

# TOWN OF WENTWORTH OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

## Minutes Tuesday June 6, 2006 Meeting

Present: John Millican, Randy Morrison, Palmer Koelb, and Debbie Koelb

Also Present: Warren Davis, Ellie Murray, Gini Gove, Francis Muzzey, Kevin Kay, and Kate Rick

Palmer Koelb moved to open the meeting at 6:03 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Palmer began the meeting by stating that Janet Woolner would not be attending the meeting tonight due to illness.

Warren Davis noted that he would like a defibrillator for the town cruiser. It was questioned whether ex-police chief Schneiderhan had ordered a unit prior to his resignation one year ago. Since it appears that no defibrillator was ordered at that time, we are on the list again to receive one. To continue, Warren stated that the first night at the Race Track (May 27) went well. Legion personnel are highly visible and no incidents were reported. Lastly, Warren mentioned that Shawnee's General Store was broken into. No one has been apprehended yet.

Kevin Kay noted that while N.H. Electric Cooperative has been replacing a lot of poles around town, much road-side tree trimming needs to be done. Per Palmer, no trimming is planned at the present time.

Francis Muzzey requested an update on the tax rate. Palmer Koelb said that the Town will be using DRA's system, taxing at last year's rate of \$18.65. A discussion followed.

Kevin Kay wanted to know if any information had been obtained yet on the pandemic, discussed at last week's meeting. Palmer responded not yet.

Francis Muzzey questioned if there was any further information on the donation of culverts to the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service. Palmer replied that the Town of Wentworth will donate the culverts if the Town of Warren will reimburse the Town of Wentworth 50%. In addition, it was noted that the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service should negotiate directly with the Town of Warren and not with Wentworth.

Palmer Koelb read a letter from the Webster Memorial Library which said that wall plaques will be removed from the library walls. These plaques contain the names of veterans from the First & Second World Wars, as well as the Korean War. A discussion ensued as to what should be done with these plaques and where they should be displayed. It was felt that these plaques should not be put into storage. Palmer would like the library personnel to attend a Selectmen's meeting to discuss the plaques.

The Godfrey's septic design was accepted. Palmer sealed, signed and dated the design.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. This was seconded by John and was approved.

Deborah E. Koelb (for Janet Woolner)

Minutes accepted \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

# TOWN OF WENTWORTH OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

## Minutes Tuesday, June 13, 2006 Meeting

Present: John Millican, Randy Morrison, Palmer Koelb and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Gini Gove, Francis Muzzey, Bobby Cass, Chief Warren Davis, Randy Comsteller, Kevin Kay, and Sheila & Gordon Malee

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:00 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved.

Bobby Cass said he would do the groundwork at the Old Town Hall early next week. The contractor will be starting to work on the handicap ramp, sills, etc within the next two weeks. Palmer read a note from a Warren resident commending the Road Agent for the work on Beech Hill Rd.

Chief Davis provided an update on activities in town. Selectmen discussed complaints about inappropriate dancing at the elementary school dances. It was agreed to send a letter of concern to the school board.

Gordon and Sheila Malee talked to Selectmen about replacing the trailer on their property at 35 North Dorchester Road, M/L 13-04-10. Selectmen advised that they may want to review the septic requirements to be sure what they have is adequate and there is no zoning and nothing is needed from the town.

Selectmen clarified that the 1<sup>st</sup> issue taxes will include the updated statistical data and ½ of last years' tax rate of \$18.65. Selectmen reviewed the statistical data and the 1<sup>st</sup> issue Warrant for the Tax Collector.

Selectmen requested a letter be sent to Richard Ducheneau, M/L 07-02-06 requesting the Class VI Rd Release be completed again without crossing out any of the words.

Selectmen approved May 30, 2006 and June 6, 2006 minutes. The motion was made by Palmer, seconded by Randy, and approved by John.

Selectmen signed a driveway permit for Myers M/L 13-03-32, abatement for the tax collector (Thomson M/L 04-05-05), Intent to Excavate for Winterset for work on Rte 25, approved an Event Application for the Wentworth Conservation Commission for 6/21//06, and signed a letter to Dennis Clough M/L 08-13-06A.

