

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting &
1st Budget Workshop
January 02, 2018

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Tracy Currier and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Sharon Sanborn,
Kevin Gilbert, George Morrill, Doug Campbell, Chip Stata

The Selectmen agreed that next Meeting would be on **January 9th at 5:00 pm**, for the Second Budget Workshop Meeting.

Chris motioned to open the Budget Workshop Meeting at 5:15 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

First Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes:

Chief Ames, canceled for the preliminary budget for the Fire Dept. He was unable to make the meeting.

The Webster Memorial Library Trustees presented a preliminary budget. They agreed that the budget still needed some work, and should be finalized soon. The Selectmen agreed that there was some work needed, and stated they were doing a great job.

Chief Trott, presented the Police Dept. preliminary budget. He stated he would have a small increase in the budget, rough figure, of \$2500, which would be approximately a \$2.15 increase per year, to each tax payer. The Chief did mention that he wanted to fine tune the budget and would present the final in next week or two.

Chris motioned to come out of the Budget Workshop at 6:00 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Business Meeting:

Chris motioned to open the Business Meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

The Selectmen agreed that next Meeting would be on January 9th at 5-7:00 pm, for the Second Budget Workshop Meeting.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Vendor/Payroll Checks
- Primex Membership Property Liability/Workers Comp
- State of NH DOT approval
- Cap Budget RSA 32:5 A-C
- Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Budget approval "increase"
- Dec. 19th, 2017 Minute approval
- Timber Intent Op #17-475-17 approval
- Abatement Application approval M/L 13-4-20
- McKibben Environmental LLC, required sampling – follow up needed

- NHDES – Chris Gamache, Bureau of Trails-railroad corridor letter / Chris Whitcher work

Chief Trott was invited to give a status update. The Chief mentioned he didn't have a report to hand out, but he's been busy. He's had a couple of domestics, One (1) arrest made, assisted with a fire in the Town of Warren, which was great with mutual aid. He also stated he's been busy with the upcoming budget, trying to keep numbers low.

Arlene Patten, Administrative Assistant gave a status update. Arlene mentioned that permission was granted by the Select Board to allow the local Pemi-Baker Centennial Lions Club to use the Meeting Room on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month. The local club consists of the following Towns; Warren, Wentworth, Rumney, Groton, and Plymouth. Lion's serve and help the local communities in many ways. A posting / invitation was put on the Town's webpage for any resident to join and find out more information as to how they can help or join. Arlene also spoke of an upcoming meeting she was having on the 12th at 9:00 am with FEMA. This will help to finalize and close out the July Storm of 2017.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave a status update on the roads and bridges. He mentioned things were going okay. Icy roads are being cared for, and the new Employee, Andrew Hanley is working out great.

Glenn Campbell, Transfer Station Attendant was unable to make it tonight.

George Morrill mentioned the MS9 was filed with DRA. He also asked the Selectmen if there was a possibility to do a warrant article for Special Needs, under Capital Reserves. He said there was an upcoming School Board Meeting on Monday, at 4:15 pm, if anyone was interested in going.

The Selectmen asked the Administrative Assistant about the Contractual Agreement paperwork on the (WWAS) Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service. Arlene spoke of the new request from WWAS asking for signing of new contract of \$30,400. The Board mentioned that they would like to do a quarterly payment schedule / contract of \$7600, paid at the beginning of each quarter. The Admin. Assistant will call and speak with Robert Clay, president at the WWAS about the Board's request. Chip Stata mentioned to the Board that they should have a warrant to move and close the account of all remaining funds in the Ambulance Capital Reserves, and possibly apply to new contracted amount. The Admin. Assistant will look into this.

George Morrill mentioned he would bring in an updated list on totals of the Capital Reserve Funds at next meeting, for the Ambulance and Transfer Station so that warrant articles could be written. The Board questioned if the Transfer Station testing with McKibben's should continue as often, and is it a state requirement, if so, how often. The Administrative Assistant will look into this.

The Board asked about Avitar deferral of 1 year contract that the Admin. Assistant placed in their folder. A discussion was that the Town of Wentworth usually binds in a contract with Avitar for 3 yrs. and it was noticed that they had only signed the contract for 1 year. After speaking about this with the Administrative, they decided to make a correction, initial and change to a 3 year which offers a savings, and the package includes many benefits such as; updating, digital delivery & mapping. This allows a savings of roughly \$500.

