Town of Tamworth Board of Selectmen's Meeting January 29, 2015

Town House

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Jim Hidden, Steve Gray & John Roberts

OTHERS

PRESENT: Road Agent Richard Roberts, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Tax

Collector/Clerk Kim Trammell, EM Director Dana Littlefield, Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Executive Assistant Darlene

McWhirter and 8 members of the public.

Chairman Hidden called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Road Agent Richard Roberts reported the crew has been plowing, sanding and salting. He is awaiting bids on a new grader. He thanked the PD for investigating the road side dumping. There was a brief discussion concerning snow removal in Chocorua Village, Mr. Roberts

will obtain pricing for this work.

Additional Selectmen's meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00am to finalize 2015 budgets and prepare for Public Hearing.

Emergency Management Director Dana Littlefield came before the board to ask for an increase in the 2015 budget from \$2,225 to \$5,000. The increase includes a stipend for the Emergency Management Director and a maintenance agreement for the generator. The board agreed to the increase.

Economic Development Committee Chair Pat Farley briefly shared information regarding an upcoming event for future interships.

BALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS:

Resident Chris Moneypenny presented plans for improvements to the Tamworth Ball Fields and parking area. Trees will be removed by logger Lance Williams at a cost of \$600. The board approved this

work, which will be funded privately.

PUBLIC

COMMENT: David Farley volunteered to represent Tamworth on the LRPC Scenic

Byway Advisory Committee. The next meeting is March 4, 2015.

WEBSITE: Resident Bob Streeter came before the board to discuss changes to the

website. He and other community members would like to have the tax assessment cards and tax maps available on the town website. Mrs.

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Pearce will obtain the cost and also the definition of proprietary from our current website provider.

Tax Collector/Town Clerk Kim Trammell briefly discussed the warrant article for the TC/TX salary being presented on the 2015 Warrant. The Board again confirmed their intention to have this as an annual Warrant Article.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Board approved and signed the following items:

- Intent to Cuts for 414-053-000, 412-020-000
- Yield Tax Levy for \$1,280.04 for 217-048-000
- Abatement for 410-083-000
- Permit for Sale of Fireworks 210-012-001

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve and sign the minutes of January 15, 2015. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve and sign non public minutes of January 15, 2015. The motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$249,251.65. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve & sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$249,251.65. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$21,940.77 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$13,610.37 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$7,165.91 to be transferred for the Federal tax deposit (not included in the amount above). Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

Town Administrator Pearce presented the yearly cost for the 6 year ambulance contract with Easton, Freedom, Madison and Ossipee.

Pine Tree Power's PILOT will expire this year. Mrs. Pearce will obtain prices from utility appraisers to assist in negotiations for a new PILOT.

The Board has agreed to publish the town report with the exact information as past issues.

Town Administrator Pearce requested increasing the Transfer Station budget to include a cell phone. The Rescue Department budget has been decreased by \$2,000.

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Board discussed and decided not to include a proposed warrant article from the Trustees of the Trust funds regarding the spending of any interest accrued from reserve funds.

After reviewing the town policy and opinion from town counsel, an employee receiving Worker's Compensation benefits will accrue sick, vacation etc. If in fact, the employee never returns to work the town must compensate the employee for unused time.

The board discussed and agreed to the changes to the Flood Plain Ordinance. Selectman Roberts stated he will present the changes to the Planning Board.

NON-PUBLIC MEETING:

Motion made by Chairman Hidden at 7:40 p.m. to enter into a non public session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (a) & (c). Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to exit non public at 7:51 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously

MEETING: ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray. The Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene McWhirter
Executive Assistant

Approved by Board of Selectmen

James S. Hidden

Stephen G. Gray

John E. Roberts

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