



TAMWORTH 2016 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 8th of March, 2016**, 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 9th of March, 2016**, 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 Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article #2 proposed by the Board of Selectmen, as follows: **Amend the Tamworth Floodplain Ordinance** as necessary to reflect repeal of the Tamworth Wetlands Ordinance, and other typographical corrections.

The Planning Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE #03 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$77,563** for **salary and benefits** for the current year for the position of **Town Clerk/Tax Collector**. **NOTE:** The amount requested under this article shall be used for an annual salary of \$49,578, FICA and Medicare in the amount of \$3,795, 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 \$18,650, and contributions to the NH State Retirement System at the effective contribution rate (remaining at 11.17% throughout the calendar year) of \$5,540. (These funds shall only be disbursed as long as the eligibility requirements are met in accordance with the NH Retirement System). Also, 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)

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ARTICLE #04

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$757,526** for **General Government Operations:** (Majority Vote Required)

| | |
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| Board of Selectmen | \$ 14,239 |
| Town Administration | \$194,561 |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector | \$ 49,780 |
| Election & Registration | \$ 9,546 |
| Treasurer's Expense | \$ 5,886 |
| Data Processing | \$ 30,800 |
| Revaluation of Property | \$ 13,900 |
| Legal Expenses | \$ 40,000 |
| Personnel Administration | \$ 4,500 |
| Planning | \$ 9,135 |
| Zoning | \$ 1,990 |
| Office Building | \$ 72,700 |
| Town House | \$ 19,968 |
| Cemeteries | \$ 34,487 |
| Property Liability Insurance | \$ 30,000 |
| Advertising & Regional Assoc. | \$ 7,753 |
| Emergency Repair Response | \$150,000 |
| Debt Service Principal & Interest | \$ 68,281 |

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

ARTICLE #05

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$755,164** for **Public Safety:** (Majority Vote Required)

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| Police Department | \$344,640 |
| Ambulance Contracted Services | \$136,665 |
| Fire Department | \$202,645 |
| Rescue Squad | \$ 53,444 |
| Forest Fires | \$ 7,183 |
| Emergency Management | \$ 4,933 |
| Animal Control | \$ 5,654 |

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

ARTICLE #06

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,305,536** for **Public Works:** (Majority Vote Required)

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| Highway Department | \$609,642 | |
| Equipment Purchase | \$140,000 | |
| Road Reconstruction/Paving | \$320,000 | |
| Total Highway | | \$ 1,069,642 |
| Street Lights | | \$ 16,000 |

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| Well Monitoring & Testing | | \$ 6,000 |
| Transfer Station Operations | \$194,783 | |
| Transfer Station Containers | <u>\$ 19,111</u> | |
| Total Transfer Station | | \$ 213,894 |

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

ARTICLE #07

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

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

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 **\$256,343** for **Culture & Recreation:** (Majority Vote Required)

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| Parks & Recreation | \$ 89,463 | |
| Tennis Courts | <u>\$ 12,000</u> | |
| Total Recreation | | \$101,463 |
| Swim Program | \$ 6,000 | |
| Cook Memorial Library | \$140,880 | |
| Patriotic Purposes/Family Day | \$ 8,000 | |

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 **\$7,179** for **Tamworth Conservation Commission** expenses. (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #10

To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of **planning for, purchasing of, land for and the construction of a multipurpose public safety building** and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200,000** to be deposited in said fund. Furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

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

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ARTICLE #11

(By Petition): 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 **does not recommend** this article. (Vote 3-0)

ARTICLE #12

(By Petition). I respectfully request that the Town vote to have the Town Selectmen raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,201** for the **reimbursement of the funds that the Homeyer Family** incurred due to the illegal actions of the 2012 Tamworth Planning Board.

I respectfully propose that they divide the funds into two items to help the Town with the expense by giving half in Tax Credits and the remainder in cash replacement for loans borrowed to fight for the Homeyer's legal rights.

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

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 of Tamworth will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$129** or transfer same from available funds, for support of the **Medication Bridge Assistance Program**. (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #16

(By Petition). To respectfully request that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,919** 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)

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ARTICLE #17 (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 #18 (By Petition). Warrant Article for the Town of Tamworth to appropriate the same sum as last year 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 #19 (By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,400** for the Early Supports & Services Program (birth to 3 years) of **Children Unlimited, Inc.** (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #20 (By Petition). We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Tamworth do hereby petition the 2016 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 #21 (By Petition). We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Tamworth do hereby petition the 2016 Annual Town Meeting to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for **Meals on Wheels** 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 of Tamworth will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** 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)

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ARTICLE #23

(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 #24

(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 #25

(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 #26

(By Petition). To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,567** for the support of **White Mountain Community Health Center** to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town of Tamworth. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** 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 11th day of February 2016.

Tamworth Board of Selectmen

Steve G. Gray, Chair

John E. Roberts, Member

James S. Hidden, Member

This is a True Attest Copy:

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