

2013 Town Meeting Minutes
TAMWORTH TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

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 12th of March, 2013**, 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 - 4 at ten 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 13th of March, 2013**, 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 elect all necessary **Town Officers**, which appear on the official Town ballot for the ensuing year.

Office	Name	Term	Votes
Selectman	Steve Gray	3 years	812
Treasurer	Mariette F. Ross	1 year	806
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Robert K. Seston	3 years	745
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Joan L. Taylor	2 years	746
Cemetery Trustee	John E. Roberts	3 years	807

**Library Trustees (Vote for not more than three) 3 years**

George Plender	660
Sheryl Power	707
Ruth G. Timchak	675

Planning Board (Vote for not more than Two) 3 years

David A. Cluff	652
Rebecca Boyden	567

Planning Board (Vote for not more than One) 1 year

Patricia Farley	708
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Fireward - North (Vote for not more than One) 3 years

David A. Bowles	835
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Fireward - South (Vote for not more than One) 3 years

Daniel S. Teryek	320
Shawn M. Bross	421

1048 Ballots Cast on Election Day

ARTICLE #2

(By Petition). Are you in favor of abolishing the Wetlands Conservation Ordinance? (Majority Vote Required)

The Planning Board **does not** recommend this article.

Vote by Election Day Ballot Yes 572 No 471

ARTICLE #3

(By Petition). We the undersigned registered voters and citizens in the Town of Tamworth hereby petition an amendment of the Wetlands Conservation Ordinance of Tamworth, New Hampshire, pursuant to RSA 675:4. We petition that the amendment delete subsection 2 of "Section F, Special Provisions" which currently gives the Planning Board jurisdiction over a 25 foot buffer to wetlands and add an amendment to add language as a new subsection 4 of "Section D. Permitted Uses within the Wetlands Conservation District" as follows:

4. Notwithstanding any provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, no Special Use Permit or other Planning Board approval shall be required for any use for which a permit has been obtained from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services pursuant to RSA 482-A or the United States Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.

Subsection 2 of "Section F. Special Provisions" shall be deleted in its entirety. (Majority Vote Required)

The Planning Board **does not** recommend this article.

Vote by Election Day Ballot

Yes 576 No 463

ARTICLE #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend the Tamworth Floodplain Development Ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program? (Majority Vote Required)

The Planning Board recommends this article.

Vote by Election Day Ballot

Yes 924 No 90

The Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00pm. The Tamworth Meeting Singers for a second year sang our invocation, and Dannie Wasson lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The moderator introduced the head table as well as the ballot clerks and the Police Department. Bob Abraham was recognized and thanked for his 3 yrs of service. The Moderator proceeded to read the election results for the elected officers as well as the results for the 3 ballot questions. The ground rules for voting by voice, raise of hands, or cards was explained. The ground rules for discussions and keeping order were also reviewed. With no questions asked the moderator proceeded to Article #5.

ARTICLE #5

(By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to name the town ball field on Durrell Road the Roy Grace Memorial Park. (Majority Vote Required)



Moved/Seconded

Discussion

Parker Roberts asked to amend the Article to read: To see if the Town will vote to name the town baseball field on Durrell Road the Roy Grace Memorial Baseball Field.

Moved / Seconded. Amendment Voted on and passed.

Amended Article Passed

ARTICLE #6

(By Petition). We, the residents and registered voters of Tamworth, would like the Town to accept our roadways: Silver Pine Lane, Hawthorn Court, Willow Lane, and Brandywine Road. (Majority Vote Required)

Moved /Seconded

Discussion

Alan Labrie spoke of the 1.7 miles of roadway in Sokokis Pines of being paved and up to specs and eleven of the lots are commercial lots. Xann Teryek asked for the Selectmen's input as to if the roadways are up to specification? John Roberts concurred that the roads were up to specs and should last 15 – 20 yrs before major improvements need to be done. Kate Vachon asked if there was money included in this year's maintenance budget to compensate for the adoption of these roads this year. There are no additional monies in the current budget for repairs of those roadways. Some mowing may be the only thing necessary at this time.

