



TAMWORTH 2015 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 10th of March, 2015**, to choose town officers and to vote on other matters required to be on the official ballot, polls to be open for voting on **ARTICLE #01** at eight o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than seven 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 11th of March, 2015**, at seven o'clock in the evening for the transaction of all other Town business as specified in the remaining articles of this warrant.

ARTICLE #01 To elect all necessary **Town Officers**, which appear on the official Town ballot for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE #02 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$76,269** for **salary and benefits** for the current year for the position of **Town Clerk/Tax Collector**. The amount requested under this article shall be used for an annual salary of \$49,578, FICA and Medicare in the amount of \$3,793, a health and dental insurance premium (93% of the premium for the Town's health insurance plan currently with an 80%/20% split for a two person policy and 100% of the employee dental insurance) of \$17,459, and contributions to the NH State Retirement System at the effective contribution rate (currently 10.77% until 6/30/15 then changing to 11.17%) of \$5,439. If a midterm appointment of a new Town Clerk/Tax Collector should be made a salary and benefit package will be determined by the Board of Selectmen at the time of the appointment.

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

ARTICLE #03 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$673,323** for **General Government Operations**: (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen	\$ 13,489
Town Administration	\$185,917
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 39,474
Election & Registration	\$ 6,018

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Treasurer's Expense	\$ 5,866
Data Processing	\$ 24,800
Revaluation of Property	\$ 38,696
Legal Expenses	\$ 5,000
Personnel Administration	\$ 5,000
Planning	\$ 12,135
Zoning	\$ 2,990
Office Building	\$ 30,200
Town House	\$ 14,168
Cemeteries	\$ 31,773
Property Liability Insurance	\$ 30,000
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$ 7,555
Emergency Repair Response	\$150,000
Debt Service Principal & Interest	\$ 70,242

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

ARTICLE #04

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** for the purpose of **renovating the Town Office Building and the Town House**. (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #05

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ **598,585** for **Public Safety**: (Majority Vote Required)

Police Department	\$281,175
Ambulance Contracted Services	\$ 42,750
Fire Department	\$201,204
Rescue Squad	\$ 55,405
Forest Fires	\$ 7,183
Emergency Management	\$ 5,000
Animal Control	\$ 5,868

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

ARTICLE #06

To see if the Town will vote to **authorize** the Tamworth Board of Selectmen to enter into a **multi-year agreement** (which may include an intergovernmental agreement under RSA Chapter 53-A), along with other regional municipalities such as, but not necessarily including or limited to, the Towns of Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Madison and Ossipee, **for emergency medical/ambulance services**. (Majority vote required.)

Note: Currently the six towns are negotiating a six year agreement (pending Town meeting) and Tamworth's total (for all six years)

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would be \$745,369.16 (including 2015) which represents 22% of the total contract amount. The payments would be raised annually at Town meeting and are anticipated to be as follows:

2015	\$ 42,750.00 *
2016	\$136,664.43
2017	\$139,397.72
2018	\$142,185.67
2019	\$142,185.67
2020	\$142,185.67

** Tamworth's payment for 2015 is already included in Article 5 (Public Safety)*

ARTICLE #07 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,441,018 for Public Works:** (Majority Vote Required)

Highway Department	\$590,512	
Equipment Purchase	\$360,000	
<u>Road Reconstruction/Paving</u>	<u>\$260,000</u>	
Total Highway		\$ 1,210,512

Street Lights	\$	16,000
Well Monitoring & Testing	\$	6,000

Transfer Station Operations	\$193,106	
<u>Transfer Station Containers</u>	<u>\$ 15,400</u>	
Total Transfer Station		\$ 208,506

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

ARTICLE #08 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,483 for Health and Welfare:** (Majority Vote Required)

General Assistance	\$	23,883
Health Officer	\$	600

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

ARTICLE #09 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$241,102 for Culture & Recreation:** (Majority Vote Required)

Parks & Recreation	\$	87,049
Swim Program	\$	5,914
Cook Memorial Library		\$140,139
Patriotic Purposes/Family Day	\$	8,000

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

ARTICLE #10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,979** for **Tamworth Conservation Commission** expenses. (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #11

To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,500** for the **250th Town Anniversary Committee**. (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #12

(By Petition). "My name is Rose and our family has lived in Chocorua for over 40 years and in New Hampshire since 1908. We have a family home on Route 16 that you might have driven by a few times. I am making a request to address the town at this years town meeting. In order to get on the agenda, I need signatures of Tamworth-Chocorua town residents who are registered voters. Thank you for your time."

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 Ripkin and Babe Ruth baseball programs. (Majority Vote Required)

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

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)

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

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)

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

ARTICLE #16

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$239**, or transfer same from available funds,

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for support of the **Medication Bridge Assistance Program**.
(Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #17

(By Petition). To respectfully request that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,026** 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 #18

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (**\$5,000**) for the **Tamworth Scholarship Committee, Inc.** (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #19

(By Petition). Warrant Article for the Town of Tamworth to appropriate the same sum as in 2014 of **\$5,000** to assist the **Community Food Center** – the food pantry serving Tamworth people. (Majority Vote Required)

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

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 Program (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 #21

(By Petition). We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Tamworth do hereby petition the 2015 Annual Town Meeting to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$80,000** 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)

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)

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

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ARTICLE #23 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** for the annual support of services provided to the citizens of this community by the **Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice**. The VNA-Hospice Agency has been serving the Town residents for many years, and the Town has consistently supported the VNA & Hospice. (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #24 (By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,000** for support of the 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)

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

ARTICLE #25 (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 #26 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** (Three thousand dollars) in support of **Carroll County Transit Blue Loon Public Bus Service**. (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #27 To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 12th day of February 2015.

Tamworth Board of Selectmen

James S. Hidden, Chair

Steve G. Gray, Member

John E. Roberts, Member