Chip Stata mentioned he had concerns with the Capital Reserve Funds and would like to discuss at Town Meeting about getting a Financial Advisor to help with the investment management. He would like to use someone with more experience to help increase the funds, and he said that the Town of Rumney pays to have this type of investment work done. Mr. Stata also mentioned that he would like to seek legal help with a Tax & Finance Lawyer. He stated the tax id number is invalid (since 1968) and would also like to have Ellie's name removed. Mr. Stata will look into this more. Ms. Kay Bailey was also given permission by the Board of Selectmen to speak with her own attorney about the legalities of this matter, if she so chose too. Mr. Morrill will research a letter from Terry Knowles on the proper wording for a Warrant Article for the Trustees of the Trust Fund, voting for a Financial Advisor.

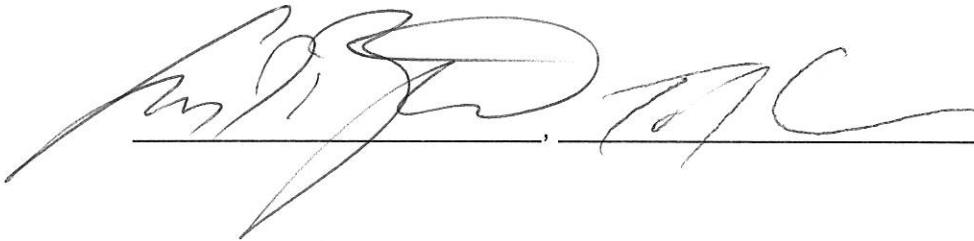
Ms. Bailey questioned if she should write a letter to the AG & Assist. Charitable Director and invite them to meet in person to discuss with the Board of Selectmen, about the Trustees of the Trust Funds, Plummer Funds, Library and Cemetery Funds.

Chris said he would personally make a call to Terry Knowles on Thursday, January 4th around 10:00 am. Chris also said he would personally make a call to NHDOT about Roads and would contact the County Forester for advisement and question fees.

Chris motioned to come out of the Public Meeting and go into the Non-Public at 7:23 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Working Meeting
2nd Budget Workshop
January 09, 2018

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Tracy Currier and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Kevin Gilbert, George Morrill,
Doug Campbell, Francis Muzzey, Chief Ames

The Selectmen agreed that next Meeting would be on **January 16th at 5:00 pm**, for the Third Budget Workshop Meeting, and they had added two Non-Publics.

Chris motioned to open the Budget Workshop Meeting at 5:03 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Second Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes:

Fire Dept. - Chief Ames, presented his budget to the Selectmen. There was a slight increase in the Communications, Heating Oil and propane. The Chief also mentioned because the size of the crew of volunteers he feels that the incentive pay could be raised by a small amount to cover new members. Overall, the Selectmen were pleased and thanked the Chief for a great job in keeping the expenses down to a minimal.

Transfer Station – Glenn Campbell, presented his budget to the Selectmen. He spoke of a rough draft and would finalize by next meeting. He gathered numbers and proposed many good options for recycling, grants, additional help and his desires to make the Transfer Station a money maker, helping to decrease the tax efforts. Mr. Campbell did estimate coming in somewhere around \$61,000 but said it might change a smidgen.

Webster Memorial Library - Trustees, presented a preliminary budget to the Board. They agreed that the budget still needed some work, and should be finalized soon. The Selectmen agreed that there was some work needed, and stated they were doing a great job.

Highway & Streets – Kevin Gilbert, stated there is still work to be done with the Highway Dept. budget and would have something finalized in the next meeting.

Chris mentioned that he attended the school meeting and they are decreasing their budget by roughly \$60,000.

It was agreed that next week, Deb Ziemba, the Tax Clerk / Tax Collector would present her budget.

Chris motioned to come out of the Budget Workshop at 5:45 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to come out of the Public Meeting and go into the Non-Public at 5:50 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 5:50 pm, Chris 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 Tracy and approved. Select Board / Personnel Matter. No decisions were made. Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 6:05 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to go into another Non–Public Meeting at 6:06 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