Article Passed

ARTICLE #7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$726,519** for **General Government Operations:** (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen	\$ 13,489
Town Administration	\$160,254
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$104,790
Election & Registration	\$ 4,539
Treasurer's Expense	\$ 5,639
Data Processing	\$ 14,835
Revaluation of Property	\$ 20,188
Legal Expenses	\$ 20,000
Personnel Administration	\$ 3,000
Planning	\$ 32,234
Zoning	\$ 3,472
Office Building	\$ 39,422
Town House	\$ 11,525
Cemeteries	\$ 31,876



Tamworth Warrant Articles



Property Liability Insurance	\$ 30,000
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$ 7,092
Emergency Repair Response	\$150,000
Debt Service Principal & Interest	\$ 74,164

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Moved/Seconded

Discussion

Steve Gray asked to amend the article to reduce the Planning Board line of \$32,234 by \$12,000 to now read \$20,234 and the total amount to amend the article would be \$714,519. Amendment was moved and seconded. Bob Abraham asked Steve to explain why. Steve explained that the planning board chairman has ascertained that current litigation will be going away; therefore reducing the need for legal expenses.

Vote was taken on the amendment. Amendment Passed
The Moderator asked if any further discussion.

Dave Gaudette in further discussion asked to amend the Legal Expenses line from \$20,000 to \$7,500. Amendment Moved /Seconded. This amendment for \$12,500 would bring the total of the Article with this proposed amendment to now be \$702,019. John Roberts spoke of the reduction made from last year from \$30,000 to \$20,000 already and would not want to lower it further. Rebecca Boyden spoke of not lowering the requested amount because of the need for legal fees with no wetlands ordinance in place. Bob Abraham spoke in support of keeping the \$20,000 for the Legal Expenses line, but supported the lowering of the planning board line. Willie Farnum spoke of the need to appropriate funds and that the Selectmen do not spend all that is appropriated. Amendment was voted on for total of \$702,019. Vote was taken. Amendment Not Passed.

Discussion returned back to the amended total of \$714,519. Rebecca Boyden would like to put back in \$12,000 in the Legal expenses line to bring the Article amount back to \$726, 519. The amendment for \$726,519 was moved and seconded. A vote was then taken and this amendment did not pass.

Joanne Rainville asked if money was in any of the lines to have landscaping done at the town office and asked if a landscaper had been contacted. A landscaper's cost had not been in the budgeting discussions. John Roberts commented that he would see if a better job could be done this year. No further discussion for the amendment to the article to total \$714,519 was given. Amended article was then voted on.

Amended Article Passed

ARTICLE #8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ **617,463** for **Public Safety**: (Majority Vote Required)

Police Department	\$258,273
Police Cruiser	\$ 35,000
Total Police	\$293,273
Ambulance Contracted Services	\$ 42,500
Fire Department	\$201,935
Rescue Squad	\$ 47,779
Forest Fires	\$ 5,383
Red Hill Fire Tower	\$ 500
Emergency Management	\$ 20,225
Animal Control	\$ 5,868

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Moved/seconded

Discussion

Chief Poirier asked to amend the article to increase the police budget by \$7,500 for a new total of \$624,963 for this warrant article.

Amendment Moved/Seconded.

Discussion

Chief Poirier, through the Emergency Management Director, was recently notified that a grant is available for a generator through the Homeland Security for the Police Department. This would allow the PD to set up as an emergency operations center and that it would require an appropriation of funds for the amount of the grant. A vote to amend the article passed.

Discussion under the amended article proceeded with additional questions as to why the increase of the Emergency Management line from \$3,300 to \$20,225. Dana Littlefield explained that the addition to the EM line includes the purchase of a supply trailer, which was under a 5 year plan, to hold the supplies for the emergency management shelter at the school, and would also allow to make the supply unit mobile if there is a need to move the emergency management shelter location or to help support another town. This is also grant funded and is split with the State. The additional \$5,000 under the EM line updates our local emergency operations plan to be covered by donated time and the other half by the State. A vote was then taken on the amended article of \$624,963.

Amended Article Passed

ARTICLE #9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$**35,000** for the purchase of a **Sports Utility vehicle (SUV)** for the Tamworth **Fire Department**. (Majority Vote Required)



The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Moved/Seconded

Discussion

Tom Vachon would like an explanation from the Fire Dept. as to why an SUV. Richard Colcord spoke of the past SUV's being handed down from the Police Department and the cost involved for repairs. Tom Vachon asked what the SUV would be used for. Why an SUV? Richard Colcord explained that the room in this type of vehicle is utilized as a command center, and therefore the need for the SUV for this purpose is practical.

