

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting of March 01, 2016

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

Also Present: George Morrill, Kay Bailey, Janice Thompson, Ellie Murray, Francis Muzzey, Palmer Koelb

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

Steve said he attended the meeting in Concord regarding House Bill #1396, Title: relative to OHRV operation on certain highways in Grafton County, and believes the bill will pass.

Chief Wally Trott stated that there was a fire in town last week. Everyone in the residence was ok. They checked with the family the following day, and Red Cross did a fantastic job assisting the family.

Janice Thompson requested a copy of the Q&A's from legal regarding ownership and liability issues related to the Bridge. The Board discussed the request and handed out some copies to those in attendance. Steve stated that the Town should lease the abutments once in place from the Friends of the Park for \$1.00. Chris clarified that this does not pass any maintenance responsibility. Steve said this does not create a contract. Some in attendance stated their desire to have the decision brought forth to the town residents, concerns of liability, and ATV's and snow mobiles being allowed to cross the bridge. Steve made a motion that the Board agree that once we have the abutments in place that the town agree to a 99 year lease to Friends of Wentworth Parks and Recreation for the abutments for the Bridge over Baker Falls. Such lease agreement will be subject to town legal review. The motion was seconded by Chris and Pete and approved.

George stated that the 250th Celebration group is planning a Veteran's dinner to be held on April 2, at the Wentworth Congregational Church, and stated that any veterans that wanted to attend are welcome.

Chris spoke about Transfer Station research he has done regarding the recycling and hauling. His recommendation would be for this year to put recyclables in the trash compactor, with the exception of cans. He feels that the town will save a significant amount of money this year. The Board discussed the fact that the Warrant Article currently has budgeted for the removal of recyclables and discussed whether to reduce this amount if the town decides not to recycle for the remainder of the year, or to leave the amount budgeted as is, and any unspent monies in this account be turned back to the town next year. Chris stated he has spoken with Warren, and they are no longer recycling. He stated that Vermont has passed a law that all of VT must recycle which NH does not currently have.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

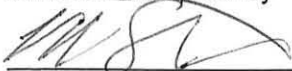
- Meeting Minutes of February 16
- Warrant for Timber OP 15-475-13
- letter to DOT regarding posting of bridge on N. Dorchester
- Credit Application for O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Veterans Credit Application
- 2016 Upper Valley Humane Society Agreement
- 2015 Annual Facility Report

Kay Bailey also mentioned a small area on Pond Brook road that has washed out and suggested that the Town wait to repair until after mud season.

Steve motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 7:04 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's Working Meeting of March 08, 2016

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 March 15, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Peter Santom, Ray Youngs and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Chip Stata, Cheryl Helfrich, Kay Bailey, Janice Thompson, Arlene Patten, Palmer Koelb, George Morrill, Donna King, Randy Rugar, Francis Muzzey

Chris motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Chris congratulated and welcomed the new Selectmen, Ray Youngs. Ray took the Oath given by Chris. The Board selected Chris as the Chairman. Pete made a motion to accept Chris as chairman, seconded by Ray and approved.

Ray told the audience a bit about himself and his family, his past/present work and their desire to settle into Wentworth and desire to get involved in the Town.

Chris discussed the Zero Sort. He has received 3 quotes, and Whitcher's prices are the lowest. There will be some increase in the cost for disposal by tonnage for the C&D, but a decrease in cost per pull. Whitcher will bring in a somewhat bigger container, which will help offset the amount of pulls. Chris said we will look into bailers in the future. Whitcher has provided a 1 year agreement, which includes the container for the first year with no extra charge to the Town. Chris stated that Casella will move all containers on Thursday and Whitcher will move their containers in on Friday. The Board reviewed and signed the 1 year agreement with Whitcher.

Chris said the Board will also sign a renewal George Hill's police officer appointment with the Town.

Chris stated they have received a lot of notices regarding logging trucks traveling on posted roads. Chris has spoken with Conn Valley regarding the problem. Conn Valley stated they have had an investigation into some of their sabotaged equipment. Chris said he has shared the reports of logging trucks traveling on posted roads with our Road Agent.

