally to 8 deserving employees. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

The board recessed from 11:05am to 12:00pm.

Non Public: Motion made by Selectman Hidden to enter into Nonpublic Session at 12:05 pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Motion seconded by Selectmen Gray and passed by roll call vote, Hidden Y, Gray Y.

Board interviewed a legal firm as a potential hire. No decisions were made.

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to adjourn the Non Public Session at 12:45pm. Motion seconded by Chairman Gray and passed unanimously.

At 1:20pm Selectman Hidden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene McWhirter
Town Administrator

John Roberts

James Hidden

Steve Gray