Vote taken

Article Passed

ARTICLE #10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,094,577 for Public Works:** (Majority Vote Required)

Highway Department	\$526,595	
Equipment Purchase	\$65,000	
Paving	\$260,000	
Cleveland Hill Road Repairs	\$45,000	
Lease Payments	<u>\$1</u>	
Total Highway		\$896,596
Street Lights		\$ 12,247
Well Monitoring & Testing		\$ 7,500
Transfer Station Operations		\$178,234

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Richard Roberts commented on the \$1 on the Lease Payments line. It is the last payment on the Lease Payment of the purchase of highway equipment. Kathy Dyrenforth asked if the painting of crosswalks in Chocorua Village is in the budget and if it was going to be done this year. Richard Roberts explained that it was in the budget and would be done.

Vote taken

Article Passed

ARTICLE #11

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)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Moved/Seconded

No Discussion

Vote taken

Article Passed

ARTICLE #12

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

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Moved/Seconded No Discussion Vote taken Article Passed

ARTICLE #13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$232,516** for **Culture & Recreation**: (Majority Vote Required)

Parks & Recreation	\$ 84,126
Swim Program	\$ 6,453
Cook Memorial Library	\$134,437
Patriotic Purposes/Family Day	\$ 7,500

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Moved/Seconded No Discussion Vote taken Article Passed

ARTICLE #14

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

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 2-1)

Moved/Seconded Discussion

Jack Waldron asked who was the “No” vote on the Board of Selectmen recommendations. Bob Abraham explained that the monies from current use removal went to the Conservation Fund and felt they did not need further monies. Ned Beecher clarified that the operating budget does not get those funds. Ned explained that the funds from the land use change tax goes to the Town Conservation Fund. The maximum per year is \$5,000. No further questions. Article voted on.

Article Passed



The Moderator explained that articles #15 – 31 are petitioned warrant articles and if discussion is needed to let the moderator know to pull the article. The articles not pulled will be voted on in total and the pulled articles will be discussed individually thereafter. These articles currently total \$124,730. The moderator proceeded to read the articles individually and the following articles were pulled #16, 23, 26, 27, 28, & 29. Article's #15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 30, & 31 were not pulled and together totaled \$51,230. The moderator proceeded to have those articles moved/seconded and voted on as a total.

NON Pulled articles Vote taken

Articles Passed

The moderator then proceeded to read Article #16.

ARTICLE #15

(By Petition). To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** for the **Tamworth Outing Club** for the support of the Cal Ripkin and Babe Ruth baseball programs. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Article Passed

ARTICLE #16

(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)

The Board of Selectmen **does not** recommend this article. (Vote 3-0)

Moved/Seconded

Discussion

Each Selectmen spoke of not supporting this article. John Roberts believes that this organization should still pay something to the Town in lieu of taxes. Bob Abraham does not support the agency as a whole & Jim Hidden felt the same not knowing where the monies were going. Ann McGarity asked if money was not made available to Tri County Cap if it would affect those from Tamworth who receive assistance for heating. John Roberts replied "No" it would not. Ann asked why? John explained that the Town of Ossipee had not passed this article before but still received assistance.

Vote taken

Article Not Passed



ARTICLE #17

(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)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Article Passed

ARTICLE #18

(By Petition). We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Tamworth do hereby petition the 2013 Annual Town Meeting to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$505** for **Medication Bridge**. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Article Passed

ARTICLE #19

(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)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Article Passed

ARTICLE #20

(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)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Article Passed

ARTICLE #21

(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)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Article Passed



ARTICLE #22

(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)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Article Passed

ARTICLE #23

(By Petition). We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Tamworth do hereby petition the 2013 Annual Town Meeting 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)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Susan Colten moved to amend the article to \$80,000. Susan Colten explained that the nurses' association budget is \$160,000 per year of which \$50,000 comes from their endowment, and then another \$70,000 has to be raised. UNH study showed that the TCNA cost savings is \$550,000 to our town because the nurses' are here in the community.

Amendment Moved/Seconded.

