

Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
December 10, 2012  
Town Office

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| Members Present | Robert Abraham, John Roberts and James Hidden  |
| Others Present  | Administrator C Pearce, Exec. Asst Anne Abear, Park & Recreation Director, H. Parker Roberts, Conservation Commission Treasurer Margaret Rieser, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kim Trammell, Cemetery Trustee John Wheeler, and Representatives of Agape Ministries, Bearcamp Valley School & Children's Center, Central NH VNA & Hospice, Tri County Community Action Program, Community Food Center, Children Unlimited, Medication Bridge, TCNA, Meals on Wheels, NC Transit, White Mtn. Community Health Center, Northern Human Services, and Tamworth Outing Club. |

*Chairman Abraham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of holding meetings with several departments and outside agencies to discuss their 2013 budget requests.*

2013 Budget Discussions

1. Park & Recreation, Town House and Family Day – budgets presented were as follows:
  - a. Park & Recreation budget presented was for \$84,017. The tennis court work planned and HP Roberts indicated that the courts are utilized by not only people in the Town but by the KA Brett School PE classes and requested the Board support the funds to work on the courts.
  - b. Town House budget presented was for \$11,475. The Board discussed the work done at the town house to divert the water from the electrical meter and the work done on the roof at the old vault area. The Board indicated that if the diversion of the water does not work, the meter should be moved. J Hidden discussed the placing of the flag at ½ staff when needed. HP Roberts and J Hidden will take care of this when needed.
  - c. Patriotic Purposes (July 4 Family Day) – budget presented was for \$7,500.
2. Conservation Commission – budget as presented was for \$6,210. The Board thanked J Roberts Excavating for placing the sign at the Big Pines.
3. Town Clerk/Tax Collector – budget as presented was for \$104,759. The Board discussed the request of Mrs. Trammell to place a supply closet within the Clerk's office to be utilized for storage of office supplies and other items. The Board requested Mrs. Trammell to acquire pricing for this project from a few contractors to see if the expense could be taken out of the 2012 budget. Prices will be sought on or before December 21.
4. Cemeteries – budget as presented was for \$31,885. The Board discussed the software which was recently purchased and the separate proposals that will be going out for the

cemetery maintenance program. A discussion ensued regarding the location of the lots that are being sold. Also, the Board discussed specifications for burial markers and items that are placed on sites that are being considered by the Trustees.

*Chairman Abraham recessed the meeting at 9:49 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.*

5. Agape Ministries – request for 2013 is for \$2,500.
6. Bearcamp Valley School – request for 2013 is \$17,000. N Coville announced she would be retiring at the end of the 2012 year as director, but will stay on as a consultant to the school.
7. Central NH VNA & Hospice – request for 2013 \$2,972.
8. Tri County Cap – request for 2013 is \$6,000. The Board discussed a PILOT payment for 2013 and was advised that the Chief Financial Officer of TCC has indicated that the organization is in no financial situation at this time to offer a payment to the Town.
9. Community Food Center – request for 2013 is \$4,000.
10. Children Unlimited – request for 2013 is \$3,100.

*Chairman Abraham recessed the meeting at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.*

11. TCNA – request for 2013 is \$40,000.
12. Meals on Wheels – request for 2013 is \$16,000.
13. Cook Memorial Library – the Board discussed information that was received from the library regarding pay for the employees and what the past 3 year pay increases have been for the employees of the library. The Board will be meeting with the Cook Library again on December 17 and is considering requesting that the employees of the library do not receive an increase as the employees of the Town are not. The Board discussed the insurance offered one employee of the library. The Board requested additional information on the increases and requested J Roberts ask for this information at the next meeting of the Cook Library.
14. Carroll County Transit – request for 2013 is \$3,000. Currently serving just about all county towns, receives funding from the county in addition to the Towns, and discussed the possibility of needing to increase the fares. Representative pointed out this transportation is utilized as workforce transportation also.
15. White Mountain Community Health Center – request for 2013 is \$5,330.
16. Northern Human Services – Mental Health Center – request for 2013 is \$3,750.
17. Tamworth Outing Club – request for 2013 is \$2,000.
18. The Board worked on their 2013 budget items to include:
  - a. Revaluation of Property – 2013 budget is \$20,188. J Roberts discussed the requirement of NH DRA on some Towns being mandated to tax camper trailers left on property and within campgrounds.
  - b. Legal Expense – as presented budget was for \$30,000. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to reduce the legal expense budget to \$20,000 from the requested \$30,000. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

- c. Personnel Benefits – 2013 budget of \$3,000.
- d. Office Building – 2013 budget of \$37,981.
- e. Insurance not otherwise allocated – 2013 budget of \$30,000.
- f. General Government Emergency Repairs – 2013 budget of \$150,000.
- g. Ambulance – 2013 budget of \$42,500.
- h. Street Lighting – 2013 budget of \$10,500
- i. Waste Management – Old Landfill – 2013 budget of \$7,500.
- j. Health Officer – 2013 budget of \$500
- k. Debt Service – 2013 budget of \$74,164.
- l. Total of Non-Profit outside agencies – 2013 requests \$125,730.
- m. Transfer to Capital Reserve Acct. – 2013 budget \$100,000.

#### Administrative Items

1. The Board discussed the proposals received for the employees' luncheon scheduled for Monday, December 17 at 12 p.m. The Board decided to accept the proposal offered by Rosie's Restaurant.
2. The Board reviewed a proposal from Good Neighborhood Fence regarding shoveling of the Town Office walkways and decided to hire them at the proposal of \$40 first visit, \$20 each additional visit per storm.
3. The Board discussed the date for regular petitioned warrant articles to be turned into the Selectmen's Office. That date is February 5, 2013.
4. The Board discussed a proposal by K Trammell regarding the Town adopting an exemption for the disabled. After some discussion and a review of the wording that was utilized in the Town of Conway, the Board requested that this be petitioned in order for it to be placed on the 2013 warrant.
5. The Board discussed health insurance for Tamworth eligible employees and changes that take effect on 7/1/2013 to include prices. C Pearce presented the Board with a sheet of options to include the employee paying more toward the premium from 5 – 15% as the Board requested at the last meeting. R Abraham read off numbers that he had come up with for employees to pay 12.5% of the premiums. J Roberts indicated that he was not interested in dipping into the employees' pockets. J Roberts also indicated he was not in favor of a stipend being offered to the employees who do not participate in the health insurance plan. J Hidden discussed making a change for anyone hired after a specific date and grandfathering the current employees.
6. The Board discussed meeting with the employee to discuss the options available for health insurance. The Board discussed capping the stipend effective July 1, 2013 at no more than \$300.
7. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to offer the employees of the Town the same health insurance coverage plan with the Town and employees absorbing the cost increases as currently being offered now. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

8. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to cap the stipend offered to the employees effective July 1, 2013 who do not take health insurance coverage through the Town at \$300/month. Vote was 2-1-0. Motion passed.*
9. R Abraham indicated he had not heard from the chairman of the Energy Committee regarding their meeting coming up.
10. It was reported that the containers at the transfer station continue to be worked on. J Roberts inquired if this was welding work that the highway department could accomplish. The Board will discuss this with R Roberts at the next meeting.

#### Adjournment

*R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board of Selectmen: 12/13/2012

Robert Abraham

John Roberts

James Hidden