

**Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
February 9, 2012  
Town Office**

**PRESENT:** William Farnum, John Roberts, & Robert Abraham

**Also Present:** Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce, Police Chief Dan Poirier, Road Agent Richard Roberts, Bruno Siniscalchi, Ruth Timchak, John Paven, David Little, David Bowles, Jim Bowles, Jim Hidden, and Dana Littlefield.

**REGULAR MTG  
CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Selectman Farnum.

**DEPARTMENT  
HEADS:**

**Police Chief Poirier:** Distributed his monthly stats for January. There was brief discussion on the stats and recent burglaries in Town.

**Road Agent:** Richard Roberts stated they have been doing some maintenance on the trucks, chipping brush, and some road maintenance. All is going well.

**NON PUBLIC:** Motion made by Selectmen Farnum to enter into non-public session at 4:09 p.m. under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) Motion was seconded by Selectman Abraham and passed with a vote of 3-0.

The Board met with Richard Roberts to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion made by Selectmen Farnum to exit non-public at 4:25 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Roberts and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**SELECTMEN  
UPDATES:**

Selectman Roberts reported he has had no meetings since the last Selectmen's meeting to report on. There is a Planning Board meeting tomorrow night (Friday, February 10, 2012) that he will be attending.

Selectman Abraham reported that the Road Study Committee met Wednesday evening and that Paul King was made Chair, and Chris Conrod Secretary. Chris Conrod and Loralie Gerard will be going thru the Town record books. They would like a budget of \$300.00 for obtaining copies and information from the registries and courts. Selectman Farnum & Selectman Roberts agreed that these funds would be able to come out of the Highway Budget for this year. The committee feels the process will take about 2 years to complete.

Selectman Farnum stated he had not been to any meetings since the last Selectmen's meeting either but that the Library would be meeting this coming Monday. He also stated the Ordinance Review Committee was moving ahead slowly.

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

Intent to Cut for M 411 L 043

Intent to Cut for M 407 L 093

Intent to Excavate M 218 L 98 (Selectman Roberts abstaining)

Inspection Station Request for Harry Draper/Highway Choppers. (Signed by Chairman Farnum).

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$20,981.22 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$13,698.66 for direct deposit (included in this amount), and an additional transfer of \$6,679.20 to be transferred for the Federal tax deposit (not included in the amount above). Motion was seconded by Selectman Abraham and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$25,380.47. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve & sign the accounts payable check register in the amount of \$25,380.47. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 26, 2012. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously

Motion made by Selectman Roberts to approve and sign the minutes of the Non-Public session of January 26, 2012. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Abraham and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Pearce informed the Board that she has registered for the LPA training which is required by the State in order to be certified to work on Federal Funded projects.

The Board was given three proposals for the installation of a generator for the Town Office. The Board reviewed the proposals and would like to get a few questions answered on the load it will hold and the cost of a switch vs. an additional panel. Need to check with the Emergency Management Director to see if there are grant funds available for this project.

The Board reviewed the proposed changes as presented at a prior meeting on the Drug and Alcohol Policies. The changes have been reviewed by Roy Roberts

who currently does the Town's testing with LRGH. He has suggested adding traffic prior to accident. After brief discussion the Board agreed to add the word traffic right before accident in the first sentence. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to adopt the new wording under Reasonable Cause/Suspicion and Post Accident in both the DOT and Non-DOT drug and alcohol policy previously adopted by the Town. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts. Discussion: This new wording is to be passed on to the Firewards for their next meeting and the Board would like a response of their intentions for updating their SOG's following that meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Library Building Fund Capital Reserve and the fact that the Library Trustees are the agents to expend this reserve. They need some of this money due to the flooding from the perimeter drain.

Chairman Farnum called a 20 minute recess at 5:09 p.m.

Chairman Farnum called the meeting back to order at 5:27 p.m.

John Paven has submitted a letter to the Board and is present to discuss this letter which is to request the Board consider the licensing of cats. Per RSA 466:13-a: The governing body of a municipality may vote to license cats in a similar manner as it licenses dogs. Mr. Paven feels this would be a fair way to generate additional revenue. The pros and cons were discussed such as additional budgeting for enforcement of the licensing, cats being left unclaimed and non vaccinations. Mr. Paven stated that dog licensing has brought in around \$2600.00 in revenue to the town and there are more cats than dogs out there which would bring in more revenue. It was mentioned that there is currently a House Bill to repeal the Dog licensing requirement being proposed. It is HB# 1498 for anyone interested. Mr. Paven asked the Board to consider his request and the Board stated they wished to meet with the Town Clerk and the Police Chief to discuss the matter before any decisions were made. They thanked Mr. Paven for coming in.

