

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

**Budget Hearing  
February 3, 2009 Meeting**

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Police Chief Kevin Kay, Ellie Murray, Brian Clark, Pat Griffin, Nancy Masterson, Helen Ray, Steve Davis, Gini Gove, Kenyon Karl, Bobby Cass, and Randy Comsteller

Francis moved to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Randy and approved. Francis moved to open the Budget Hearing on the 2009 Budget, seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer.

Francis described the Town Clerk/Tax Collector position on the Warrant, explained why it was on the Ballot this year and then ran down through the Warrant Articles in order.

There was discussion on the ambulance warrant articles. Pat Griffin described some of the ambulance benefits and Brian Clark said they want "their" money from the Wentworth Capital Reserve to help pay off the ambulance. Brian explained the Warren Wentworth Ambulance is no longer a non-profit organization and cannot participate in the NH Local Government Center insurance program, therefore costing them more for insurance. The Selectman said they believed the Capital Reserve money belonged to the Town of Wentworth, not the ambulance company. That this money was held by the Town in a capital reserve for the purchase of a new ambulance some time in the future; Selectmen will check and advise more. There was additional discussion about still not receiving a profit and loss statement or explanation of income and expenses from the ambulance company. Selectmen further stated that everyone was happy with the services they provide but still wanted accountability for the taxpayer's money.

Ellie Murray requested a warrant article be added for the Trustee of the Trust funds requesting \$250.00 for expenses. Selectmen agreed to add the new warrant article for the Trustees.

Nancy Masterson stated corrected amounts be adjusted for the Library Warrant.

Mary Davis stated she was not happy with the salary amount in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Warrant and offered reasons why she wanted it increased. Selectmen reviewed the specific items and agreed not to adjust the amount.

Francis moved to close the Budget Hearing at 7:15 pm, seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer.

Bobby Case provided an update on the condition of the roads and said Cal Weeks is doing well with the plowing. Bobby said George would know more in a couple weeks when he can return to work. Selectmen authorized Cal to train driving the big truck with George in the truck and supervising.

Selectmen discussed the partial bill on the truck repair and Bobby said more work is required and should be the total amount of the original quote. Bobby also said work needs to be done on the push frame on the plow.

Selectmen will send a letter to Glenn Clough who questioned his property assessment.

Selectmen agreed (Palmer Koelb abstained) to put the incumbent on top of the voting list followed in alphabetical order starting with A.

Selectmen signed the driveway permit for Cersosimo Industries M/L 04-03-05.

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 8:10 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved by Francis per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) to discuss matters which if, discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Randy moved to come out of non-public at 8:25 pm, seconded by Francis and approved by Palmer. Randy and Palmer agreed to abate Francis Muzzey per the recommendation of the Assessor.

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 8:27 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved by Francis per RSA 91-A:3,II (c) to discuss matters which if, discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Palmer moved to come out on non-public session at 8:43 pm, seconded by Francis and approved by Randy. Selectmen discussed a pending issue with the Police Chief.

Francis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Minutes accepted by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_