

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Meeting
September 04, 2018

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Meeting
Town Elections
of September 11, 2018

Present: Douglas Campbell, Raymond Youngs, and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Kevin Gilbert

Meeting Location: Wentworth Elementary School

Doug motioned to open the meeting at 6:05 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.
The Board reviewed the Agenda and approved as written.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Payroll and Vendor Checks
- Webster Library Trustee letter about septic/sinkhole
- FEMA fact sheets on July Storm damage
- Certified Computer Solutions, items for budget
- Correspondence for Select Board
- Grafton County Sheriffs Dept.
- Medical return to work note for an employee

Elections – No Privilege of the Floor

Doug questioned Kevin Gilbert about the trucking fees for Chief Crushing and what the price comparisons were.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent asked for permission to speak to the Board about the Town's owned, backhoe issues and the quote he was given from Nortrax to repair the equipment. Gilbert went on to say that it was approx. \$17,300. for the transmission repairs and approx. an additional \$5000. to fix the brakes. Currently the Town is renting a backhoe at a monthly rate of \$3200. The Board discussed with Gilbert about the options that were presented with trade-in vs. hard parts to fix the transmission. Gilbert reiterated that he mentioned two years ago when he joined the Highway Dept. that the Town should consider doing something with the aged backhoe before it became costly. Nortrax discussed with Gilbert a discounted cost, trade in fee, and options of a fix for the current Town owned backhoe. Gilbert stated he told Nortrax he couldn't make that decision and he would bring that information back to the Board. Nortrax offered to come to a meeting to discuss with the Board if they desired. Chair Selectman Doug, made a motion to fix the John Deere transmission with new and do the brake job, seconded by Ray and approved.

Gilbert mentioned to the Board that he took a gentleman around from North Country Council (UNH Technology Dept.) who's working on a study and did an Inventory Assessment on the Road Surfaces (paved only) in Wentworth. The report of study will be shared with the Town, once complete.

The Administrative Assistant discussed with the Select Board an application that must be completed for the Bridge/Culvert on Cross Road, due to the flooding, storm damage back in Oct. 2017. The emergency work had been completed, despite the absence of an Emergency Authorization permit in place. In addition, the NHDES is now requesting that an "After the Fact" application be completed. The Administrative Assistant stated she needed assistance with this process, and Selectman Ray stated that it was not up to her to complete

this form. The Board agreed, they would make time to complete the application process, even if it was done as a (working meeting), on a Tuesday evening.

Chairman Doug discussed a need for a Dutch Door with a counter, be in place of the current door to the Selectmen's Office. Doug offered to make this and install, as soon as possible. Ray motioned for Doug to provide, make, and install the Dutch door for safety measures, seconded by Doug and approved.

Selectman Ray motioned **to go into a Non-Public Meeting** at 6:36 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:36 pm, Ray 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 Doug and approved. The Selectmen discussed a concern in writing, with proven documentation of a resident's apprehensions with his Tax Lien/Interest amount applied to his bill. Selectman Ray agreed to call NHMA Free Legal to discuss actions that could be taken, if any. Ray motioned to come out of the Non-Public, seconded by Doug and approved.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 6:38 pm and seconded by Doug and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:


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4 DEC 2018

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Meeting
of September 18, 2018

Present: Douglas Campbell, Raymond Youngs, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Palmer Koelb, Arnie Scheller, Tracy Currier, Morgan Currier, Jim Folsom, Austin Turner,

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

The Board reviewed the Agenda and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Corrected - Abatement Applications (4)
- Nortrax Equipment Rental Agreement
- Notice of Septic Acceptance Application M/L 13-3-9
- H & H study for Cross Road Bridge/Culvert (Please choose a Bid)

The Chief gave a brief status update on the Wentworth Police Dept. He spoke of The Wentworth Police Department's recent part in a county wide drug sweep that included 11 local area police departments. This was a well-organized, and planned law enforcement sting called "Operation Northern Alliance". This drug sweep also included the assistance and services off the Grafton County Sheriff's Department, the NHSP NIU, NHSP K-9 Units, NHSP Troop F Detectives and Troopers, NH A.G.'s DTF, DEA NHSP Air Support, Homeland Security and members of the U.S. Marshalls. This drug sweep lasted 2 days and netted 25 felony level arrests, as well as numerous other misdemeanor arrests and further arrests are still pending. Four of the arrest were in Wentworth, three were non-residents, and one was a Wentworth resident. One of those arrest was a felony level drug arrest.

The Select Board Congratulated the Chief and thanked Him for his hard work and attention to this matter.