Selectmen regretfully accepted the resignation of Police Office Luella Holmes.

Francis Muzzey said there are concerns regarding the Cemeteries in town and he will provide more information at a later time and he referenced RSA 289. Francis also discussed and provided information on non-public meetings.

Palmer moved to cancel the July 4, 2006 Selectmen's meeting. This was seconded by John and approved by Randy.

John moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 8:35 pm to discuss setting compensation for an employee. This was seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer. Palmer moved to come out of non-public meeting at 8:50 pm, which included the above Selectmen and Chief Warren Davis. This was seconded by Randy and approved by John. Palmer moved that the permanent part-time Police Chief Davis would be a salaried position based on a 32-hour workweek. This was seconded by John and approved by Randy.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Janet E. Woolner

Minutes accepted \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

# TOWN OF WENTWORTH OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

## Minutes

### Tuesday, June 20, 2006 Meeting

Present: John Millican, Randy Morrison, Palmer Koelb and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Gini Gove, Francis Muzzey, Chief Warren Davis, Deb Koelb, Randy Comsteller, Kevin Kay, Paul & Beverly Philibert, Aryann Hamilton, Kate Rick, Mike & Maryjo Childers, John Thompson, Jeff Ames, Ann Graves, Rowell Ray, Deb Gelsi, Marian Mills, Jeff & Betty Dube, Margaret DeCotis

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:00 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Randy Comsteller talked about his 2005 assessment and the crushing at the gravel pit. He asked for consideration to adjust the valuation. Selectmen suggested he complete an abatement form.

Mike Childers, M/L 12-01-11 also talked to Selectmen about his assessment.

John Thompson objected to his assessment also.

Ann Graves from Spear Memorial Hospital talked about Pandemic Planning. She said biological emergencies make people sick and the regions and towns need to be prepared. It is estimated that 25% will get sick and more will need medical care. It is expected there will be thousands that die. Adrian flu currently is in underdeveloped countries and if gets here, how will you inform the people if this happens? How will you inform those that may be sick? How will we prepare for and deal with closing schools, the work place, and communicating with emergency personnel (50% of people infected die). The team consists of Plymouth, and surrounding towns to pool resources. The Memo of Understanding allows for a grant (for six months) to help fund the pooling of resources, for vaccine, public information, and emergency management. At this time, there is not a cost to the town but could be later on. It is anticipated that this epidemic would start in the west and move east. Ann said Neal Twitchell would also be available to provide more information. See attachments.

Francis asked about using the Old Town Hall for emergency management situations. Jeff Ames stated, the Operation Centers need to have electric, bathrooms, and be handicap accessible. He advised the plan in place now can accommodate people at the Fire Station and the Wentworth Elementary School.

Deb Gelsi talked to selectmen about a letter she received on June 13, 2006 (dated June 6), requesting she come to a meeting to discuss the timber cut on her property. She demanded to know the name of the person making the complaint about the timber cut. Selectman, John Millican said they would withhold the name until the board speaks to legal counsel. Deb requested RSA information and Selectmen said the information would be available tomorrow. It was also noted that timber was cut before the driveway permit was issued.

Jeff & Betty Dube, M/L 12-02-07 inquired about the new flood maps hoping they will show elevations. They said they were recently Classified as "A" instead of "C" for which they had to pay over \$3,000 extra for flood insurance.

Francis spoke on behalf of Wayne and Margaret DeCotis, M/L 08-12-05 regarding the piece of property auctioned 11/17/05 from the State of New Hampshire and recorded 4/13/06 and requested an abatement for the 1<sup>st</sup> issue tax bill received.

Jim Kirby, previous applicant for the Police Chief position (who declined offer by the town), said he is now available for the position.

Selectmen did view the Mazzaglia the property and will advise the information for counsel.

