

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's May 05, 2015

Present:

Also Present:

No Meeting was held.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting of May 12, 2015

Present: Steve Davis, Pete Santom and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Chief Kevin Kay, Bill Lambert, PE (NHDOT), Jeff Ames, Steve Welch, Ellie Murray, Francis Muzzey, Donna King, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Chip Stata

Steve motioned to open the meeting at 6:02 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Bill Lambert, PE, of the NHDOT, spoke to the Board and audience regarding the speed limit on RT25A, and the DOT's proposal to increase the speed to 50 MPH. Bill provided handouts, and reviewed on a projector the analysis, studies, and reports regarding the speeds traveled and impacts. Also discussed was the enforcement of speeding tickets. Concerns were voiced regarding the potential increase in speed, Bill said the surveys show that drivers do not slow for danger areas-blind spots, do yield to warning signs, curve signs etc. He will be meeting with Orford to discuss the topic as well. Chief Kay stated he has no problems with the increase, and requested that DOT review the area where drivers come to the 30 mph zone, to cause it to have a better transition from 50 to 30. Bill said the DOT would look at it. The Board thanked him for his time.

Chief Kevin Kay gave a PD status update. The cruiser should be in sometime in the middle to end of June. The additional add-on equipment should be in about 8-10 weeks (ie lights, radio etc., he will need to order these. Kevin discussed pricing, stated they will be within \$68.00 of the budget, however this does not include the extended warranty of \$1,800.00. The Board discussed how to stay within budget, such as the trade in costs. Steve Welch asked if the warranty would be any different because we are a municipality. Kevin said he will be discussing the trade in costs and warranty again with the dealership.

Chief Kay said the opening races went well last weekend, there was a good turnout.

Steve asked about possibly placing the portable speed sign on East Side Rd, by his house, as there have been cars traveling at excessively high speeds, and he offered to provide electrical. Chief Kay said they could do so, there was no need for electrical, as the sign runs for several days on the battery.

Jeff Ames & Steve Welch, discussed with the Board, the offer of donated property to the Fire Department made by the Comstellers. Jeff said the offer has been taken off the table and they are not sure it can be corrected at this point. Steve Welch said the Comstellers were not happy with the 15% penalty, as the Comstellers felt was a poor decision on the part of the Board. The second thing was the Young's property that sold for \$1,100, the assessment for it was for much higher and felt it could have been sold for much more. Steve said the property in question which sold, the town has tried to sell for a long while. Steve said in terms of the 15%, the Town was advised they must apply the penalty. Both Steve Welch and Jeff stated they were only here to inform the Board of the situation. Steve Davis stated that this Board of Selectmen will not be pressured to act differently than what they feel they should be doing. Steve Davis stated he feels badly that this has happened, and thanked them for their service to the town. And said that he is sorry that the board apparently did something to change the offer of land, but in looking back, that they would not have done anything differently. Steve Welch said it was a generous offer, it has been withdrawn, and this was just an official update to let the Board know. Kay Bailey asked for clarification about the 15%. Francis said he thinks it should be reiterated that the decision to withdraw the offer of land has nothing to do with the an abatement.

Jeff addressed the brush pile at the Transfer Station. He stated that due to some of the materials that the Ranger saw in the pile, and because it's a commercial burn, he cannot issue a permit. There can be no painted or treated materials on commercial burn.

Jeff stated there is a good size training event this weekend. It is put on by GotBigWater, and will have training on rural water supply, pump training, flow testing etc.

Steve Davis said he wanted to discuss town bridge washing. Jeff stated that there is no training benefit involved, and therefore the Fire Department would decline to participate in that. Jeff suggested using the Highway Department could use the 1985 200 gallon pumper on the town bridges for cleaning. He stated they were going to put it to bid. Steve asked that the subject be put it on the agenda next week to discuss. Steve Welch and Jeff stated that it was winterized with antifreeze.

Pete asked Jeff about burn permits. Jeff stated they were giving burn permits, depending on the circumstance.

Steve made a motion to approve a 12 month Time Warner Cable agreement for switching phone services and obtaining a static IP address needed by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. The motion was seconded by Pete and approved. The office Assistant will sign the agreement online (digital forms) on behalf of the Selectmen.

