

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 Kenneth A. Brett School, 881 Tamworth Road, in said Town of Tamworth on **Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2023**, 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** and **ARTICLE #02** 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 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 2023**, 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 #1** To elect all necessary **Town Officers**, which appear on the official Town ballot for the ensuing year. Open positions (1) Select Board Member 3-year term, (1) Select Board Member 1-year term, (1) Road Agent 3-year term, (1) Treasurer 1-year term, (2) Planning Board Members 3-year terms, (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds 3-year term, (1) Cemetery Trustee 3-year term, (2) Library Trustees 3-year terms, (1) Fireward – Tamworth 3-year term. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE #2** Are you in favor of the adoption of the Tamworth Groundwater Protection Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE #3** Adopt the **All Veterans' Tax Credit**: Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or continues to serve or (2) or an officer honorably separated from services or who continues to serve and who is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be **\$500** the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE #4** Re-adopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit: Shall the town vote to readopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE #5** Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:69-72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with **wood heating energy**

systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to **\$500** of the assessed value of qualifying wood-heating energy system equipment under these statutes. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$108,499** 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 \$72,800 to include 20 paid days off, FICA and Medicare in the amount of \$5,570, a health and dental insurance premium (the Town's health & dental insurance plan currently with a 90/10% split for a two-person policy) and to include a flexible spending account & HRA Account of \$1000 all totaled \$20,083 with contributions to the NH State Retirement System at the effective contribution rate of \$10,046. (The retirement funds shall 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 Select Board at the time of the appointment. The proposed appropriation in this article does not include the budget for operational expenses for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector office, which is part of the General Government Operations in Article #5. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE #7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$912,376** for **General Government Operations** with **\$50,000** to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance to offset the Capital project (Transfer Station - Previously Approved).

Select Board	\$ 23,748
Town Administration	\$ 209,256
Town Clerk/Tax Collector (exclusive of salary and benefits)	\$ 46,537
Election & Registration	\$ 5,993
Treasurer's Expense	\$ 7,764
Data Processing	\$ 51,751
Revaluation of Property	\$ 34,991
Legal Expenses	\$ 40,000
Personnel Administration	\$ 1,342
Planning	\$ 30,846
Zoning	\$ 53
Town Government Bldgs.	\$ 127,990
Town House	\$ 11,780
Cemeteries	\$ 33,730
Property Liability Insurance	\$ 53,946
Advertising, Regional Assoc. & Economic Dev	\$ 3,150

Capital Project- Transfer Station	\$ 174, 460
Debt Service Principal & Interest	\$ 55,039

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$992,759** for **Public Safety**:

Police Department	\$ 413,784
Ambulance contract	
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023	\$ 210,132
Fire/Rescue Department	\$ 355,031
Forest Fires	\$ 5,700
Emergency Management	\$ 4,430
Animal Control	\$ 3,683

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$352,914** for the purchase of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, along with the compressor, filtration system, and fill station for the Fire/Rescue Department, with **\$332,938** of the funding from a grant, and the remainder of **\$19,976** to be raised by taxation. If the grant is not received, this article will be null and void. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #10 To see if the town will vote to discontinue the SUV Capital Reserve Fund created in 2022. Said fund, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to be returned to the municipal general fund. (Majority vote required) The Select Board **recommends** this article.

ARTICLE #11 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Firetruck Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing firetrucks and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$275,000**, with **\$50,000** to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and to be placed in this fund. Furthermore, to name the Board of Firewards as agents to expend from the fund. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #12 To see if the Town will authorize the Fire/Rescue Department to participate in a regional grant with the Conway Village Fire District for the purposes of replacing fire/rescue department radios and to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand nine hundred seventy-two dollars (**\$7,972**) for Tamworth’s share of the grant match. This article is contingent on Conway Village Fire District receiving the Assistance to Firefighters Grant on behalf of both departments. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,432,447** for **Public Works**:

Highway Department	\$1,052,431
Streetlights	\$8,524
Well Monitoring & Testing	\$11,300
Transfer Station Operations (Majority vote required)	\$360,192

ARTICLE #14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$389,910** for the repair to Scott Bridge, with **\$232,910** to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of 12/31/22, **\$107,189** to come from the State Bridge Grant, and **\$49,811** to come from taxation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,606** for **Health and Welfare**:

Health Officer	\$ 1,021
General Assistance	\$ 27,585

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 143,262** for:

Parks & Recreation	\$111,595
Swim Program	\$14,267
Patriotic Purposes/Family Day.	\$17,400

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,162** for **Tamworth Conservation Commission** expenses. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$273,011** for the **Cook Memorial Library** of which, **\$52,261 is to come from the Library Fund, \$9,384 to come from donations, \$1,200 from library fees, \$2250 to come from grants and \$207,916 to be raised through taxation** and such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #20 To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate **\$36,535** to put in the fund. This sum to come

from unassigned fund balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #21

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provision of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of Town infrastructure repair and maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to be placed in this fund, and to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and which shall be called the “*Town Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.*” Furthermore, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from the fund. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #22

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provision of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of Town buildings repair and maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to be placed in this fund, and to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance which shall be called the “*Town Buildings Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.*” Furthermore, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from the fund. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #23

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provision of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of Town equipment repair and maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to be placed in this fund, and to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, and which shall be called the “*Town Equipment Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.*” Furthermore, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from the fund. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,000** for the Tamworth Sewer System. This appropriation will be completely funded from sewer user fees; and such funds to be expended under the direction of the Sewer Commissioners. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #25

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$10,000.00** to be placed into the Tamworth Sewer Capital Reserve, to be paid for by the undesignated enterprise fund. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #26

(By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** to provide meals for Tamworth **Meals on Wheels** recipients. Monies to be billed monthly to the Selectmen at the rate of \$2.00 per meal served. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #27

(By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$80,000** to support the **Tamworth Community Nurse Association** for the purpose of continuing nursing services to the residents of Tamworth. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #28 (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,500** 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)

ARTICLE #29 (By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,822** for the Family Resource Center at **Children Unlimited, Inc.** (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #30 (By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,960** 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)

ARTICLE #31 (By Petition) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,326** for the operation of **Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.** service programs in Tamworth: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Head Start, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, RSVP, and Tamworth Dental Center. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #32 (By Petition) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** for the operation of **The Bearcamp Center for Sustainable Community** to support affordable childcare for Tamworth families in the form of an active, creative, and comprehensive 6-week summer day camp program offered at The Bearcamp Center for children in grades K-8. Camp will run Monday-Thursday each week of July and August, beginning at 8:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #33 (By Petition) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for the operation of **The Bearcamp Center for Sustainable Community** to create by-donation meals for primarily Tamworth residents who want or need meals. Near 25,000 meals have been provided since March of 2020. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #34 (By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for **the Community Food Center** serving elderly, families, disabled, and all in need who qualify. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #35 (By Petition) To respectfully request that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,524** in support of **Starting Point** providing advocacy and support to victims of relationship and sexual violence and their children. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #36 (By petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$29,000** for the **Tamworth Town House** for replacement of the fire escape and repair of the windows. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #37 To see if the town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for Capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred , from capital reserve finds income. No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article.

ARTICLE #38 Shall the town of Tamworth accept the provisions of RSA 53-G:1 RSA 53-G:11 providing for the establishment of a communications district, together with the municipalities of Albany, Bartlett, Brookfield Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hales Location, Harts Location, Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Tamworth and Tuftonboro in accordance with the provisions of the proposed agreement filed with the Tamworth Governing body. (Majority vote required) The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE #39 To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 13th day of February 2023.

*Tamworth Select Board:*

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Emery Roberts

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