

**Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
February 13, 2014  
Town Office**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** John Roberts, James Hidden & Steve Gray

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Pat & Dave Farley, Rosalind Gray, Bruno Siniscalchi, John Gotjen, Jack Rose, George Cleveland, Nelson O'Brien, Ned Beecher, John Wheeler, & David Bowles.

Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT  
HEADS:**

Chief Poirier distributed the stats for the month of January.

Pat Farley stated she had attended the LRPC meeting and that we are still in need of a Representative to the Commission. Their next meeting is 2/24/14 at the Tri County Cap building. They were pleased with the TIF Meeting and would recommend it be suggested to the Planning Board to be added to the Master Plan.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT:**

Jack Rose of the Carroll County Transit was in to address the Board regarding the Budget/Petition for this organization. It appears they did not have the necessary amount of signatures by the deadline, have them now, and are asking the Selectmen to accept the petition and place it on the warrant. The program was explained, the use of the buses and funding were discussed. They were asked if they were aware of when the petitions were due and they stated they were. Selectmen Roberts and Selectman Hidden both stated they were opposed to adding the petition at this time where it is late and past the due date. Selectman Gray stated he was in favor of adding it to the warrant.

It was a majority decision not to accept the petition to be placed on the ballot at this time. The Board apologized to Mr. Rose and hoped he would understand it is not an easy decision but a necessary one as all the other agencies were given the same instructions and were given the same deadline.

**SELECTMEN  
UPDATES:**

Selectman Hidden acknowledged Brady King who was the winner of the Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby. He stated he attended the School Board meeting and Public Hearing where there were not many in attendance. The Teen leadership was pitched to the School Board by the EDC but the School Board was not interested. He also attended the EDC meeting where they continued to discuss the Teen Leadership program and the TIF program.

Selectman Gray stated he also attended the School Board meeting. He attended the Conservation meeting, and mentioned the home of the year in the NH Business review magazine which is from Tamworth.

Pat Farley distributed the Teen Leadership summary at this point in the meeting and asked that the Board have the Town Administrator send this summary to the Towns insurance company to see if this would be covered with the current insurance plan. The Board directed the Town Administrator to send it to the insurance company and ask for their input, concerns, costs, etc.

#### **CONSERVATION:**

Ned Beecher presented the Selectmen with the Robert Floyd Easement that was signed earlier that day by Mr. Floyd and the Conservation Commission and just needs the Selectmen's signatures for final execution. Selectman Roberts stated he had questions prior to approving or signing the easement. Selectman Roberts asked if this easement follows the master plan guidelines? Ned said yes, however it may not achieve every goal set in the master plan, yet no easement probably could, but it does achieve some of them. Selectman Roberts asked about the boundaries and the buildings, Ned stated the easement allows for owners of the property to determine where the lines will be if the property is sold as separate lots as at this time the line goes thru the barn. Selectman Roberts asked about the motorized vehicle section. Ned stated that the latest version of the easement would allow for motorized vehicles if prior authorization is granted by the owner and the Conservation Commission.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to accept and sign the Conservation Easement Deed with Robert P Floyd of So. Tamworth for Map 420 Lots 7 & 9. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

The Board signed the easement.

Nelson O'Bryan wanted to follow up with the Selectmen regarding the discussion about cutting at the Fire Tower on Great Hill. The Board members stated they had all had chance to view the site and had no problems with the trees that were selected for cutting. Mr. Bowles stated he did not go to the Conservation Commission with this concern as a Fire Warden but as a citizen as he knew they had done the maintenance of the Tower in the past. So the big discussion became where the funds were going to come from. After much discussion it was decided that the tree cutting would wait until next year and that the Conservation Commission would include the cost in their 2015 budget.

#### **250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:**

Chris Clyne did an exceptional slide presentation on the Bicentennial. She first gave out some facts from 1966: (I debated putting all the information in the minutes but I would rather encourage you all to see Chris at the Library and watch her presentation as it was amazing!)

Just a few facts she touched on:

There were 1100 residents' 143 students at Brett School

The Selectmen were: Steve Damon, William Abbott, and Don Hutchins.  
The Town Offices were in the Town House.  
Town Budget was \$91,258      School Budget was \$153,419

(If you want the good stuff go to the Library and see Chris!)

The Board and the public then watched the slide show which was absolutely incredible. This got many people excited about the planning for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and gave many ideas. The Board and the public thanked Chris and she stated the presentation would be available at the Library for anyone who would like to see it.

**ADMINISTRATION:**      The Board approved and signed the following items:

- An excavation permit for tax map 202-009.

Motion was made by Selectman Roberts to approve, sign, and accept the terms as presented for the grant agreement with the NH Dept of Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the amount of \$3750.00 which is 50% of the total project (\$7,500.00) as the Town will match the 50% (\$3,750.00) for a generator to be installed at the Police Department/Backup EOC center. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$17,090.07 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$10,360.20 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$5,421.47 to be transferred for the Federal tax deposit (not included in the amount above). Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$245,261.27. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$245,261.27. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$30,000.00. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$30,000.00. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of January 30, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the non-public minutes of January 30, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of February 01, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the non-public minutes of February 01, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of February 06, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the non-public minutes of February 06, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed a request received from the Estate of Joan Gilmour requesting that the interest on the property tax be waived and the Board stated they would not waive the interest.

The Board was given a printout of an email that was sent to them from Rose Bente'. Selectman Hidden stated he had spoken with her on the phone and suggested she write or come in to see the Board regarding the matter. She is asking the Board to place a warrant article on the 2014 warrant to reimburse her and her family for the legal expenses they incurred while dealing with the Tamworth Planning Board. After discussion the Board determined they could not place this article on the warrant.

