

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting December 06, 2011

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

Also Present: Nancy Masterson, Helen Ray, Kenyon Karl, Ellie Murray, Palmer Koelb, Chief Kevin Kay, Larry King, Donna King

5 pm

Library Budget Workshop – Nancy stated she has spoken with Butch Burbank who is with the Local Government Center, Health and Safety Department, regarding safety issues at the library that were discussed at our October Joint Loss Management Meeting. She discussed with Butch the requirement to install a fire alarm system at the Library. She has not yet gotten quotes for this, but will do so. The Board discussed the need to possibly have 2 separate Warrant Articles, one for the Library Budget and one for the fire alarm expenses. Nancy gave the Selectmen a letter from the Library Trustees addressing the issue of Riverside Park and the related restoration expenses as a result of Hurricane Irene. Per DES, an Engineering Study and a written plan would be required prior to any work being done. The Trustees stated that while they appreciate Paige's request, they do not have the funds to hire either a surveyor or an engineer. The Library's proposed 2012 Budget is \$38,206.00. Increase due to increase in cost of oil. The Selectmen indicated that they support this budget.

5:25 pm

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Budget Workshop – Donna discussed her proposed budget with the Selectmen. While some areas of proposed budget will need an increase, others will decrease such as Fees & Licenses, Subcontractor Fees, Supplies and Postage. Selectmen discussed the fact that Donna will run for re-election of office this year, and the possible need for a Warrant Article listing salary.

5:50 pm

Conservation and Trustees Budget Workshop – Ellie Murray presented the Board with proposed budgets. Ellie proposed no change in the Conservation Budget of \$600.00. Ellie stated in terms of the Trustees budget, she proposed that it decrease from last year's budgeted amount of \$450.00 to \$400.00 for the year 2012.

Randy motioned to open the regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Francis and approved. Steve excused himself from the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:05 pm.

Administrative Assistant inquired about budgeting for cleanup of Riverside Park and Hamilton Field. The Selectmen discussed these expenses with Palmer, who was in attendance. Randy inquired as to whether the Fire Department has hosed off the tennis court. Per Palmer, this type of force would damage the surface of the court. Francis inquired as to whether it could be cleaned with a broom or brush of sorts. Palmer stated that this too, would damage the surface. He stated that it will need to be gently flushed off with a hose that does not have the strong force as the Fire Department hose, possibly one that pumps the water from the river. Palmer felt that the Town should probably budget no less than \$4,000.00 for each of the 2 parks.

Selectmen discussed with Palmer meeting at the Doll House on Saturday as scheduled to take inventory of items, and possibly at the Town Hall if time allows. Francis stated that he can stay no longer than 12 or so, as there is a presentation in Warren that he is attending.

Selectmen signed the Equalization Ratio paperwork to be returned to the state, as Cross Country has completed their work on this.

Selectmen discussed Updated Preliminary Estimate received from DOT, Nancy Mayville in regards to the Dufour Bridge. They requested the office to contact Holden Engineering to discuss.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Minutes of Meeting of 11/29/11
- Vouchers
- Abatements for Fletcher, Butler, Foster, Moulton and refund for Kinne
- Updated Preliminary Estimate from DOT
- Approval for Operation from the State for Hutchinson M/L 05-01-08

Administrative Assistant requested overtime to complete FEMA paperwork. This overtime will be eligible for reimbursement from the government as part of the FEMA work. Selectmen approved 12 hours.

Larry King of Precision Lumber made an offer for the 1993 Dump Truck/sander in the amount of \$2,500.00. Offer to include delivery. Selectmen agreed to the offer, and asked the office to contact the Highway Department to deliver.

Chief Kay gave a status update. Gary Robinson has resigned as of 12-06-11. He stated that they are currently looking towards filling the opening.

Chief Kay stated that Sergeant Joe Pivrotto is back on duty after recovering from a back injury. Also, the cruiser is scheduled to have snow tires put on tomorrow.

The Chief also stated that they have replaced the computer that went down; PSU generously donated one to their department. He has loaded anti-virus software onto the computer, and discussed with the Selectmen the need to purchase Microsoft software to load onto the computer, as it did not come with this. He stated he believes that his department will come in under budget, and would like to purchase the needed software.

Randy stated that the disparaging remarks made last week by one of the Board members do not represent the majority of the Board.

Randy motioned, seconded by Francis and approved to go into a Non-Public Meeting per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) to discuss matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of a person at 7:00 pm. Selectmen discussed a welfare application. Francis motioned, seconded by Randy and approved to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:17 pm.

Selectmen approved the Welfare Applicant's request for assistance with an Electricity bill.

Randy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

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