Pete stated that he will not be at the March 29th Selectmen's Business meeting.

The Board reviewed and/or signed payroll and vendor payments as well as the following:

- Meeting Minutes of March 1
- Timber Refund of Bond for Heal
- 2015 Annual Transfer Station Facility Report
- 2015 Public Works Mutual Aid Program Agreement
- Event Application for George Peterson
- Timber Warrant, Rebele, ML 13-6-2, OP#15-475-10

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter received from Jen Meade requesting the Town consider placing the electrical wires for the Bandstand under the south road at the common and utilize the Fire Department for electricity. No decision was made.

The Board opened up the meeting for Privilege of the Floor. Palmer Koelb stated that square dancing is held every first Friday of every month. He stated that the last group that used the Town Hall a couple of weeks ago used a lot of wood and left the Hall in poor condition, and he credited George Morrill in assisting with sweeping and cleaning it. He suggested the Board

consider a deposit on the Town Hall when being used. Francis also agreed that a deposit be held until the event has occurred and been checked would be a good idea. The Board discussed reviewing and updating the Event Application Form.

Janice Thompson stated she would like to see the work regarding the Town Hall move forward such as the well and septic. The Board discussed the using the existing septic at the Historical Society. Francis stated he believes the first step should be to obtain a formal permission from the Historical Society. George said water is turned off at the Historical Society, because they don't keep the heat on. The Board discussed contacting a septic designer, Pete said he will contact Mr. Merluzzi.

Chip said he noticed in the past Board meetings, there was an undertone of trying to be transparent with the audience, such as letting the audience know what documents they are reviewing and signing. He also said that Joh Millican used to state before going into a Non-Public meeting the subject matter of anything non-sensitive.

Chris stated that they were reviewing an Event Application submitted by Kevin Kay and Kerry Bassingthwaite for an adult kickball team social event. Chris stated he will ask Kevin to sign the application and told the Board and audience that anyone interested, ages 12-adult, in playing should contact either Kevin or Kerry.

Francis stated he wanted to again bring to the Board's attention that he has noticed the Highway Department at Shawnees, the Burning Bush during working hours. He also stated his opinion that time clocks be used for employees. Donna King stated that the matter was addressed in 2008, and she is not required to use a time clock. Chris stated it is not the Board's intent to micro manage departments.

Chris made a motion to sign an agreement with Witcher for trash and C&D removal. The motion was 2nd by Ray and approved. The Board signed the agreement. Chris discussed the transfer station gate lock. He stated that after the containers have been switched out, they will place a new lock on the gate.

The Board discussed whether they will have a Working Meeting next week and decided no working meeting will held.

Pete 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 7:12 pm, seconded by Ray and approved. The Board met with Arlene Patten. Pete motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:28 pm, seconded by Chris and approved

Chris motioned to adjourn the Public Meeting at 7:28 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Non-Public Minutes (1) of March 15, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Peter Santom, Ray Youngs and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Arlene Patten

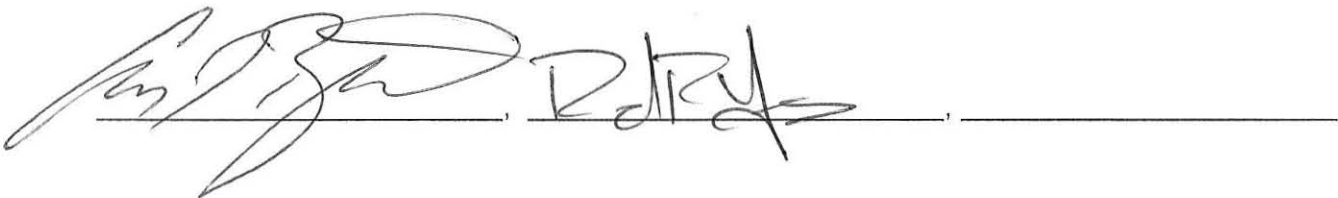
Pete motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee at 7:12 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

The Board met with Arlene Patten regarding the Administrative Clerk position. The Board extended an offer to her, and Arlene accepted.