Discussion

A question was asked as to the impact on our tax rate. Bob Abraham commented every \$358,000 budgeted equals \$1.00 on the tax rate. So the figure would be close to \$0.10. Joanne Rainville spoke of the hours put in for fundraising and in serving this community. Explained of the paid personnel and its small staff and the amount of time spent raising \$70,000. Bob Abraham asked where the additional \$40,000 would be going and how it would be spent. Salaries were already shown to the Selectmen at budgeting time so Joanne commented that the monies could be used for new activities like the Move More program and the ability to meet with a nutritionists, etc. Joanne explained that she would be able to spend more time on new activities/programs instead of fundraising. Willie Farnum explained that he considered the TCNA to fall under the term of "Public Safety" and that the UNH study proved that the benefits far out way the costs and although this was a large amount being asked for in this amendment he would support this. Gail Marrone spoke of the study being supported by the Tamworth Foundation and that the TCNA was a model for the community.

No further Discussion on Amendment. Amendment voted on and passed.
No further discussion on Amended Article.

Amended Article Passed



ARTICLE #24

(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)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Article Passed

ARTICLE #25

(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. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Article Passed

ARTICLE #26

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,000** 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 care 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)

The Board of Selectmen **does not** recommend this article. (Vote 2-1)

Moved/Seconded

Discussion

Jim Hidden was one of the “not to recommend” additional monies of \$17,000 for 20 students in a before and after school program. Bob Abraham did not recommend this amount of money as there are other non-profits who do not come to the Town. John Roberts supports the article as it is used for children of Tamworth. Nancy Coville commented on the schools need to raise \$80,000 per year to subsidize it costs. She also spoke about the increase request being the first in 8 years. The 10% increase this year is because of expense increases of 3 to 4% and their hours of operation from 6am to 6pm and the need for families to be able to work. Since 2008 it has been very, very rough for all involved as the State has everyone on hold. There are 30% of children who cannot live with either of their birth parents and those children's providers need to have childcare before and after school because they have to work. A lot of those children have special needs as well.



The new Director Catalina Kirsch from Madison, NH spoke of supporting quality out of school enrichment programs which keeps kids safe, and helps the local economy to allow parents to work, and to pay through discounts and scholarships. The quality out of school enrichment programs help kids succeed and to later become engaged citizens in our community. The school does serve families from surrounding communities as well, but there are more Tamworth families in the program. Kathy Bunker spoke of the child care the Bearcamp Valley School provides and her ability to still be able to work while adopting three children. Rebecca Boyden supports the Bearcamp Valley School and feels their support to families is necessary for both parents and kids.

No Further Discussion

Article Passed

ARTICLE #27

(By Petition). To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$2,500** to assist **Agape Ministries** in their assistance to the residents of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 2-1)

Moved/Seconded

Discussion

Kevin Strom from Agape Ministries spoke of the 864 families of Tamworth they served in 2012. He does not turn away Tamworth residents who come to Ossipee so as to remain anonymous. Bob Abraham supports our local food pantry for Tamworth residents. Kevin explained Agape does not choose who receives assistance and does not turn away anyone.

Article Passed

ARTICLE #28

(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 7th and 8th 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 40+ families from Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does not** recommend this article. (Vote 2-1)

Moved/Seconded

Discussion



Kristen Newcomb supports Life Bridge, Inc full time staff in Brett School for several families for their Mentorship. John Roberts spoke not to support this article and felt it should be coming out of the School budget. Jim Hidden supports the program and feels money comes out of the same pockets whether town or school budget. Bob Abraham feels the organization is faith based and not for all children. Donna Ulitz spoke about the program for 11 children with a one on one mentor. She spoke of no place for at risk kids to go after school and important for them to be mentored. Nancy Sheridan spoke of faith based organization and believes should come from Church or School monies, and that the at risk kids need more help from trained professionals. Donna Ulitz commented that boundaries are in place and mentors are trained. Alan Labrie commented that if we are supporting at risk kids through the Bearcamp Valley School we should support this article. He doesn't agree with the Faith based argument, and isn't aware that any faith is being pushed onto the children. Diane Bowles spoke in support of Life Bridge program in seeing the mentors both in school and out of school with the at risk kids. David Kiemper pastor at Tamworth Congregational Church also Executive director of Life Bridge program spoke about the development of the program and the mentoring program and its effect on kids who need mentoring and stress relief.

