

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

**Minutes
March 3, 2009 Meeting**

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

Also Present: Theresa and Mark Evans, Gini Gove, Bobby & Stacy Cass, Brian Clark, Carol Cole, Ellie Murray, Police Chief Kevin Kay, Carol Freidrich, Tamara Burrows, Fire Chief Jeff Ames, Patrick Griffin, and Paul Hatch

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

Bobby said the backhoe is not running well. He updated Selectmen on plowing. Francis reminded Bobby to fix the Town sign on Atwell Hill this spring.

Chief Key Kay advised he has had problems with the cruiser and has had it in for service. The Chief said he has put in for a grant for OHRV for wheeled vehicles. Selectmen discussed the parking ordinances that have been updated, and will review this again.

Selectmen signed the MS6 Report.

Francis moved, seconded by Palmer and approved, to send the appraiser out to the Evans property, M/L 13-02-08 and review the values for 2006, 2007 & 2008.

Tamara Burrows talked with Selectmen about a payment plan for past due taxes. She would like to pay \$350 bi wkly excluding the month of April. Francis moved to accept the plan, seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen will cover the polls on March 3, 2009 as follows: 11-2 pm Francis, 2-5 pm Randy & 5-7 pm Palmer.

Ellie discussed the hazardous mitigation plan, which will be updated every five years, and requested acceptance by the town. Francis moved to have Randy Morrison sign the plan, seconded by Palmer, and approved. (The Select Board Chair Randy Morrison and Jeff Ames Fire Chief/Emergency Mgr Dir signed the Wentworth Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.)

Carol Friedrich discussed the latest plans for the new Grafton Country Jail and advised it has been reduced in size.

Brian Clark and Pat Griffin talked to Selectmen about ambulance funds and capital reserve funds. Brian said minutes of the last time they were here, February 3, 2009, to talk with the Selectmen were incorrect and wanted them redone by the Administrative Assistant. Selectmen reviewed the minutes in question:

(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.)

The Selectmen advised the minutes were correct as stated.

There was discussion again about the Capital Reserve Fund and its intent. Francis said it was learned that the Capital Reserve Fund, set up years ago, was an Expendable Fund to purchase a new Ambulance and the Selectmen could make the decision to release the funds for a new vehicle. Brian stated he wants the fund money to pay for the ambulance purchased several years ago. Brian also said, "he has five attorneys working on this case".

Selectmen stated they just want the organization to submit some kind of accountability to the Town of Wentworth to justify the funds being asked for. They requested again that Brian Clark provide a profit and loss statement for the Warren Wentworth Ambulance so the Selectmen can have this information available for the Town of Wentworth.

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 9:00 pm per RSA 91-A:3,II (c) to discuss matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, seconded by Francis, and approved by Palmer. Randy moved to come out of non-public session at 9:45 pm, seconded by Francis and approved by Palmer. The Administrative Assistant updated Selectmen on information regarding a previous employment matter.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Minutes accepted by _____, _____, and _____