The Board welcomed Austin Turner, representative from Bohler Engineering to the floor. Mr. Turner was asked upfront as to why he never returned phone calls or reached out to the Select Board with answers to the resident's questions and/or concerns, dated January 30th, 2018 at a Selectmen's Meeting. Mr. Turner apologized and said He had no reply, and doesn't know why he didn't get back with the Town, but apologizes. The residents present, listened and interacted again with questions. Mr. Turner was asked if there was going to be a fence placed between the Dollar General property and the abutting field property, belonging to the Scheller's. He was also asked if a privacy fence could be used, as it was the fence of choice to be used on the Chessey's property side, abutting the Dollar General, and around the dumpster, to keep the same look. Mr. Turner replied no, following with an apology and said that his clients would not agree to the privacy fence. Mr. Scheller mentioned to the Administrative Assistant that he would like it noted in the minutes of the refusal to do so, and that Mr. Turner needed to make himself and his clients aware, that by not placing a fence between the properties, that they were assuming responsibility and liability as a Landowner, and refusing a reasonable commercial endeavor. Mr. Turner said he could not speak for the landowner. A resident asked who was the landowner, and Mr. Turner answered, Liscotti Development, from Leominster, MA. Mr. Turner said he would go back with the request for a privacy fence, and felt uncertain as to what the outcome would be. Chairman Doug mentioned that it is a Good Neighbor Policy or thing to do, and the Landowner should consider making it right with the Town. Mr. Turner thanked him and said he would also mention that to his clients. Mr. Turner was asked to contact the Administrative Assistant with the clients response. He agreed to reply later in the evening or within the next business day.

Ms. Janice Thompson asked the Select Board if the last water testing results had been received. The Board asked the Administrative Assistant who replied, that she had not yet received the results, but would follow up with Lisa Doner at the Baker River Water Shed.

Ms. Thompson also questioned if The Select Board agreed to pay the 2 people who were requesting payment on the Parks and Rec. project. The Board replied that all contractors that worked are aware of the project being donated resources, and no payments had been given.

Selectman Pete announced to the public that he is resigning from the Select Board for personal reasons at the end of the September.

Mr. George Morrill questioned the Board if the backhoe issues and problems could be from excessive traveling and not trailering the equipment, from one end of Town, to the other.

Chairman Doug motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting at 6:18 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:20 pm, Doug 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 Ray and approved. The Selectmen discussed complaints with a resident about the condition of Beech Hill Road after grading was done. He claims rocks the size of footballs were left in the roadway. Another complaint was a question of liability to the Town, for a Vibratory Roller being parked on a hill, on the side of the road, instead of being brought back to Town shed and/or parked off the road on private property with permission. Doug motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 6:25 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 6:26 pm, Doug 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 Ray and approved. The Select Board was questioned on the Town Hall status and wanted to know if the Insurance Claim was completed, and if the Grants were submitted. The Board replied no, to the Insurance Claim and stated that they unsure about the Grants and who was doing that process. Doug motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 6:30 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #3

At 6:31pm, Ray 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 Doug and approved. The Selectmen discussed the position availability for Interim Select Board member. Selectman Ray would like to offer the position to Morgan Currier, who agreed and will be sworn into office on October 2nd, 2018. They asked Morgan a few questions about herself and she replied that she gets along with people, plays nice, doesn't make quick decisions, and said she is comfortable with challenges, they are great and she has no issues with that either. Doug greeted Morgan and said they need a quick learner to deal with law/legal issues and has time to work effectively. Morgan was invited to attend the meeting on Sept. 25, for a Budget workshop, with Tammy Letson, Accountant. Doug motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 6:42 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #4

At 6:45 pm, Doug 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 Ray and approved. The Chief discussed a private matter with the Selectmen regarding an overheard conversation at the Local Store concerning an Employee. This conversation was about personnel issues. Chairman Doug stated he would make a call to the individual and ask Him to come in for a NP meeting with the Board. Doug motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 6:55 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #5

At 6:57 pm, Doug 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 Ray and approved. The Administrative Assistant asked Selectman Ray about a follow up phone call that was made to NHMA Free Legal Attorneys regarding Tax Lien/Interest issues for a resident. Selectman Ray replied, he had not done that yet. Doug motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 6:30 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #6

At 6:58 pm, Ray 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 Doug and approved. The Selectmen discussed a phone conversation with the NHDES. A Meeting will take place in Concord, NH between Mark Stevens and Selectman Ray to discuss a resolution for the Landing Permit / Buffalo Dam issue. On September 20th, 2018. Selectman Ray agreed to bring the information back to the Board on the decision. Ray motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:00 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #7

At 7:01 pm, Ray 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 Doug and approved. The Administrative Assistant submitted her Letter of Resignation to the Board of Selectmen. There was a brief discussion with the Board and Selectman Ray asked that she sign, date and re-submit to the Board. The Administrative Assistant made note of the request and stated she would provide at the next Board meeting. Ray motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:30 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

Chairman Doug motioned to go back into a **Public Session @ 7:30 pm**, seconded by Ray and approved.


Mr. Paul Davis asked where the Board stood with awarding him the pay for his time doing (FEMA) clean up in the Town Parks. He said he understood that he would be paid for his services. He also stated there was nothing told to him about the donated resources, despite what others might have been told, he believed all along that he was getting paid. He would like the Board to figure this out, and get back with him on this matter.

Mr. Davis went on to ask about the Rock Sculpture and when would that be leaving. He gave Nate Miles' name to the Administrative Assistant, saying he showed interest in wanting the sculpture. Mr. Davis offered his help and mentioned that Mr. Comeau agreed to help too. The Administrative Assistant will reach back out to Nate Miles to confirm his interest for the item, and arrange to have it removed. Doug motioned to come out of the Public Session at 7:45 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 7:50 pm and seconded by Doug and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:


4 DEC 2018

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Selectmen's Meeting
September 25, 2018

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