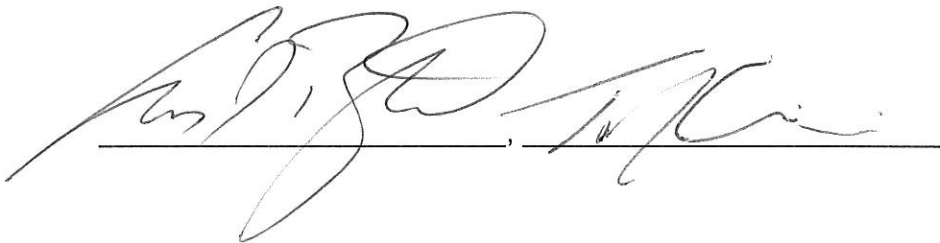
Non-Public Meeting #2

At 6:06 pm, Chris 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 Tracy and approved. Select Board / Personnel Handbook. The Board discussed the need for updating the Employee Handbook. They read, discussed and agreed to change the vacation times for Dept. Heads (only) to receive (2) weeks of vacation upon hire, (after probationary period was completed). The vacation increases would then be (3) weeks @ 5 years and (4) weeks @ 10 years. It must also be an understanding that not more than (2) weeks can be taken at once without the approval of the Selectmen. The Select Board wanted the Administrative Assistant to check and research the FSLA vs Comp. time and check with Tammy on pg. 12 of hand book, for an explanation of employment status & benefits. The Board agrees that the book needs many updates, and a Selectmen’s Working Meeting should be scheduled to take care of some of these needs. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:55 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to adjourn at 7:58 pm and seconded by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:



TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Non-Public Minutes (1) of Jan. 09, 2018

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Tracy Carrier, Arlene Patten
Also Present:

Non-Public Meeting #1

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Select Board / Personnel Matter.

No decisions were made.

Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 6:05 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Non-Public Minutes (2) of Jan. 09, 2018

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Tracy Carrier, Arlene Patten
Also Present: Chief Trott, Kevin Gilbert

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 6:06 pm, Chris 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 Tracy and approved.

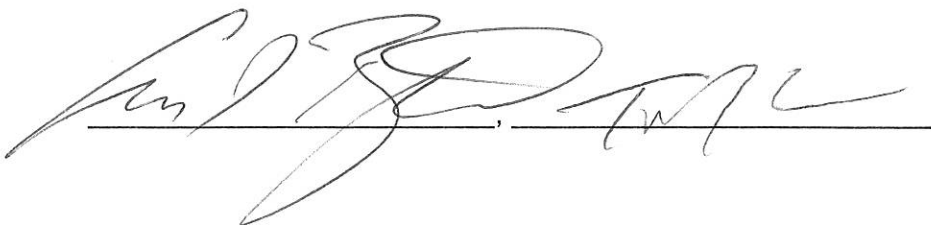
Select Board / Personnel Handbook.

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Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:55 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting
January 16, 2018

Present:

Also Present:

Meeting was Cancelled

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Working Meeting &
3rd Budget Workshop
January 23, 2018

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Tracy Currier and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Deborah Ziemba,
Kevin Gilbert, George Morrill, Francis Muzzey, Glenn Campbell

The Selectmen agreed that next Business Meeting would be on **January 31th at 5:00 pm**, for the Fourth Budget Workshop Meeting, and they added (3) Non-Publics Sessions.

Chris motioned to open the Budget Workshop Meeting at 5:10 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Third Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes:

Tax Clerk / Tax Collector – Deborah Ziemba, presented her budget to the Selectmen. She increased her budget by very little. She has an increased the budget for the Assistant's position. She has decreased her equipment and the fees & licenses has also dropped. Overall there is a \$300. Increase in the budget for her dept. The Board mentioned she was doing a great job and thanked her.

Highway & Streets – Kevin Gilbert, presented his budget to the Selectmen. He discussed how the Medical insurance (\$28,500) was moving from his budget to the Selectmen's budget. A couple of items have been decreased such as; Heat & Electric, the John Deere Grader, Equip. Rental, Shop Tools, Equip. Transportation, and Road Reconstruction due to (\$48,000+) in Governor's State Aid increase for Roads and Bridges (to be used in 2018 only on roads and bridges). We see an increase on the Equipment such as; Freightliner, International, Backhoe, Signs, and Street Lighting. FEMA expenses are separate.

Transfer Station – Glenn Campbell, presented a more thorough budget, rounding his final number to \$65,000. The Board reviewed the budget and told the attendant he was doing a great job and The Board was pleased.

The Selectmen reviewed the Health Agencies request for Appropriations. Three were denied this year to help keep the expenses to a minimal. It was also discussed that approximately 5-6 agencies did not send a request for disbursement of Funds. The Selectmen and residents present, discussed the dollar amounts and it was agreed to decrease all the 2018 Health Agencies Appropriations to half (50%) of the amount that was given last year.

