Town of Tamworth Board of Selectmen's Meeting December 30, 2014

Town House

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Jim Hidden, Steve Gray & John Roberts

OTHERS

PRESENT: Road Agent Richard Roberts, Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce,

Executive Assistant Darlene McWhirter and 5 members of the public.

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Road Agent Richard Roberts reported to the board the highway crew has been doing a lot of tree cutting. They are also performing regular maintenance on equipment. The Board and Road Agent briefly discussed a driveway permit for lot 213-045-000 in Sokokis Pines.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Board approved and signed the following items:

• Intent to Cuts for 206-029-000, 411-041-000, 206-001-000, 412-023-000 & 25 and 405-001-000 & 002.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to encumber funds of \$235,406 for 2015. Breakdown as follows: \$235,000 Bridges, \$200 Phone lines and \$206 General Assistance payroll. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve and sign the minutes of December 18, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to approve and sign non public minutes of December 18, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Tax Collector/Town Clerk Kim Trammell discussed with the Board and Town Administrator Pearce wording received from DRA and Town Council for the Warrant Article to be placed on the Warrant for TX/Clerk salary and benefits. The board believes this should be placed on the warrant every year going forward. Ms. Trammell will attend the next meet to confirm her salary figures.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Amy Berrier presented a statement regarding use of the Town House signed by 27 registered voters. She then asked for permission to hold the following supervisor's meetings at the Town Office. The meeting dates are January 20, 2015 from 7-7:30 pm, February 21, 2015 and February 28, 11-11:30am. Selectman Roberts would like all groups to meet at the town house as previously voted on. The board agreed the supervisors could meet at the town office. Ms Berrier asked to have dates clarified. February 12, 2015 at 6:00 pm is the public hearing for the 2015 budget. The 1st meeting for 2015 Board of Selectman is January 15, 2015.

The board briefly discussed how town offices in other towns are set up. Selectmen Roberts explained that Freedom's Administrative Assistant delivers all material needed for board meetings to another building and picks up materials in the morning, showing that things can be worked out in Tamworth to better utilize available space.

The Election in March will be held at the Town House.

Motion made by Chairman Hidden to permanently change the voting time for Town elections to 8am – 7pm beginning with the March 2015 election. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Gray and passed unanimously.

Resident David Little presented a handout regarding "Tips to improve your Annual Report."

ADMINISTRATION:

Town Administrator Pearce presented a letter from the Town of Wakefield requesting support to stand with Wakefield at a County Commissioners meeting to discuss untimely filing by the County to DRA. The board agreed to attend the meeting.

A letter was presented from Carol Ann Mallett-Tonken requesting time to meet with the board regarding Elderly services. She will be invited to the next Selectmen's meeting on January 15, 2015.

Mrs. Pearce asked to place a line item for unemployment expenses of \$1,500.00 and \$500.00 for pre employment expensed in the 2015 budget. The board agreed.

The board briefly discussed plowing at Runnells Hall.

NON PUBLIC SESSION:

Gray

At 5:14 pm, Chairman Hidden made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91 A: 3 II (a) and (c). Motion Seconded by Selectmen and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Chairman Hidden to exit non-public session at 6:11 pm. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

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The Board discussed a personnel matter with the Town Administrator.

SELECTMEN'S UPDATES:

Selectmen Gray shared that the Planning Board may have a speaker in to

talk about Solar for Municipalities.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Chairman 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

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