

**Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
February 12, 2015**

Town House

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Jim Hidden arrived at 3:45 p.m., Steve Gray & John Roberts

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Road Agent Richard Roberts, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Tax Collector/Clerk Kim Trammell, Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Executive Assistant Darlene McWhirter and 8 members of the public.

Selectmen Gray called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION:

Town Administrator Pearce reviewed and discussed the following items:

Chocorua Village Project final 2014 paperwork has been submitted for payment. The last payment to LA Drew was made this week. The Board signed all close out documents needed for DOT. Ongoing maintenance expenses at this site were discussed.

Selectman Gray made a motion to formally close the project. The motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts, the vote passed unanimously.

NH Department of Revenue will be attending the February 26, 2015 meeting to discuss utility values.

Mrs. Pearce drafted the 2014 Management Discussion and Analysis for the 2014 Financial Audit. She requested the Board review and bring any comments, concerns, additions and deletions for the next meeting.

IRS reimbursable mileage rate has increase to \$.575 for 2015

The board will attend the Carroll County Commissioners and Delegation meeting on February 25, 2015 at 9:00am.

Chocorua Lake Conservancy will attend the meeting on February 26th, to discuss the possibility of a tax exempt status.

The Board approved and signed the following items:

- Intent to Cut for 414-040-000
- Yield Tax Levy for \$1,233.70 for 403-010-000
- Intent to Excavate for 202-009-000

Motion made by Selectman Gray to approve and sign the minutes of January 29, 2015. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Gray to approve and sign non public minutes of January 29, 2015. The motion seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Gray to approve and sign the minutes of February 4, 2015. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectmen Gray to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$254,562.38. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectmen Gray to approve & sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$254,562.38. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

**NON PUBLIC
MEETING:**

Motion made by Chairman Hidden at 3:49 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 4:05 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

The board reentered the Selectmen's meeting at 4:07p.m.

**DEPARTMENT
HEADS:**

Police Chief Daniel Poirier presented statistics for January 2015. Chief Poirier reported 100% success in a burglary case in Tamworth and surrounding towns, the investigation was lead by Officer Dana Littlefield.

Tax Collector/Town Clerk Kim Trammell reported she is still waiting for a response from Town Counsel regarding Clerk Work support contract.

Road Agent Richard Roberts reported the crew has been working on pushing back snow banks to get ready for an addition storm. There was a brief discussion regarding crack sealing the town office parking lot and getting paving prices for spring work.

**250TH
ANNIVERSARY:**

Bruno Siniscalchi stated there will be volunteer sign-up sheets available for the 250th celebration at the Town meeting and voting. David Little asked the board to place a warrant article on the 2015 warrant stating the Tamworth Foundation will accept donations to the town for the purpose of the 250th celebration and the foundation will forward those funds to the town. Town Administrator Pearce explained that would not be necessary because donating directly to the town is tax deductible and a separate fund has been set up for the 250th Celebration already.

**ELDER
CARE:**

Resident Carol Tonken came before the board to share her disappointment with the lack of activities/events for the senior population in town. She requested the board look into contributing to the Adult Day Care in Wolfeboro to increase the service from 3 days to 5 days per week.

**GRADER BID
PROPOSALS:**

Nortrax quoted a 2015 John Deere Grader 7772GP for \$370,000 - \$65,000 for trade in, net cost \$305,000.

Milton CAT quoted a 2015 Caterpillar Grader 14M3 for \$377,800 - \$120,000 for trade in, net cost \$257,800.

The Board will review the specs and a decision will not be made until after town meeting.

**CHOCORUA
VILLAGE:**

Residents Peter Smart and Judith Reardon came before the board to discuss snow removal and street lighting in Chocorua Village. Mr. Smart has researched benefits of dimmers on the street lights and explained the need and asked if there were funds available from the project. Ms Reardon explained the lack of snow removal from sidewalks and parking spaces in Chocorua Village has made it much more dangerous for pedestrian traffic. Mr. Smart will research Federal Standards for lighting and will update the board at the February 26th meeting.

**HYDROPONIC
GREENHOUSE
FACILITY:**

As a new business, owners of Chocorua Holistic Source, Ltd, Frank Paine and Donald McWhirter came before the board, as a courtesy, to share their business plan.

**NON PUBLIC
MEETING:**

Motion made by Chairman Hidden at 5:50 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 5:55 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

At 5:56 the board reentered to Selectmen's meeting and took a 5 minute recess.

**PUBLIC
HEARING:**

The meeting was returned to order at 6:03 p.m. and Chairman Hidden opened the Public Hearing for the 2015 Budget.

Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce explained the three different hand outs to the public and stated she would be reading the warrant articles and that if they had questions during the reading of the articles to ask after each article.

TAMWORTH 2015 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 10th of March, 2015**, 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** at eight o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than seven o'clock in the evening, and 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 11th of March, 2015**, 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 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$76,269** for **salary and benefits** for the current year for the position of **Town Clerk/Tax Collector**. The amount requested under this article shall be used for an annual salary of \$49,578, FICA and Medicare in the amount of \$3,793, 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 \$17,459, and contributions to the NH State Retirement System at the effective contribution rate (currently 10.77% until 6/30/15 then changing to 11.17%) of \$5,439. 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.