Chris asked the Admin. Assistant to invite the Dollar General Contractor/Engineer to come in for a mitigation / informational hearing and discuss the Sprinkler System too.

Chris motioned to come out of the Budget Workshop at 7:10 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to open go into the Non – Public Sessions at 7:18 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 7:18 pm, Chris 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 Tracy and approved. The Select Board discussed a matter with Francis Muzzey concerning the Trustees of the Trust Funds. The Select Board’s decision is that they agree that the Trustees need to provide detailed minutes of decisions made during the last five years and make them available by February 13, 2018. The Select Board is requesting a detailed accounting report of the Plummer Memorial Fund as in the 2014 and prior Annual Town Reports. The Select Board agreed to sign the petition, along with 10 other residents (Total of 12 registered/confirmed voters) that were present during the public session, in support of and in demand of the above information. Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 7:26 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to go into another Non–Public Meeting at 7:27 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 7:28 pm, Chris 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 Tracy and approved. Kevin Gilbert / Road Complaint. The Select Board discussed a private matter with the Road Agent. Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 7:38 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to go into another Non–Public Meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

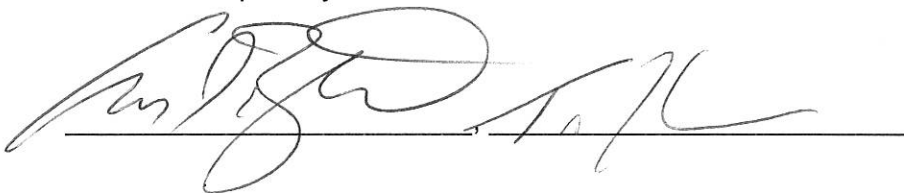
Non-Public Meeting #3

At 7:40 pm, Chris 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 Tracy and approved. Glenn Campbell / Personnel Matter. The Select Board agreed to give a pay raise to Glenn, immediately totaling \$15.00 an hour, no more than 22 hours a week, without prior approval. Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 7:50 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:



TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Non-Public Minutes (1) of Jan. 23, 2018

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Tracy Currier, Arlene Patten
Also Present: Francis Muzzey

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 7:18 pm, Chris 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 Tracy and approved.

The Select Board discussed a matter with Francis Muzzey concerning the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

The Select Board's decision is that they agree that the Trustees need to provide detailed minutes of decisions made during the last five years and make them available by February 13, 2018. The Select Board is requesting a detailed accounting report of the Plummer Memorial Fund as in the 2014 and prior Annual Town Reports. The Select Board agreed to sign the petition, along with 10 other residents (Total of 12 registered/confirmed voters) that were present during the public session, in support of and in demand of the above information.

Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 7:26 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Non-Public Minutes (2) of Jan. 23, 2018

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Tracy Currier, Arlene Patten
Also Present: Kevin Gilbert

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 7:28 pm, Chris 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 Tracy and approved.

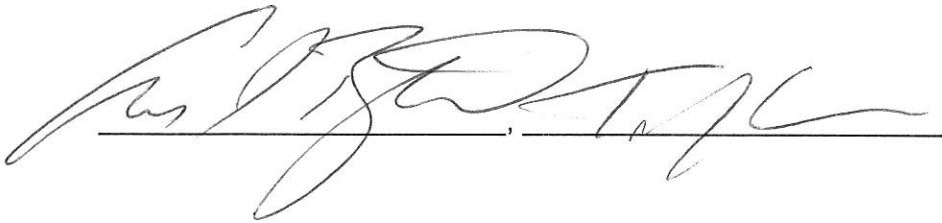
Kevin Gilbert / Road Complaint.

The Select Board discussed a private matter with the Road Agent.

Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 7:38 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Non-Public Minutes (3) of Jan. 23, 2018

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Tracy Carrier, Arlene Patten
Also Present: Glenn Campbell

Non-Public Meeting #3

At 7:40 pm, Chris 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 Tracy and approved.

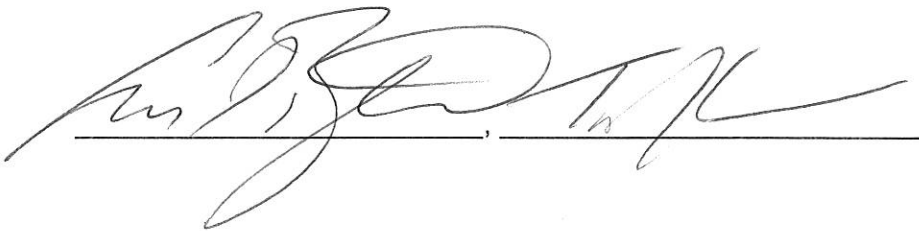
Glenn Campbell / Personnel Matter.