Steve stated the Board has granted a Deferral for Rosemarie Womble. The Board signed a letter of notice to the applicant.

The Board reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Correspondence to a Jacob Rego regarding scrap metal collection.
- 2014 Transfer Station Annual Facility Report
- 2015 Intent to Cut for State of NH, ML 13-04-18 & Heal, ML10-01-02
- 2014 Report of Cut for King, ML 12-04-01 & 12-03-13
- Septic Design for Pine Haven, Rebele, M/L 13-6-2
- Proposal of DA White Excavating Proposal regarding the Beech Hill project

Privilege of the Floor

Francis asked about the salary for the Road Agent. He asked if the Board had made a comment that the \$50k would save the town money, and voiced his opinion regarding past Road Agent's salaries. Steve stated that Francis was on the Board when the Road Agent's hour pay was approved for \$20.00/hr. Steve stated the privilege of the Floor was finished.

Steve requested, and the meeting took a 5 minute break

At 7:32 pm, Steve motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting, seconded by Pete and approved. Donna King discussed a security issue. She notified the Board that in the future, if she is in the building alone in the evening on Tuesday, she may close the office early. No decisions were made. Steve made a motion to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 7:42 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Donna told the Board she will be deeding on May 27.

Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non- Public Minutes (1) of May 12, 2015 Meeting

Present: Steve Davis, Pete Santom and Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting 1

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's May 19, 2015

Present:

Also Present:

No Meeting was held.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting of May 26, 2015

Present: Steve Davis, Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Mark Stetson, Paul Davis Sr., Ellie Murray, Donna King, Kay Bailey, Janice Thompson, Ken Cilley, Francis Muzzey

Steve motioned to open the meeting at 6:01 pm, seconded by Pete and approved. The Board reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Payroll and vendor payments
- Meeting Minutes of 05/12/15
- Abatement for 2014P1, Lofton, Womble
- Notices to property owners regarding overdue Report of Timber Cuts
- Refund for Core Logic
- Amended Septic Design for Godfrey
- Septic Design for Camp Pemi
- Review/sign Notices to abutters regarding Beech Hill Project

Donna King discussed with the Board the upcoming filing of Deeds for 3 Properties. The Board agreed to waive the deeding of one of the properties, in which the owner owes approximately \$161.00, and has sent a check for this amount. The remaining 2 properties the Board decided not to waive, and these will go to Deed.

Mark Stetson, from Avitar was in attendance and spoke with the Board and Paul Davis Sr. regarding the taxation of campers; those located in officially designated campground and those located on private properties. The discussion included the applicable RSA, the definition of being a state recognized campground, and the determination of campers being used as seasonal dwellings and the timeframe for the determination. Mark stated if camper is set up on April 1, it is taxable. Steve asked for the definition of "set up". Mark said that set up would mean it is set up on the site to be used as a seasonal dwelling, and set up for use, where it would be used for someone to stay in for weekend etc. Mark also discussed the topic of a camper being used for storage. Steve summarized that it was Avitar's observation that it (Paul Davis Jr's camper) was set up for use. Mark said yes. He also discussed with Paul his ability to move the camper away from the set up site after the season, and return it to the site *after* April 1.

Steve talked about his campers, he uses them, and sets them up for winter seasonal site. Mark said it is their understanding that they are not used. Steve stated that they probably need to gather together and let the legislature know of the issues the new law causes. Mark said the legislature is aware of the problem created, he presented to legislature with examples and let the committee know a problem would be created.

Francis asked about OHRV, road layout, stating that Beech Hill Road was not a layed out road. Francis asked for an update on the subject of maintenance on Mica Mine Road. Steve asked the AA if we have heard back from legal. I reminded him the next step was for someone to petition to reclassify the road, and schedule a meeting, with a 30 day notice to the abutters of the road. Francis next asked Chris about a statement he made previously regarding the Road Agents salary pay, stating that Chris had said it would save the town money. Francis stated that due to past budgeted salaries, this statement was a fabrication. Chris stated that he does recall the statement, but felt that the Road Agent is worth it.

