



TAMWORTH 2018 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 K. A. Brett School, 881 Tamworth Road, in said Town of Tamworth on **Tuesday, the 13th of March, 2018**, 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 14th of March, 2018**, 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. Open positions (2) Selectmen 3 year terms, (1) Selectman 1 year term, (1) Moderator 2 year term, (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector 3 year term, (1) Treasurer 1 year term, (1) Supervisor of the Checklist 6 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 – East 3 year term, (1) Fireward-at-Large 3 year term.

ARTICLE #02

Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?

ARTICLE #03

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$85,160** 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 \$56,000 to include 20 paid days off, FICA and Medicare in the amount of \$4,284, 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 \$18,503 and contributions to the NH State Retirement System at the effective contribution rate (remaining at 11.38% thru Dec 2018) of \$6,373. (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. (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #04

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$698,951** for **General Government Operations:** (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen		\$ 25,401
Town Administration		\$ 191,749
Town Clerk/Tax Collector		\$ 53,318
Election & Registration		\$ 9,232
Treasurer's Expense		\$ 8,201
Data Processing		\$ 49,644
Revaluation of Property		\$ 14,010
Legal Expenses		\$ 30,000
Personnel Administration		\$ 8,100
Planning		\$ 9,135
Zoning		\$ 109
Office Building		\$ 51,700
Town House		\$ 111,900
Cemeteries		\$ 34,376
Property Liability Insurance		\$ 33,505
Economic Dev-Adv & Reg Assoc.	\$ 3,960	
EDC-Patron Funded Programs	<u>\$ 250</u>	\$ 4,210
Debt Service Principal & Interest		\$ 64,361

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

ARTICLE #05

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$818,004** for **Public Safety:** (Majority Vote Required)

Police Department		\$369,931
Ambulance Contracted Services		\$141,489
Fire/Rescue Department	\$286,060	
Ambulance Billing	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	\$289,060
Forest Fires		\$ 6,953
Emergency Management		\$ 4,933
Animal Control		\$ 5,638

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

ARTICLE #06

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,304,622** for **Public Works:** (Majority Vote Required)

Highway Department	\$661,650	
Equipment Purchase	\$170,000	
<u>Road Reconstruction/Repair</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>	
Total Highway		\$1,031,650
Street Lights		\$ 18,000
Well Monitoring & Testing		\$ 6,500
Transfer Station Operations		\$ 248,472

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

ARTICLE #07

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,656** for **Health and Welfare**: (Majority Vote Required)

Health Officer	\$ 1,008
General Assistance	\$ 23,648

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

ARTICLE #08

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$123,030** for **Culture & Recreation**: (Majority Vote Required)

Parks & Recreation	\$ 106,651
Swim Program	\$ 7,379
Patriotic Purposes/Family Day	\$ 9,000

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

ARTICLE #09

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,890** for **Tamworth Conservation Commission** expenses. (Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectman **recommend** this article. (Vote 3-0)

ARTICLE #10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$176,587 for the Cook Memorial Library of which **\$154,923** to be raised through taxation and \$21,664 to come from library income from donations, grants, fees etc; such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees. (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE #11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE #12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$150,000** emergency repair/response for unanticipated expenses. The full amount **\$150,000** will come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE #13

To see if the town will vote to allow the operation of KENO within the town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:41 through 51. (Majority vote required) (Ballot vote required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommend** this article. (No vote taken)

ARTICLE #14

(By Petition) To see if the town will vote to change the organization of the Tamworth Fire-Rescue Department and adopt RSA 154:1, I (a) which provides for a Fire Chief to be appointed by the Select Board with fire fighters appointed by the Fire Chief, and to further, disband and discontinue the Tamworth Board of Firewards, with the Board of Firewards going out of existence and operation one year after adoption of the article by town meeting. (Majority vote required)

The Board of Selectmen **recommend** this article. (No vote taken)

ARTICLE #15

Shall the Town pursuant to RSA 72:81 adopt for a five-year period (5) a “new construction property tax exemption” of fifty percent (50 percent) of the increase in assessed value attributable to construction of new structures, additions, renovations or improvements to existing structures for commercial and industrial uses (as defined by RSA 72:80). If passed, this exemption would take effect in the tax year beginning April 1, 2018. (Majority vote required)

The Board of Selectman **recommend** this article. (Vote 3-0)

ARTICLE #16

Shall the town adopt the “all veterans’ property tax credit” under RSA 72:28-b? 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 was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of \$500.00, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the Selectmen or the Assessor by April 15 of the tax year. If adopted, this amendment shall become effective as of April 1, 2018. (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE #17

(By Petition) We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Tamworth do hereby petition the 2018 Annual Town Meeting 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 **recommend** this article. (Vote 3-0)

ARTICLE #18 (By Petition) To respectfully request that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,491** 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 **recommend** 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 **\$5,000** for the **Tamworth Scholarship Committee, Inc.** (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #20 (By Petition) Warrant Article for the Town of Tamworth to raise and 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 **recommend** this article. (Vote 3-0)

ARTICLE #21 (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)

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

ARTICLE #22 (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.** (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #23 (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,000** to provide meals for Tamworth **Meals on Wheels** recipients. (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #24 (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)

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

ARTICLE #26 (By Petition) We the undersigned voters of the Town of Tamworth do hereby request the Selectmen to place this petition warrant article on the 2018 Warrant for Town meeting. To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,500** in support of **Blue Loon Bus Service**. (Majority Vote Required)

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

ARTICLE #27 (By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,024** 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 **recommend** this article. (Vote 2-0-1)

ARTICLE #28 (By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500** for **MWV Supports Recovery Coalition Recovery Support Programs** (family and peer support programs for substance use disorders). (Majority Vote Required)

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 22nd day of February 2018.

Tamworth Board of Selectmen

James S. Hidden, Chair

Steve G. Gray, Member

Daniel J. Poirier, Member