TAMWORTH 2024 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 Kenneth A. Brett School, 881 Tamworth Road, in said Town of Tamworth on Tuesday, the 12th of March 2024, 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 13th of March, 2024, 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) Select board Members 3-year term, (1) Moderator 2-year term, (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector 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, (1) Cemetery Trustee 1-year term, (2) Library Trustees 3-year terms, (1) Library Trustee 1-year term, (1) Supervisor of the Checklist 6-year term, (1) Fireward – Tamworth 2-year term, (1) Fireward – At Large, 3-year term, (1) Fireward – East 3-year term.

ARTICLE #02  To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 31:39-c allowing for the administrative enforcement of ordinances and regulations adopted by the legislative body to be used prior to the service of a formal summons and complaint. This will allow the Town of Tamworth to utilize the informal enforcement provisions in administering its ordinances and regulations. This will allow for the issuance of letters prior to more formal legal proceedings. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #03  To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 41:9-a to authorize the Select Board to establish and amend fees for licenses, permits and facilities established by vote of the Town. Prior to the establishment or amendment of such fees, the Select Board shall hold a public hearing as required in RSA 41:9-a. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #04  To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to conduct a lease revision for the existing lease which expires on February 28th, 2102, between the Town and Tamworth Community Nurse Association governing TCNA’s use of office and storage space in the Town Office building on such terms and conditions as the Select Board shall deem to be in the best interest of the town. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)
ARTICLE #05: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Tamworth Community Power plan, to authorize the Tamworth Select Board to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Tamworth Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #06: To see if the town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $30,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $35,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, $45,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than $50,000; and own net assets not in excess of $50,000 if single, or if married, not more than $80,000 excluding the value of the person’s residence. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #07: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,176,952 for General Government Operations with $50,000 to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance to offset the Capital project (Transfer Station Previously Approved)

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Cemeteries $32,610  
Property Liability Insurance $58,747  
Capital Project – Transfer Station $274,460  

(Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

**ARTICLE #08:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,400 for the insulation and an air exchange system for the Town Offices. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

**ARTICLE #09** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $992,351 for Public Safety:

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(Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

**ARTICLE #10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $187,500 to be added to the Firetruck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

**ARTICLE #11** To see if the Town will authorize the Fire/Rescue Department to participate in a regional grant with the Sandwich Fire/Rescue Department for the purpose of replacing fire/escape department portable radios and to raise and appropriate the sum of $257,302 to purchase fire/escape department portable radios for Tamworth Fire/Rescue Department and Sandwich Fire Department with $245,048 to come from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, $3,868 to come from the Town of Sandwich, and the remaining $8,386 to come from taxation. If the grant is not received, this article will be null and void. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

**ARTICLE #12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,443,031 for Public Works:

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Transfer Station $ 355,612

(Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $250,000 for the repair to Mountain Road Bridge, with $250,000 to come from the Bridge Capital Reserve established for this purpose. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $164,500, for the purchase of an Articulating Loader for the Highway Department with $164,500 to come from the unassigned fund balance ($64,850 of which was previously received from NH state Road and Bridge Grants) (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $36,571 for

Health and Welfare:
  Health Officer $ 986
  General Assistance $ 35,585

(Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $165,726 for:

  Parks and Rec $139,142
  Swimming $ 7,984
  Patriotic $ 18,600

(Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,198 for Tamworth Conservation Commission expenses. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $251,191 for the Cook Memorial Library of which, $16,310 is to come from the Library Fund, $10,484 to come from donations, $1,200 from library fees, $750 to come from grants and $222,447 to be raised through taxation and such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)
ARTICLE #19  To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Library Capital Reserve Fund created in 2002. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality’s general fund. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #20  To see if the Town will establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate $35,125 put in the fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. Any appropriation left at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Majority vote required). The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

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 fulfilling the Town’s future retirement payout obligations and to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000 to be placed in this fund and to come from the unassigned fund balance and which shall be called “Town Separation Obligation Expendable Trust Fund.” Furthermore to name the Select Board as agents to expend from the fund. (Majority vote required). The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #22  To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $26,000 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) The Select Board recommends this article (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #23  (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $38,000 for the Ossipee Concerned Citizens Inc. Elderly Nutritional Meal Program. Meals on wheels and Congregate Meals. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #24  (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) The Select Board recommends this article (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #25  (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 Select Board recommends this article (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #26  (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) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)
ARTICLE #27  (By Petition) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $6,327 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, Disaster Relief, and Tamworth Dental Center. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #28  (By Petition) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $11,000 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) The Select Board recommends this article. (4 Yes - 0 No)

ARTICLE #29  (By Petition) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 for the operation of The Bearcamp Center for Sustainable Community to create by-donation meals for Tamworth residents who want or need meals. Near 25,000 meals have been provided since March of 2020. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #30  (By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000 for the Community Food Center serving elderly, families, disabled, and all in need who qualify. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #31  (By Petition) To respectfully request that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,932 in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #32  (By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,750 for Northern Human Service to offset the cost of providing outpatient mental health services on a sliding fee scale to uninsured town residents. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (5 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE #33  (By Petition) To see if the Town of Tamworth will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 for the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association to provide homecare and hospice care to residents of Tamworth. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (4 Yes – 1 No)
ARTICLE #34  (By Petition) Shall we allow the operation of KENO games within the town? (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (3 Yes – 2 No)

ARTICLE #35  (By Petition) Shall the following provisions pertaining to the elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices. This shall constitute a return to hand counting ballots and the immediate discontinuance of all electronic voting machines and electronic devices authorized for use by trial in RSA 656:40. Shall this article be passed it, it shall be enacted by the town of Tamworth immediately. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article. (0 Yes - 5 No)

ARTICLE #36  To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 8th day of February 2024.

Tamworth Select Board:

Emery Roberts, Chair

Karl Behr

Lianne Prentice

Richard Doucette

Steve Schaeffer

Public Hearing on 2/7/2024 & 2/8/24

Posted on or by: Monday 2/26/2024

At the following locations:
➢ Tamworth Town Office
➢ Chocorua Post Office
➢ South Tamworth Post Office
➢ Tamworth Post Office
➢ Tamworth Town House
➢ KA Brett School
➢ Https://Tamworthnh.org