It was stated that the auditor will be here a few days next week.

## **PUBLIC HEARING 2012 BUDGET:**

The Public hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Farnum began by explaining the three different handouts and asked if there were any specific questions prior to the reading of the Warrant Articles.

The layout of the Public Safety and Public Works warrant articles were explained as far as the breakout being the operating budget and the capital purchases and the total for the department being below the line.

The Library Budget as opposed to the expenditure of their capital reserve was discussed briefly.

The Articles were read aloud to the public and questions/discussion was allowed after each article was read.

ARTICLE #1

To elect all necessary **Town Officers**, which appear on the official Town ballot for the ensuing year.

*It was stated that this article will be voted on Tuesday, March 13 at the Town House.*

*It was stated that all the remaining articles will be voted on Wednesday, March 14 at the Brett School.*

ARTICLE #2

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:64 which provides for a property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with a **solar energy system** intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment, under these statutes. (Majority Vote Required)

*A brief explanation was given on this exemption and how it will be a wash with the assessed value of the solar system which is assessed by a Certified Assessor.*

ARTICLE #3

Are you in favor of **repealing warrant article #3 of the March 1964 Town Meeting**, relating to the prohibition of the Sale of Sweep Stakes Tickets as it is superseded by State Law RSA 287-F:7? (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #4

Are you in favor of **repealing warrant article #18 of the March 1958 Town Meeting**, relating to the prohibition of Motor Boats without an adequate muffler on Chocorua Lake as it is superseded by State Law RSA 270:83? (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #5

To see if the Town will vote to **discontinue the Transportation Enhancement Capital Reserve Fund** created in 2005. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town of Tamworth's general fund. (Majority Vote Required)

*This article was discussed briefly regarding the State wanting the Town to take on the project and the fact that it is not scheduled for some time now.*

ARTICLE #6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$767,553** for **General Government Operations:** (Majority Vote Required)

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Board of Selectmen       | \$ 13,489 |
| Town Administration      | \$162,603 |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector | \$103,838 |
| Election & Registration  | \$ 11,411 |

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Treasurer's Expense               | \$ 5,639  |
| Data Processing                   | \$ 15,513 |
| Revaluation of Property           | \$ 13,000 |
| Legal Expenses                    | \$ 30,000 |
| Personnel Administration          | \$ 3,000  |
| Planning                          | \$ 47,956 |
| Zoning                            | \$ 3,622  |
| Office Building                   | \$ 28,134 |
| Town House                        | \$ 23,850 |
| Cemeteries                        | \$ 37,520 |
| Property Liability Insurance      | \$ 30,000 |
| Advertising & Regional Assoc.     | \$ 6,852  |
| Emergency Repair Response         | \$150,000 |
| Interest/Tax Anticipation Note    | \$ 5,000  |
| Debt Service Principal & Interest | \$ 76,126 |

*Mrs. Trammell questioned her pay line. The Board informed her it only included the COLA that they were proposing for all Town employees and not the increase she is requesting.*

*Discussed two lines in the planning board budget, one being the legal line and the increase due to some pending litigation, the second line being a build out analysis that they plan on doing.*

#### ARTICLE #7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 551,944** for **Public Safety:** (Majority Vote Required)

|                               |           |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Police Department             | \$248,956 |           |
| Police Cruiser                | \$ 33,000 |           |
| Total Police                  |           | \$281,956 |
| Ambulance Contracted Services |           | \$ 42,250 |
| Fire Department               |           | \$173,868 |
| Rescue Squad                  |           | \$ 38,869 |
| Forest Fires                  |           | \$ 5,383  |
| Red Hill Fire Tower           |           | \$ 450    |
| Emergency Management          |           | \$ 3,300  |
| Animal Control                |           | \$ 5,868  |

*Again it was mentioned that the \$248,956 is the operating budget of the Police Department and the 33,000 is a new cruiser so the total would be \$281,956.*