Pete motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:28 pm, seconded by Chris and approved

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's Working Meeting of March 22, 2016

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 March 29, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Ray Youngs and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Chip Stata, Kay Bailey, Janice Thompson, Arlene Patten, Palmer Koelb, Donna King, Ellie Murray, George Morrill, Roland Bixby, Ruth Cail, Corrine Cormiea, Carmen Menard, Mary Cody

Ray motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed payroll and vendor payments. The Board also reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of March 15
- Report of Cut for Gerlich, and Tatham
- Gravel Excavation for King
- Extension of Timber Cut for King and Anderson
- Intent to Cut for Downing, Tatham and King
- Application for Elderly exemption for Garrett
- Employee review/pay increase Corso, Smith
- Tax Collectors MS-232 report
- Refunds for Pike and CitiFinancial
- Abatements for Mazzaglia Trust, Patterson and Bonarrigo
- Notice of Intent to tax building on land of another

Donna presented the Board with the MS-123, Report of Town/City/Village Officials. The Board reviewed and signed the Report.

Chris discussed recycling at the Transfer Station. Chris stated that the town is no longer doing Zero Sort. They will continue to offer recycling of cans and bottles marked with 5 or 10 cents. All other recycles will be disposed into the trash compactor. Chris stated it is not feasible for the town to do zero sort at this time given the increased costs. He stated they received quotes from a few vendors, and Whitcher is cheaper and local. Chris stated it is currently cheaper to make new products creating less pollutants than to reuse the plastic. Chris discussed the savings and we are now using the correct PSI on the trash compactor. Whitcher has put in a 50 yd instead of the 40 yd we had for C&D, and we will save some money on hauls. We are polluting less. He also noted that the Town does have some money in the Capital Reserve and we can look into a baler. He has spoken with Warren and they may be willing to share the costs of some items such as a baler. Palmer said some years ago they went to Bridgewater who had state of art set up, and he encouraged the BOS to look at their set up. Chris also stated they have changed the lock at the Transfer Station gate, as too many people had the combination. George asked if they are still looking for a volunteer for Pemi-Baker Solid Waste representative. Chris said they are and the Town would love to have him do that if he is willing. George stated he believes they have some grants and so forth towards recycling equipment.

Roland Bixby discussed with the Board the upcoming 250th celebration, a country gospel musical to be held Sept 10th at the church on the Common. He stated they have about 30 musicians lined up for the event. He spoke of expenses, and Chris suggested he contact the 250th celebration group to discuss funds, as they do have some monies, and to let the Board know. George said there is a spot on the town website that speaks of the upcoming dates.

Carmen Menard, Branch Manager of Passumpsic Savings Bank and Mary Cote, VP Business Banking Developer discussed banking services that the Passumpsic Bank might have to offer to the Town. Chris asked what towns they work with and where they are located. Carmen stated that their main branch is in VT, the closest bank for Wentworth would be Littleton. Ray stated he would like to read through the info they gave him, and then speak with them afterwards. Ray shared his contact information. The Board thanked them for their time.

Janice asked about the old Town Hall and whether they are doing anything with it. Chris said that he and Chief Trott went to the Town Hall last week due to a broken window, which they think was maybe broken due to a vehicle or weather. Chris stated he had not been in the Town Hall before and stated he was very disappointed in the condition of the building. The biggest concern is the bathroom facilities. Chris stated that due to the poor conditions, they have sealed off the 2 seater outhouse until other arrangements can be made. Palmer and Ellie stated they need an outhouse by Friday for the scheduled Square Dancing. Chris summarized concerns listed in 2007 that have never addressed, which included the dangers of pot belly stoves, the flammables located upstairs, (the Board discussed chaining off the second floor to the public) flammable stage curtains and the handicap ramp. Ray stated that they need to review what the needs are, and put something out to the people of the Town and get feedback. The Board discussed looking into costs for a porta potty and the possible use of the Town Hall Capital Reserve to pay for costs. King Forest Industries is hosting an event at the Town Hall on Thursday, and they usually rent their own porta potty. The AA offered to contact them to see if the Town could use the porta potty for the Town's square dancing event on Friday.