Tom Vachon made a motion to amend to change the word "support" to "contract" for mentoring services for Life Bridge Inc. Motion Seconded.

Nancy Sheridan, a clinical social worker, questioned the "contract" clause if legally the town would become responsible. She spoke about her disapproval of the faith based organization and her feelings in being ethically responsible in keeping the separation of church and State. She is speaking for those children whose voices aren't heard and who were spoken to and were told to change their life styles because it wasn't Christian. Deb Maille asked Chief Poirier of his opinion in regards to Life Bridge and their services with these children. He had none.

A question was raised, "Is contracting for services different then supporting the funds for the organization"? The Attorney felt the subject matter isn't changing "to support" or "contract" with Life Bridge, Inc. for \$5,000, and felt it would be permissible either way. It was commented that the Board of Selectmen would be the ones to enter into a contract. Question was moved. Amendment to article was voted on and not passed.

Ken Cargill asked Town Council representative about the warrant article providing for the support of faith based organization where there is no guarantees' that the town gets anything in return, and if it is impermissible support of religion with town funds? The representative for Town Council felt that in supporting warrant articles, as long as issues are treated equally



whether religious or not, she does not think it is a violation, but maybe the town would want to follow up with Rick Sager the Town's Attorney.

A voice vote was taken. The Voice Vote taken was believed to be inconclusive and it was asked that the moderator turn to a hand vote.

Hand counted vote taken on Article.

Yes 80 No 83

Article Not Passed

Motion made to restrict reconsideration of Article #28

Moved/Seconded

Passed

ARTICLE #29

(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 Transportation**. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **does not** recommend this article. (Vote 3-0)

Moved/Seconded

Discussion

John Roberts voted against this article because his understanding is that the County is being asked for money as well. Jim Hidden spoke of the Tamworth Caregivers Program being available for Tamworth residents and his concern of both town and county money supporting the county program. Bob Abraham spoke of the Tri County Cap hardship and the question as to what programs may be continued or not.

George Cleveland asked to amend article to "strike" the word "seniors" because it is not used by just "seniors". Moved/Seconded Further discussion was on the use of this transportation by everyone.

A Vote was taken on the Amendment. The amendment passed.

George Cleveland spoke further in support of the Blue Loon on demand bus service and that Tamworth residents do use frequently and receive the majority of the services. Susan Ticehurst spoke that from memory the county delegation decided not to support this service at the county level and thought best that money should be coming from the towns. Elizabeth McCarthy spoke in support of the buses utilized for Doctors appointments.

Amended Article Passed



ARTICLE #30

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,330** 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)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Article Passed

ARTICLE #31

(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)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Vote 3-0)

Article Passed

ARTICLE #32

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

Brian Cutter asked for a nonbinding vote in regards to the continued consideration for the town's Christmas tree lighting to be in the Veterans Memorial Square. Nonbinding Voice Vote taken and concluded as "Yes".

Arthur Mason asked for an explanation from a planning board member in regards to the Ellie Homeyer \$13,242 Fiasco and Paul Kings' letter that was received addressing this incident. Rebecca Boyden explained of the Planning Boards error in "procedural deliberation" during the application process, and commented that had the applicant's representative Paul King provided sufficient information and appropriate guidance to the applicant and the Planning Board the misunderstanding in this matter could have been corrected without the court's involvement. The moderator then addressed the legislative body that this conversation should be further facilitated with the planning board as the town meeting is not the Forum.

A representative of Town Council explained that the voters at the Annual Meeting don't have the authority, or that the Town meeting does not provide jurisdiction, to jump into the middle of this dispute. This should be addressed to the Planning Board or the Board of Selectmen at the appropriate meetings. She also commented that the language of this warrant article in regards to the any other business that can "legally" come before the meeting is an oxymoron, because there is no other business that can "legally" come before the town meeting at this point in time.



Bob Abraham wanted to congratulate all the newly elected officials and the town's people that came out to vote on such a miserable day. He did feel that the comments made by Rebecca Boyden in regards to Paul King's professionalism were inappropriate, and he believes that was the planning board meeting that Paul King was not allowed to speak by the chairman.

George Cleveland made a motion to adjourn / Seconded by Willie Farnum

Meeting Adjourned 9:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Trammell
Certified Town Clerk