Selectmen approved a septic design for J. King M/L 11-07-25, signed letters to the Wentworth School Board, the SAU 48, and to Ducheneau M/L 07-02-06. Palmer moved to approve the June 13, 2006 Minutes. This was seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen signed abatements for T. King M/L 11-07-01B, NH Water Resource Bd, M/L 11-07-04A, 13-04-18, 13-01-05, 07-04-07, 11-03-05, 11-03-01A & 07-02-02; and for the Town of Wentworth, M/L 08-08-03, 08-08-02, & 08-11-33.

Selectmen read a letter from the Webster Memorial Library advising they will be connecting the septic on the Fire Department property. They also signed a request for State and Federal Funds.

Palmer moved to sign a revised Supplemental Tax Warrant for the Utilities, and Michaud sub-division M/L 13-06-10, 11-03-06, & 13-06-01. This was seconded by John and approved.

Selectmen reviewed the Avitar Proposal and requested two additional quotes. Selectmen agreed there was no further need for Tyler Works support and will not renew the contract.

Selectmen denied the abatement requests from NHEC because these values were stated by NHEC, and Kat Paw Acres Trust was denied because the Selectmen believe taxes and exemptions are appropriate.

Selectmen will make arrangement to visit the Wentworth Elementary School with Jeff Ames to complete the survey form being requested by the SAU 48.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved.

Janet E. Woolner  
Minutes accepted \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

# TOWN OF WENTWORTH OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

## Minutes Tuesday, June 27, 2006 Meeting

Present: John Millican, Randy Morrison, Palmer Koelb and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Gini Gove, Francis Muzzey, Deb Koelb, Bobby Cass, Randy Comsteller, Aryann & Allan Hamilton, Kevin Kay, Noel King, Rowell Ray, Allan Crossman, Angela Comeau, Nancy Masterson, Helen Ray, Donna Herlihy, Eugene Garrett, Mary Womboldt, Raymond Mack, J.A. Mauchly, and Steven Tatham

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:00 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Bobby updated Selectmen on road issues and discussed with the Selectmen where to put new culverts. Selectmen authorized the purchase of motor oil at \$370.39 for a 55 gal drum.

The Library Trustees talked to Selectmen about the war plaques and wondered if the town had a more appropriate place to display them instead of on the wall where they are currently displayed. Trustees wondered if it would be possible to display the plaques on a rock somewhere on the Common. It was noted the charter states the east side of the Library was to be set aside for historical use. There were reservations about the original charters' intent. Francis Muzzey objected to changing the location. John Millican suggested the decision be postponed until there is a sense of the Towns' wishes. Kevin Kay thanked the trustees for bringing this decision to the town.

Selectmen signed an Intent to Cut for the Town of Wentworth (Plummer Memorial Forest), M/L 08-11-32 and for Aaron Comeau, M/L 05-08-34.

Selectmen signed letters to James Kirby, Lorraine Barney, and Douglas Trottier. They reviewed a letter from Mark Decesare, M/L 07-03-03 and requested that an abatement form be sent.

Selectmen signed Abatement denial letters to KAT PAW ACRES TRUST M/L 02-02-07 & NHEC Util -001, and a Supplemental Tax Warrant for Martin, M/L 13-04-02.

Selectmen signed a septic design for the Wentworth Historical Society M/L 08A-09-01.

Randy moved to approve the June 20, 2006 minutes. This was seconded by John and approved.

After much discussion, Selectmen agreed to sign the Pandemic Memorandum of Agreement.

Selectmen discussed the increased property assessment with the following residents:

Rowell Ray, M/L 8-12-04, questioned his assessment.

Mary Womboldt, M/L 02-06-06 objected to the assessment.

Leslie Backstrom, M/L 05-07-01, objected to the jump in assessment.

Raymond Mack, M/L 08-05-02, questioned his assessment.

Steve Tatham also questioned the assessments on his mom's property on East Side Rd.

Clyde Brown, M/L 02-06-05, said his land has been on the market, for less than it is appraised for, and can't sell it.

Randy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Janet E. Woolner

Minutes accepted \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.