

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting November 01, 2011

Present: Steve Davis, Francis Muzzey, and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Chief Kevin Kay, Kenyon Karl, Palmer Koelb, Steve & Patti Welch, Ellie Murray, Donna King, Carol Friedrich

Francis made a motion to open the meeting at 6:08 pm, seconded by Steve and approved. Francis stated that the Board uses the first 15 minutes to sign the checks.

Discussion of overtime on the Highway Department's time cards. Steve and Francis discussed signing the payroll. Francis stated that he felt the Highway Department failed to plan ahead and take time off ahead of the upcoming snow storm. Steve stated that he felt the Board did not plan ahead either and did not direct the Highway Department not work on Thursday or Friday in anticipation of the upcoming snow storm. Discussion of Francis' desire to adjust the workweek. Steve stated that this issue has been before the Board in the past, and has been not been approved; Francis stated he felt the decision was postponed as opposed to being denied. Steve stated that we cannot single out the Highway Department to change the work week. Francis suggested moving them to salary. Steve stated he is not opposed to that. No decision was made to change the work week or to change the Highway Department from hourly to salary.

Selectmen discussed costs/expenses related to the repairs of the International, which occurred shortly before it was put up for bid to purchase.

2 sealed bids for the International were received. Both bids were opened. One bid from Steve Coursey of Rumney, in the amount of \$1001.01, and a second bid from Jessie Reed in the amount of \$503.00. Both Steve and Francis agreed that because Randy is not present, they will wait to discuss the bids with him when he is present at next week's meeting. Selectmen stated that all bids are closed.

Chief Kay gave a status update. The cruiser will have snow tires put on in the next 2 weeks. He stated that Halloween was quiet. He told the Selectmen that the department has a busy case load, and are working on closing out some of them. Carol Friedrich asked the Chief what kinds of cases we have had in the last month. Chief Kay stated that we have had illegal dumping, burglary issues, in all different areas of the town, as well as the everyday calls such as speeding, barking dogs. Chief Kay stated that NH State Police have a suspect in the burglary and they are working on wrapping up an illegal dumping case. His advised residents to lock all doors and to report/call in incidents when they happen.

Steve Welch addressed the Selectmen. He stated that he understands the town now has title on the Young property, and has concerns about abandoned vehicles which have been moved from Archie Young's property to Lewis Young's property. Steve is making an official complaint. He stated that the vehicles are in a flood plain and feels they need to be moved as they contain contaminates that can be carried downstream. Selectmen requested the office send a letter to Louie Young of M/L 10-05-07, and request that the vehicles be removed no later than 12/01/11.

Steve Davis stated that he has spoken with Nancy Masterson regarding the Library Safety Form, and repairs/costs that they will need to put into their budget. Selectmen discussed a pot hole out in front of the library. Because it is a state road, selectmen requested that the office contact Cary Wetherbee. Next the Selectmen discussed the need to add an outdoor sensor light, first aid kit, fire extinguishers, no smoking signs, exit signs, and paints. Nancy will take the paints home until the next hazardous waste

event. Steve stated that he feels the total of these updates and purchases will be about \$600.00 which the library will need to budget for in the upcoming year.

Steve made a motion that Francis signs the Provan & Lorber Application for renewal of Groundwater Management Permit. Francis signed the Permit, and the office will forward the application to DES, Waste Management Division in Concord.

Selectmen reviewed the Order received from the BTLA regarding the matter of Comsteller v. Town of Wentworth which requires the parties to meet and attempt to settle prior to the scheduling of a hearing with the BTLA. Steve made a motion that the office write a letter to Mr. Comsteller to schedule a meeting as soon as possible to expedite the process no later than February 27, 2011.

Francis discussed the possibility of a TAN. Stated he has reviewed the printout that the treasurer prepared, and we will likely need to do one.

Selectmen reviewed &/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of 10/25/11
- Highway requisitions, Summary of upcoming events
- Request to transfer from Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund
- MS-1 form & MS-60 from Crane & Bell
- Letter from legal to Paul Fitzgerald regarding WWA closure
- LGC Property Liability Trust renewal rates for Workers and Unemployment comp coverages
- Community Action Report (CAR) from DRA regarding visit of 08/30/11

Francis motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 7:35 pm, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(a)** – Dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employees or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted, seconded by Steve and approved. Selectmen discussed a 90 day review of an employee. Steve motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Steve made a motion that based on the merits of her work, they give a pay increase of .75/hr to Darlene Oaks, the Town Clerk/Tax Clerk Assistant, seconded by Francis and approved. It is agreed that this increase will be made retroactive to take effective as of August 15, 2011. This decision is based on the fact that the 90 day review should have occurred August 15, 2011.

Francis motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 7:48 pm, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(a)** – Dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employees or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted, seconded by Steve and approved. Selectmen discussed Police Department schedules. Francis motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Steve and approved.

Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by _____, _____, _____