#### ARTICLE #8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,130,628** for **Public Works:** (Majority Vote Required)

|                             |           |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Highway Department          | \$549,978 |           |
| Paving                      | \$240,000 |           |
| Cleveland Hill Road Repairs | \$45,000  |           |
| Lease Payments              | \$77,314  |           |
| Total Highway               |           | \$912,292 |
| Street Lights               |           | \$ 10,500 |
| Well Monitoring & Testing   |           | \$ 7,500  |
| Transfer Station Operations |           | \$200,336 |

*Discussed the proposed roads to be worked on and it was mentioned that maybe Mason Hill could be made dirt rather than repave it.*

*Discussed the increase in the FT salary line which is for a proposed full time fourth employee for the department.*

ARTICLE #9 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** to be placed into the **Bridge Capital Reserve Fund** previously established, and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$21,483** for **Health and Welfare**: (Majority Vote Required)

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| General Assistance | \$20,883 |
| Health Officer     | \$ 600   |

ARTICLE #11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$217,762** for **Culture & Recreation**: (Majority Vote Required)

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Parks & Recreation            | \$ 82,180 |
| Swim Program                  | \$ 6,000  |
| Cook Memorial Library         | \$122,082 |
| Patriotic Purposes/Family Day | \$ 7,500  |

ARTICLE #12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,210** for **Tamworth Conservation Commission** expenses. (Majority Vote Required)

*It was stated that the following items are all by petition:*

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 Ripken 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 **\$426**, 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 **\$1,751** 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 **\$5,000** for the **Tamworth Scholarship Committee, Inc.** (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #19 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000** to assist the **Community Food Center**. (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 Programs (birth to 3 years) of **Children Unlimited, Inc.** (level funding request). (Majority Vote Required)
- ARTICLE #21 (By Petition). To raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** 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 **\$2,972** for the annual support of services provided to the citizens of this community by the **Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice** dba Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc. The VNA-Hospice agency has been serving the Town residents for many years, and the Town has consistently supported the VNA-Hospice. This year we are asking for less than what was approved last year.

The voters of the Town recognize that in fiscal year 2011 the VNA-Hospice provided 878 home health care, hospice and/or child health visits to citizens of the Town. They also recognize that the number of town residents with no or limited health insurance have been rising. The VNA-Hospice utilizes the Town's allocation to assist the agency in continuing to provide home care, hospice and child health services to the citizens of the Town who are without adequate insurance coverage to meet the costs of providing the services. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #24

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,500** for the support of 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). We agree that **Agape Ministries'** request for funding of **\$2,500** should be placed on the agenda of items to be voted on at Town Meeting in 2012 (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #26

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate in the annual budget the sum of **\$5,000** (five thousand dollars) to support **Life Bridge, Inc.** Life Bridge is a mentoring organization serving students in Tamworth. Life Bridge supports students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade with one to one mentoring services and offers students healthy group events aimed at helping curb delinquency and risky behaviors. Life Bridge has provided a full-time staff person to oversee the program which currently Life Bridge serves about 30+ families from Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #27

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** in support of **Carroll County Transit's Senior and General Public Transportation.** (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #28

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,316** for the support of **White Mountain Community Health Center** to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #29

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

Motion made by Selectman Farnum to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.  
Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

The Selectmen then went through and voted on each article with funding as to their recommendation.

**Boards votes:**

**Article#**

- 6. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed by a vote of 2-1. Mr. Abraham was opposed.**
- 7. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.**
- 8. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed by a vote of 2-1. Mr. Abraham was opposed.**



9. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.
10. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.
11. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Abraham and passed unanimously.
12. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Abraham and passed unanimously.
13. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.
14. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to NOT recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed by a vote of 2-1. Mr. Abraham was opposed.
15. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.
16. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.
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23. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.
24. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.
25. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to NOT recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Abraham and passed by a vote of 2-1. Mr. Roberts was opposed.
26. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to NOT recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.
27. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to NOT recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.
28. Motion made by Selectman Farnum to recommend this article. Motion was seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Selectman Abraham to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion seconded by Selectman Roberts and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cassandra M Pearce

Approved by Board of Selectmen

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William W. Farnum

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Robert J Abraham

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John E. Roberts