The Select Board agreed to give a pay raise to Glenn, immediately totaling \$15.00 an hour, no more than 22 hours a week, without prior approval. They also discussed a renewal of certification on another employee. The Boards decision is to not renew.

Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 7:50 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:



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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting &
4th Budget Workshop
January 30, 2018

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Raymond Youngs, Tracy Currier and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Sharon Sanborn, Nina Slocum, Marni Kozak, Peter Kozak, Jeff Ames, Susan Judd, Elaine Kinder, Francis Muzzey, Tuula Pihlajavesi, Kenny Moore, John Comeau, Dan Nelson, Gayle Paige, Amy Downing, Anthony Adamsky, Susan Corbett, Arnie & Sonia Scheller, Nancy Shedrick John Vlk, Craig Pasco, R. Pete Chierichetti, Duane & Jenn Brown, Kevin Gilbert, George Morrill, Glenn Campbell, and Corey Cormiea. (Apologies for those that are missing and/or not signed in) Special Guest - Austin Turner, with Bohler Engineering-Dollar General Project.

The Selectmen agreed that next Meeting would be on **February 6 at 5:00 pm**, for the A quick budget update/review Meeting prior to **The Public Budget Hearing, which is scheduled for February 7th, @ 5:00 pm.**

Chris motioned to open the Budget Workshop at 5:20 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Fourth Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes:

The Select Board briefly discussed the Capital Reserve Funds, and their agreement on keeping the CR Fund amounts the same \$164,000. They will not decrease or do away with that will only help in the future.

There was a brief discussion mentioned on the Old Town Hall and if the Town's people felt they wanted to table the subject another year or if they strongly felt they wanted to fix the historical building.

Selectman, Raymond Youngs, discussed the General Taxation Rate, and a need for better understanding. He would like to look into why the tax rate went so high and what the contributions to that were. He will bring info to the next meeting, in hopes of getting a clearer understanding for the Town residents.

The Selectmen agreed they would finalize the Budget/Warrant Article Workshops on February 6th, prior to the Public Budget Hearing held on February 7th.

Chris motioned to come out of the Budget Workshop at 5:58 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Business Meeting:

Chris motioned to open the Business Meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Vendor/Payroll Checks Library Appropriations 2018
- Letter from Terry Knowles
- NH Association of Assessing Officials
- NH Office of Strategic Initiatives – Floodplain Management Program
- NH Humane Society Contract for 2018
- Business Meeting Minutes 11/21/17
- Granite State Power Link Thank you
- NH Dept. of Safety – (No Threat) Letter about If You See Suspicious Activity
- NH Healthy Homes – Safe Practice
- NH Municipal Association

Chief Trott was invited to give a status update. The Chief mentioned everything has been going great. No real big issues, basically everything remains the same and well.

Selectman, Chris asked Mr. Muzzey how things were going with the Board Meetings, for the Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service. Mr. Muzzey said they are doing well and mentioned that the Ambulance Service would like to keep the contract as written, for a (1) onetime payout in full (\$30,400) at the beginning of April. He went on to say that the Service is at a much better financial state, but does have some payments still owed to the IRS on back taxes. He also mentioned that the Service would like to apply for some grants, and cannot do so until the payments are up to date and nothing is owed to the Government.

Arlene Patten, Administrative Assistant gave a status update. She mentioned that things have been quite busy in the office with the 2018 Budget and Warrant Articles being finalized. Once completed they will need to be approved by the New Hampshire Dept. of Revenue Administration. She says the Annual Report Book is also in the final stages before going to print.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave a status update on the roads and bridges. He mentioned the roads have been very icy lately and are being sanded well.

Invitation to Speak

The Select Board invited and welcomed Austin Turner, Bohler Engineering Representative to come forward to give the Town's residents, a status update on the Dollar General project on the (corners of Rt. 25 & Rt. 25A, aka: Pease/Blodgett property) and answer a few questions.

Austin Turner came forth with a few items to include; his septic design and project plan drawings. He did begin with thanking the public, for allowing him the time to discuss this project, and he would do his best to answer the questions brought forth.