ARTICLE #03 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$673,323** for **General Government Operations:** (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen	\$ 13,489
Town Administration	\$185,917
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 39,474
Election & Registration	\$ 6,018
Treasurer's Expense	\$ 5,866
Data Processing	\$ 24,800
Revaluation of Property	\$ 38,696
Legal Expenses	\$ 5,000
Personnel Administration	\$ 5,000
Planning	\$ 12,135

Zoning	\$ 2,990
Office Building	\$ 30,200
Town House	\$ 14,168
Cemeteries	\$ 31,773
Property Liability Insurance	\$ 30,000
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$ 7,555
Emergency Repair Response	\$150,000
Debt Service Principal & Interest	\$ 70,242

ARTICLE #04 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** for the purpose of **renovating the Town Office Building and the Town House.** (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #05 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 598,585** for **Public Safety:** (Majority Vote Required)

Police Department	\$281,175
Ambulance Contracted Services	\$ 42,750
Fire Department	\$201,204
Rescue Squad	\$ 55,405
Forest Fires	\$ 7,183
Emergency Management	\$ 5,000
Animal Control	\$ 5,868

ARTICLE #06 To see if the Town will vote to **authorize** the Tamworth Board of Selectmen to enter into a **multi-year agreement** (which may include an intergovernmental agreement under RSA Chapter 53-A), along with other regional municipalities such as, but not necessarily including or limited to, the Towns of Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Madison and Ossipee, **for emergency medical/ambulance services.** (Majority vote required.)

Note: Currently the six towns are negotiating a six year agreement (pending Town meeting) and Tamworth's total (for all six years) would be \$745,369.16 (including 2015) which represents 22% of the total contract amount. The payments would be raised annually at Town meeting and are anticipated to be as follows:

2015	\$ 42,750.00 *
2016	\$136,664.43
2017	\$139,397.72
2018	\$142,185.67
2019	\$142,185.67
2020	\$142,185.67

*** Tamworth's payment for 2015 is already included in Article 5 (Public Safety)**

ARTICLE #07 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,441,018** **for Public Works:** (Majority Vote Required)

Highway Department	\$590,512	
Equipment Purchase	\$360,000	
Road Reconstruction/Paving	\$260,000	
Total Highway		\$ 1,210,512
Street Lights		\$ 16,000
Well Monitoring & Testing		\$ 6,000
Transfer Station Operations	\$193,106	
Transfer Station Containers	\$ 15,400	
Total Transfer Station		\$ 208,506

ARTICLE #08 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,483** for **Health and Welfare:** (Majority Vote Required)

General Assistance	\$ 23,883
Health Officer	\$ 600

ARTICLE #09 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$241,102** for **Culture & Recreation:** (Majority Vote Required)

Parks & Recreation	\$ 87,049
Swim Program	\$ 5,914
Cook Memorial Library	\$140,139
Patriotic Purposes/Family Day	\$ 8,000

ARTICLE #10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,979** for **Tamworth Conservation Commission** expenses. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #11 To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,500** for the **250th Town Anniversary Committee.** (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #12 (By Petition). "My name is Rose and our family has lived in Chocorua for over 40 years and in New Hampshire since 1908. We have a family home on Route 16 that you might have driven by a few times. I am making a request to address the town at this years town meeting. In order to get on the agenda, I need signatures of Tamworth-Chocorua town residents who are registered voters. Thank you for your time."

ARTICLE #13 (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 Ripkin and Babe Ruth baseball programs. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #14 (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)

- ARTICLE #15 (By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** for the **Tamworth Caregivers** for the purpose of continuing services for the residents of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #16 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$239**, or transfer same from available funds, for support of the **Medication Bridge Assistance Program**. (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #17 (By Petition). To respectfully request that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,026** in support of **Starting Point** providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #18 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (**\$5,000**) for the **Tamworth Scholarship Committee, Inc.** (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #19 (By Petition). Warrant Article for the Town of Tamworth to appropriate the same sum as in 2014 of **\$5,000** to assist the **Community Food Center** – the food pantry serving Tamworth people. (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #20 (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 Program (birth to 3 years) of **Children Unlimited, Inc.** (level funding request). (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #21 (By Petition). We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Tamworth do hereby petition the 2015 Annual Town Meeting to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$80,000** for **Tamworth Community Nurse Association** for the purpose of continuing services to the residents of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #22 (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)
- ARTICLE #23 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** 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)
- ARTICLE #24 (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)

ARTICLE #25 (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)

ARTICLE #26 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** (Three thousand dollars) in support of **Carroll County Transit Blue Loon Public Bus Service**. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #27 To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

The Board took the following action on the warrant articles:

Article #1:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #2:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #3:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #4:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-1. S Gary opposed
Article #5:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #7:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #8:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #9:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #10:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #11:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #13:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #14:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #15:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #16:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #17:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #18:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #19:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #20:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #21:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #22:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #23:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #24:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #25:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #26:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #27:	The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article by a vote of 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Chairman Hidden to adjourn at 7:30 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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