

**Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
December 18, 2014**

Town House

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Jim Hidden, Steve Gray & John Roberts

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Police Chief Dan Poirier, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Executive Assistant Darlene McWhirter and 40 members of the public.

Chairman Hidden called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT

HEADS:

Police Chief Daniel Poirier thanked the board for the department incentives.

Highway Supervisor Richard Roberts reported his crew has been cutting trees, some plowing and cemetery work. The 1 ton truck is being painted. He has received bids on a grader.

NON PUBLIC

SESSION:

At 4:04 pm, Chairman Hidden made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91 A: 3 II (a). Motion Seconded by Selectmen Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Chairman Hidden to exit non-public session at 4:14 pm. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passes unanimously.

The Board discussed 2 personnel matters with the Town Administrator

DEPARTMENT

HEADS:

Tax Collector/Clerk Kim Trammell presented a sample warrant article regarding the Tax Collectors salary and benefits for their review. She asked the board for confirmation of her 2015 yearly salary. She commended the Deputy Tax Collector Libby Hauser and Asst Deputy Tax Collector Pat Perkins on doing a great job in her absence the week the tax bills were due.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Board approved and signed the following items:

- A Timber Tax Levy PID# 209-28 & 208-31
- Intent to Cuts for 411-031-000 and 412-011 and 13
- Veteran's Tax Credit Application for 211-014-046.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve & sign the account payable manifest in the amount of \$249,573.23. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$249,573.23. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve & sign a payroll manifest in the amount of \$24,011.57 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$12,817.67 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$7,621.34 to be transferred for the Federal tax deposit (not included in the amount above). Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve and sign the minutes of December 1, 2014. Motion was Seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve and sign the minutes of December 4, 2014 and non public minutes of December 4, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve and sign the minutes of December 8, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve and sign the minutes of December 11, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Town Administrator Pearce asked permission for the Rescue Squad to be able to purchase a Hot Spot. This will increase the monthly wireless phone bill. Jennifer Mashiak appreciates being allowed to use the Town House for her meetings. The library was able to obtain funds from elsewhere to complete some building repairs; their proposed budget for 2015 has decreased by \$1,500.00. There was a brief discussion regarding investing town funds.

WHITTIER BRIDGE:

Engineer, Bruce Knox, PG, PMP was present to review the Statement of Qualifications from Alvin J. Coleman & Son, Inc. and G. W. Brooks & Son, Inc. for rehabilitation work on the Whittier Road Bridge over Stoney Brook. Pending review both companies are short listed for RFQ.

SELECTMEN'S UPDATES:

None

**TOWN OFFICE
ALTERNATIVES:**

Bob Streeter presented feedback from non government groups that use the Town House. Amy Berrier read a statement to sum up the background for the use of the Town House. The residents in attendance strongly feel that one of the options presented to the board to rework the space at the town office should be considered and leave the use of the Town House as it has always been. Bob Streeter asked for a vote from the board as to what the plans are moving forward. Selectman Gray stated he visited a number of town offices such as Madison, Freedom and Effingham to see how they were set up. Both he and Chairman Hidden feel that the project to create office space in the conference room at the town office should be put on hold. Selectman Roberts stated that the Board voted on November 6, 2014 to create office space in the conference room, he also commented that the conference room only holds 28 people therefore using the Town house for meetings makes perfect sense. Selectman Roberts made a motion to move ahead with the plans that were voted on November 6th, the motion was seconded by Selectmen Hidden, the vote failed (1-2). After much discussion it was decided that all board and committee meetings are still to be held at the Town House. Meals on Wheels will be holding the luncheon every Monday from 9:30-1:30 at the Town House beginning in January 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Selectman Hidden to adjourn @ 6:15 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