The Board took a five minute recess.

The meeting was returned to order at 6 p.m. and Chairman Roberts opened the Public Hearing for the 2014 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.

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 11th of March, 2014**, to bring in your votes for Executive Councilor, to choose town officers and to vote on other matters required to be on the official ballot, polls to be open for voting on Articles ***1*** at eight o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than 7:00 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 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 2014**, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the transaction of all other Town business as specified in the remaining articles of this warrant.

**ARTICLE #1** To bring in your votes for **Executive Councilor**, AND 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 raise and appropriate the sum of **\$692,080** for **General Government Operations:** (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen	\$ 13,489
Town Administration	\$141,195
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$109,706
Election & Registration	\$ 10,715
Treasurer's Expense	\$ 5,705
Data Processing	\$ 16,500
Revaluation of Property	\$ 21,492
Legal Expenses	\$ 15,000
Personnel Administration	\$ 3,000
Planning	\$ 19,335
Zoning	\$ 3,482
Office Building	\$ 28,612
Town House	\$ 12,489
Cemeteries	\$ 31,750
Property Liability Insurance	\$ 30,000
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$ 7,407
Emergency Repair Response	\$150,000
Debt Service Principal & Interest	\$ 72,203

Questions from the public were in regards to the Selectmen's office change in staffing and wages. It was explained that the budget did consist of 2 fulltime employees and now it is for 1 fulltime and 1 part-time 24-32 hours a week. A breakdown of this salary line was given.

**ARTICLE #3** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 603,930** for **Public Safety:** (Majority Vote Required)

Police Department	\$264,427
Ambulance Contracted Services	\$ 42,500

Fire Department \$188,157

Rescue Squad \$ 54,870.  
Rescue Cardiac Monitor \$ 40,000.

Total Rescue \$ 94,870  
Forest Fires \$ 5,383  
Red Hill Fire Tower \$ 500  
Emergency Management \$ 2,225  
Animal Control \$ 5,868

A question was asked regarding the Fire Chiefs Salary. It was stated by a Fire Ward who was present that this increase was promised him when he was hired that after a certification was completed he would receive an increase of \$5,000. The certification was completed years ago and the Wards forgot to increase his pay.

It was asked about the Rescue squad stipend amount and if this was increased and the answer was yes.

#### ARTICLE #4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,319,061 for Public Works:** (Majority Vote Required)

Highway Department \$544,450  
Equipment Purchase \$70,000  
Road Reconstruction/Paving \$260,000  
Bridge Repair/Replacement \$235,000  
Total Highway \$1,109,450  
Street Lights \$ 12,000  
Well Monitoring & Testing \$ 6,500  
Transfer Station Operations \$191,111

It was noted that the Bridge over Stony Brook on Whittier Road needs to be replaced this year.

#### ARTICLE #5

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 #6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$231,863 for Culture & Recreation:** (Majority Vote Required)

Parks & Recreation \$ 85,755  
Swim Program \$ 6,435  
Cook Memorial Library \$131,673  
Patriotic Purposes/Family Day \$ 8,000

#### ARTICLE #7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,185 for Tamworth Conservation Commission** expenses. (Majority Vote Required)

- ARTICLE #8 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** for the **250<sup>th</sup> Town Anniversary Committee**. (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #9 (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 #10 (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 #11 (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 #12 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will appropriate the sum of **\$340**, or transfer same from available funds, for support of the **Medication Bridge Assistance Program**. (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #13 (By Petition). To respectfully request that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,573** in support of **Starting Point** providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #14 (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 #15 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to assist the **Community Food Center**. (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #16 (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 #17 (By Petition). We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Tamworth do hereby petition the 2014 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)

Selectman Roberts stated he had some questions and not because he is against the program but because he has received some phone calls about the 80,000 as it was believed that was a onetime request. Susan Colton spoke as she is the one who requested the increase on the floor last year at Town Meeting. She feels the Tamworth residents save money by using the TCNA and felt TCNA deserves and needs the additional funding. Since the additional funding they have been able to offer additional programs and services. Discussed why the

mileage is in their budget for the Meals on Wheels program and not in the Meals on Wheels budget and this is due to the fact that the State does not allow the Meals on wheels program to have the mileage in that budget when applying to them for their portion of the budget.

ARTICLE #18 (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 #19 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,972** for the annual support of services provided to the citizens of this community by the **Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice**. The Agency has been serving the Town for many years, and the Town has consistently supported Central NH VNA & Hospice. This year we are asking for the same amount that was approved last year. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #20 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,000** for the support of out of school time enrichment and child care services for Tamworth children, ages 5 – 12, 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. This request does not include any preschool programming. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #21 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,567** 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)

ARTICLE #22 (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 #23 To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to close the Public hearing at 6:40 p.m.  
Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden 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 3-0.
Article #5:	The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.
Article #6:	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 2-0-1 abstained

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Article #11: The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.  
Article #12: 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.  
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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.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **(Continued):**

The Board was reminded of their meeting on 2/27/14 beginning at 2:30 p.m. with the Assessor and the State of NH.

Locksmiths were discussed.

Meetings will be setup with the insurance agencies separately to discuss property and liability insurance. We will try to have PLIT in on 3/27 at 3 p.m. and Primex in on 4/10 at 3 p.m.

The Board discussed the MS-9 for the year ending 2013. Selectman Roberts will ask John Wheeler about an expenditure that was made from one of the accounts.

The Board reviewed a proposed contract from HEB Engineers regarding the Chocorua Safety Project. Mrs. Pearce will get clarification on the contract prior to the next meeting of the Board.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cassandra M Pearce

Approved by Board of Selectmen

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John E. Roberts

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James S. Hidden

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Stephen G. Gray  
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