

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting October 11, 2011

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey, Steve Davis and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Kenyon Karl, Carol Friedrich, Palmer Koelb, Mike and Jerelyn MacDougal, Tom and Mary McGlaufin

Randy motioned to open the meeting at 6:05 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

The Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of October 04, 2011
- Report of Cut for Green, OP # 11-475-10, M/L 03-01-01
- DES Solid Waste Certification training has been scheduled for November for attendants
- Amended Septic Design for Neil Borger on behalf of Gaffney, M/L 04-02-43
- Amended Septic Design for Barnard on behalf of Case, M/L 02-04-05
- Estimated 2011 taxable market value of qualifying utility companies in Wentworth

Francis read a notice from Dubois & King stating that Engineers will be drilling borings at the Evans Bridge on 10/18 & 10/19, and the drill rig might block the road during midday operations preventing access. Francis called the Evans to let them know.

Steve read the letter and penalty issued by the DOL to the Town. The Town was found to be in violation of 2 RSA's, one for not submitting a Safety Summary Form, and the second for not having a Joint Loss Management Committee meeting within the last 2 years. These violations total \$500.00 (\$250.00 each). Steve stated that he is unwilling to pay the penalty. Steve made a motion to ignore the penalty issued by DOL, seconded by Francis and approved. Randy stated that he is opposed to this motion.

Donna King addressed the selectmen and inquired about the trees on East Side Road and Red Oak Hill Road which have not yet been removed. The Selectmen stated that a letter was sent to the property owner, requesting their permission in August, but we have not had a response. As it has now been nearly 2 months, the Board stated that because these trees pose a safety issue, they will proceed to have them removed. Randy will speak with Bobby about obtaining quotes.

Steve stated that he would like to have Non-Public meeting with Chief Kay at the end of the Selectmen's 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.

Mike and Jerelyn MacDougal were in attendance and wanted to discuss with the Board the new Transfer Station hours, specifically the closure of Sunday hours scheduled to begin next month. They stated that for some it is a hardship to not be able to use the transfer station on Sunday. Francis stated he would be willing to help out if needed because he lives close by and could go and open the transfer station and allow them to dump a load of garbage if needed, but they said no, that the request is on their behalf as well as their neighbors, who would also like to see it open on Sundays. Selectmen stated that these hours will be revisited at the Town meeting in March, and the purpose of the closure is an effort to cut back on costs.

Carol Friedrich asked the board about obtaining a summary of costs of the transfer station. She stated that John Downing had previously made this request. Francis suggested that this compilation of information be available in January. Carol stated she would like to see it sooner. Selectmen then discussed the costs v. expenses of the transfer station.

Steve read a notice from our legal firm and stated that the matter of Warren Wentworth Ambulance vs. The Town of Wentworth is now officially over. Closing paperwork will be filed with the court.

Steve made a motion to subscribe to the Record Enterprise news for one year (\$36.00/yr), seconded by Randy and approved. Francis stated that he is opposed, as he does not feel it is in the budget.

Francis gave a brief summary of the visit with Bruce McLane, the FEMA representative, which occurred on October 6, with himself and Bobby Cass. Francis stated that the 3 of them toured the Wentworth areas impacted by Hurricane Irene. Bruce will coordinate with the Town the necessary documents to be filed with the State as we move forward.

Carol asked the Selectmen about the culvert by her house, wanting to know if FEMA would be assisting in any way, as it did not handle the flooding. Francis stated that because it was not damaged by the floods, it would not qualify for FEMA support on its own. Francis stated that he was informed that to qualify, a project must have a minimum of \$1,000.00 damage to be considered, and as result, several projects, including the area of concern brought by Carol will be combined together.

Chief Kay stated that the hours for trick or treating times for Plymouth will be on October 31st, between the hours of 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Chief Kay suggested that Wentworth hold the same hours. He will call Plymouth to get Wentworth's trick or treat hours added to the list.

Steve inquired and Chief Kay stated that he was given an award today; Steve made a motion that the Board congratulate Chief Kay on his award, seconded by Randy. Chief Kay stated that the Cruiser will be going in for some repair issues next week.

Chief Kay also stated that last week he did not submit pay roll expenses for the Animal Control officer. He will include the expenses on the next payroll period.

Chief Kay stated that a citation was given for speeding on Rt. 25. The driver was cited for traveling 93 mph in a 50 mph zone. He stated that due to the high speed and the area in which the excessive speed occurred, charges will be brought for reckless/unsafe driving as well.

Tom and Mary McGlaulin, Auctioneers. Tom and Mary specialize in the auctioning of Town owned deeded properties. He described their business; they handle the advertising, posting of notices, notifying neighbors and abutters. Selectmen discussed placing reserves and fees. The McGlaulin's stated that they do not solicit/add a "buyers premium", and their fees/costs is a 10% commission. Francis asked about fees if the property were to not sell or not meet the reserve. The McGlaulin's stated that if that should happen, the Town would not be responsible for any fees. Selectmen thanked them for their presentation of information and time, and would like to speak with them in March.

Selectmen discussed the return of inventory penalties. They discussed the time frame that was included of 3 years, 2008 and 2009. Carol stated that she felt that the Board should have gone back further than 3 years.

Palmer stated that on Monday a group gathered and held a Friends of the Wentworth Park & Rec. meeting. Among those in attendance at the meeting were Palmer and Deb Koelb, Joyce Woodes, Ash Eames, Kathy Keefe and Care Doe. Palmer stated that they will be meeting with the Library.

Palmer suggested that the front lawn of the Town Offices, which was newly reseeded this summer, be fertilized both in the Spring and Fall.

Motion by Steve to go into a NP 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, at 7:37 pm, seconded by Randy and approved. Selectmen discussed personal issues involving board members. No decisions were made.

Randy motioned come out of the Non-Public meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Steve and approved.

Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by _____, _____, _____