

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting November 08, 2011

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

Also Present: Chief Kevin Kay, Kenyon Karl, Palmer and Deb Koelb, Ellie Murray, Donna King, Bobby Cass, Jay Hutchinson

Francis motioned to open the meeting at 5:35 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Francis motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 5:35 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 60 day review of an employee. Steve motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 5:47 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Selectmen agreed, that based on the merits of his work, they give a pay increase of \$1.00/hr to Joshua Thibault, Transfer Station attendant.

Selectmen told those that were in attendance at the meeting, that the Selectmen were waiting for a call from legal, and when/if they should receive that call, they would need to immediately go into a non-public meeting.

Selectmen discussed the possibility of needing a TAN. The town has received quotes from 2 banks, one for 1% interest, and one for .75% interest. Discussion of TAN amount, time frame of when needed, etc. Selectmen requested the office to call MSVB and see if they might be able to lower their quoted interest rate to .75%.

The Legal office called, and Randy motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:10 pm, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(e)** – Discussion of pending or threatened (in writing) litigation against the Town or Town Officials, Board Members or employees, seconded by Steve and approved. Selectmen discussed legal issues. Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:27 pm, seconded by Steve and approved.

Francis made a motion to re-open the public meeting at 6:30 pm, seconded by Steve and approved.

The public was called back in, and the public meeting continued. Donna King stated that she wanted to talk with the Selectmen regarding the kiosk for credit card payment of taxes for residents. Avitar has contracted with a company called Invoice Cloud. The Board stated that following their discussion with legal, that they revisit the issue next week. The Board stated that legal will be contacting her tomorrow regarding the contract review.

Donna said she has spoken with the Local Government Center, (LGC) regarding the dog licensing fees and penalties. Discussion regarding whether the town can increase the penalty for failure to license the dog by the deadline of June 20<sup>th</sup>. Currently the late penalty is \$25.00. Selectmen authorized to increase the penalty from \$25.00 to \$50.00. No change in the licensing fees at this time.

Chief Kay gave a status update, stated that they are taking complaints as they come, and working on cases currently before them. The department has ordered some ammunition, and he stated we will see a billing for that shortly.

Selectmen discussed truck bids. Francis discussed Randy 's recommendation to refuse all bids on the truck, as the bids were very low. Selectmen and Bobby also discussed putting the truck and sander on Craig's List with an advertised price of \$4,000.00. Selectmen approved.

Selectmen reviewed an Event application Form submitted by Martha Morrill for the Historical society. The Christmas Craft event will take place on December 3 from 9 am to 4 pm. Francis made a motion to have Randy sign the event application for the Board, seconded by Steve and approved. Selectmen waived fees.

Bobby Cass-gave a status update of the Highway Department. They have started on Atwell Hill, one culvert in today, will begin the gravel next. The mowing is completed, and the equipment has been returned. 30.5 hours were placed on the mower, which Bobby finished up mowing. Bobby and the Board discussed the sander that goes onto the 93 international. Also discussed the sander from the old truck, costs of recent repairs of the old truck. Francis asked if there is anything on the truck that can be used on our current fleet. Bobby said no. Board also asked about the new truck, Bobby said it is still being built.

Francis mentioned the old law books that the office recently updated with new replacements. Randy approves that Francis may have them.

Selectmen signed a Septic Design for Jay Hutchinson . M/L 05-01-08

Selectmen reviewed &/or signed the following:

- Vouchers
- Meeting Minutes of 11/01/11
- Highway requisitions, Summary of upcoming events
- Letter to Young re: removal of abandoned vehicles

Francis announced that Department budget workshops will begin on Tuesday, December 6, at 5 pm, and continue each following Tuesday in December until completed.

Selectmen discussed a letter/notice from Dubois & King regarding scheduling a site visit at the bridge to obtain field data. The will be meeting with Town Officials and abutters at the site to discuss alternatives and identify issues. Selectmen requested the office to contact D&K and give a meeting date preference of either Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am or Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Kenyon Karl told the Selectmen he would like to be informed so that he could plan to attend as well. The office will notify him once a meeting date has been selected.

Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

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