Kay Bailey asked the Board if there were roads in Wentworth that allowed the use of a dirt bike. Francis stated that if registered, they can travel on class 5 roads. Kay voiced her concerns of a dirt bike she noticed traveling by her property recently.

The Board discussed and decided to have a Working Meeting regarding the Village Common Bridge next week. Chris said he will not be here.

Steve motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee at 6:58 pm, seconded by Pete and approved. The Board met with John Emery and Adrian Smith to discuss Adrian's application for the open position at the Highway Department. The Board stated they would leave it up to John as the supervisor of the Highway Department to make the decision. John recommended Adrian for the position, pending favorable outcome of drug testing and criminal background check. Adrian will also need to obtain his CDL license. John stated there would be a 90 day probationary period. Adrian stated he would like to give a 2 week notice at his current place of employment. Steve motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:20 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

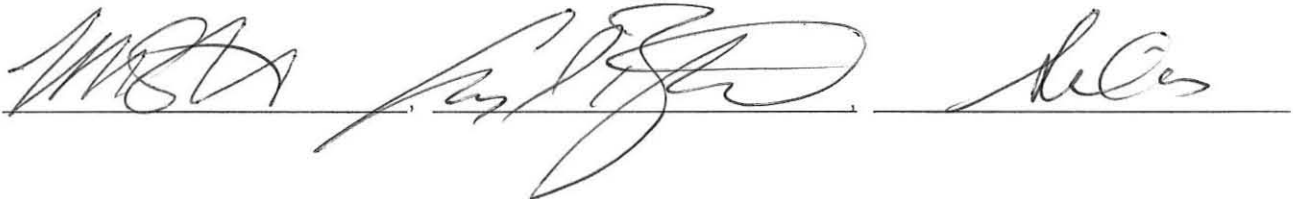
Steve motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting at 7:20 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II(d) – Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. The Board reviewed and discussed offering a town owned deeded property to the public for sale. The Board wishes to speak with an Auctioneer regarding their services. Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

The Board returned to the public meeting and announced the decisions made at the Non-Public meetings.

Steve motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

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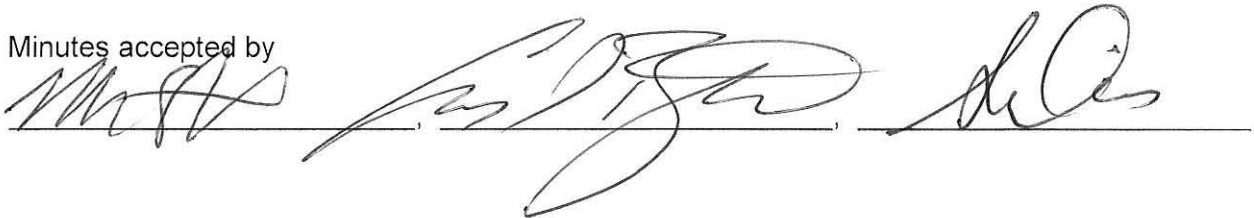
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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non- Public Minutes (2) of May 26, 2015 Meeting

Present: Steve Davis, Pete Santom, Chris Bassingthwaite and Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting 2

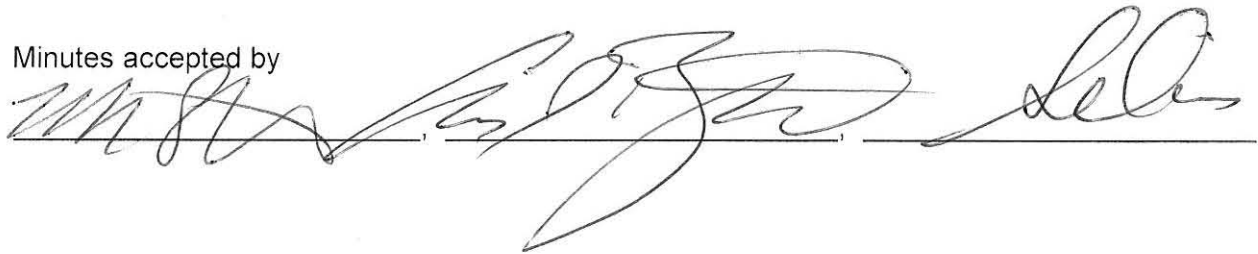
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Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

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