Janice Thompson inquired about the notation on the agenda referring to the Notice of Intent to tax of property upon land of another. The AA explained it was a notice being sent to a property owner of the RSA that allows the Town to tax property such as a RV or camper which belongs to someone else but may be situated upon the land of another property owner.

Corrine Cormiea discussed with the Board her concerns regarding North Dorchester Road. She stated the road is in poor condition due to a logging/timber project. The Board said there is little they can do, as the road was not posted when the loggers traveled upon it.

The Board reviewed and approved an updated Event Application review draft. The new forms calls for a \$20.00 non-refundable usage fee, and a \$30.00 key (if using the Old Town Hall) and damage deposit. The damage deposit will be returned following the event if the area is left in good clean condition. Chris made a motion to accept the updated Event Application form, seconded by Ray and approved.

The Board reviewed the septic operation approvals from DES regarding Hannon, ML 5-3-2.

The Board reviewed and discussed Jen Meade request/inquiry regarding electrical wiring at the Bandstand on the common.

Chief Trott was in attendance and stated he had no status update from the PD.

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (1) at 7:50 pm, per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee, seconded by Ray and approved. The Board met with Arlene Patten and discussed the Administrative Clerk position. No decisions were made. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 8:02 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (2) at 8:02 pm, per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) – Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled, seconded by Ray and approved. The Board discussed ongoing

legal matters. No decisions were made. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 8:28 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (3) at 8:29 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) – Dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employees or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted, seconded by Ray and approved. The Board discussed a salary increase of the Chief and supporting officers. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:25 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

The Board announced the decisions made in the Non-Public Meeting (3), and Chris motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 8:45 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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Non-Public Minutes (1) of March 29, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Ray Youngs and Catherine Stover

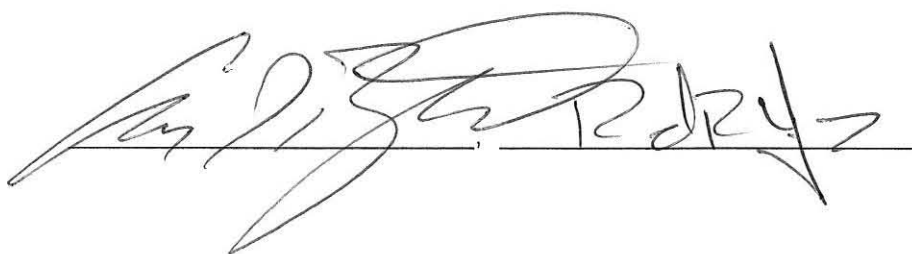
Also Present: Arlene Patten

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (1) at 7:50 pm, per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee, seconded by Ray and approved. The Board met with Arlene Patten and discussed the Administrative Clerk position. No decisions were made.

Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 8:02 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Non-Public Minutes (2) of March 29, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Ray Youngs and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Chief Wally Trott

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (2) at 8:02 pm, per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) – Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled, seconded by Ray and approved.

The Board discussed ongoing legal matters. No decisions were made.

Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 8:28 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Non-Public Minutes (3) of March 29, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Ray Youngs and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Chief Wally Trott

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (3) at 8:29 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee, seconded by Ray and approved. The Board discussed salary increase of the Chief and supporting officers. Chris stated that Chief Trott has surpassed their expectations, and they very much appreciated the support that he gives to the Town. Chris motioned to increase Chief Trott's hourly patrol wages to \$25.00/hr, effective 03/28/16. The motion was seconded by Ray and approved.

Chris also discussed raising the officer's hourly rates to \$22.00/hr, due to the expertise of the officers, to be effective 03/28/16.

Chief Trott also discussed hiring his wife, Martha Trott for administrative duties. The salary will be \$100.00/month. Chris motioned to approve the request, seconded by Ray and approved.

Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 8:45 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

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