One major concern in the audience was; is he aware of a drainage problem on the corner, the culvert that is currently there, and the issues with standing water on the surrounding properties? Mr. Turner answered by informing the people that he did many hours of evaluating and making plans on how to protect that lot of land with the runoff waters / drainage by installing a big cistern that would put the water back into the ground. He says he's responsible to do a study on assessing and reporting to the State. He also mentioned that testing was done and that area of property has good sand and gravel for filtration. Mr. Ames asked if he was aware of Fire Sprinkler codes. Mr. Turner answered yes. He said the Dollar General Bldg. was <10,000 sq. ft. and that the building is approx.

7500 sq. ft. (85'x85') in size. The property is on roughly 8/10ths of an acre. Mr. Turner went on to say the project will begin sometime around April(ish) and take approx. 4 months to complete.

Some other questions that were asked of him were:

- What will the hours of operation be for the Dollar General and how many employees would there be? Answer: 8:00 am until 10:00 pm. and it's his understanding a building of this size would probably have 2-3 employees, at a given time.
- Where is the front side and back sides of the building in correlation to the property layout and will there be security lighting and where? Answer: He removed the plans to show where the sides of building plans were and discussed the locations of security lighting and how they will affect the traffic and property abutters. The lighting will have a shield above to point lighting down and out.
- Will there be a fence around the property to keep patrons and small children away from other property abutters and their pets, such as a horse, in the abutting field? Answer: He will look into this more.
- Who is the actual owner of this project? Answer: Liscotti Development (owns property) – Andrew Comolo, can be reached at 1-978-466-6661, Dollar General is leasing from Liscotti Development.
- Is the State of NH DOT aware of this project? Answer: Yes, Roger (can't remember last name) works for District 2 NHDOT in Lebanon, NH. The Admin. Assistant made mention that she has the name and will give it out if needed.
- What will the Building look like, what type of material will be used and can it be made more aesthetically pleasant for this area of Town? Answer: I'm not sure if they can change the look. I will have to check into this. The materials and the design is already prepared, and is for a Brown / Beige building. This lot will have a Brick-like, metal fabrication style building, with an appearance of a Standard, Dollar General and a standard sign.
- What did the Town of Bristol do to get their look more appealing? Answer: Not sure. It was mentioned in the audience that maybe someone would like to look into this, and how they went about the changes.
- Will you (Austin Turner) get back with us on the questions you could not answer today? Answer: Yes, He said he was jotting down the questions and would get back with the answers. He then passed out his business cards. To a dozen or so concerned residents.

The Selectmen invited Duane Brown, State House Representative to speak. Mr. Brown says the HB 865 bills in House and the HB 561 is back to vote. He feels cautiously optimistic that the state will kill it. The Board thanked him for the update.

The Selectmen invited Pete Kozak to speak on behalf of the Friends of Wentworth. Their concerns are with a NH Electrical Coop pole placement on East Side Road on Gayle Paige's property. Gayle stated she was not aware and did not give permission to anyone to place the pole there. The Administrative Assistant spoke at length with NHEC and they stated this is a project with NHDOT and a completion of a Bridge project. The pole had been moved at the beginning of the Bridge project and the State DOT and NHEC agreed the best place to return the pole is where they placed it. NHEC says that with a corner in the area, they felt the pole was at the best place for the electrical wires. NHDOT claims 60' for Right of Way and did not need the property owner's permission.

The Friends of Wentworth asked the Selectmen to work with them in changing what has been done. The Friends asked that the Board support them in their efforts of getting the pole moved

back and out of the way. The pole placement is in the way of the parking / picnic area, that had been in preparation for the Spring/Summer 2018 Season. The Select Board said they were not against them and would support the plans to have the pole moved back and out of the way.

The Select Board opened up for Privilege of the Floor

Peter Kozak mentioned that he would like to discuss another issue if he may. The Select Board invited him to speak once again. He mentioned an issue with speeding vehicles on the Wentworth Village Road (aka: Town Common) and how the State wasn't able to do anything but since it's a Town Road now, would the Board, please consider dropping the speed limit from 30 mph to something lesser. The Board discussed this and its dangers for such speed. They had no idea that it was 30mph. Chris made a motion to change the speed limit on the Wentworth Village Road (in front of Fire Station / US Post Office, down to the Friendship Bridge) to 15 mph. They said that they would look into the statue and thanked The Friends for bringing it to their attention.

Chris motioned to come out of the Public Meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to adjourn at 8:11 pm and seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

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