

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting December 20, 2011

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

Also Present: Kenyon Karl, Ellie Murray, Chief Kevin Kay, Palmer Koelb, Bobby Cass, Chief Jeff Ames, Paul Davis Jr., Josh Thibault

5:00 pm - Fire Department Workshop –

Chief Jeff Ames and Paul Davis Jr. were in attendance. Same budget total as last year. The Chief said that any monies left over he would like to back in a WA for the upcoming year. Francis gave an example of the wording of a possible WA, to raise and appropriate a total of \$29,000.00 with a certain amount of that coming from the unexpended fund balance. Steve stated that he disagrees in using the fund balance. The Board supports the proposed budget as was presented.

5:15 pm - Highway Department Workshop –

Bobby stated that the Highway Department will have increases in some areas. They would like to budget for part time summer assistance, mowing of entire town vs. doing only partial, rental of equipment (excavator for Ellsworth Hill Road) was discussed, completion of surface work on Atwell Hill Road, the need for updated narrow band radio equipment. Selectmen discussed the need for a separate Warrant Article for the excavator. Board requested that Bobby work with the office to get the budget into a spreadsheet to more easily review the expenses/budget.

5:55 pm - Transfer Station Workshop –

Joshua Thibault was in attendance. Selectmen discussed budgeting one attendant all year vs. having support help during the summer. Also discussed budgeting for 2 vs. 3 days of operation. The board reviewed a spreadsheet of year to date collection weights of C&D, MSW and recyclables. Selectmen requested we revisit the transfer station budget.

6:23 pm - Randy motioned to open Selectmen's Meeting at 6:23 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

The office asked for Randy's help in storing some boxes of documents in the attic at the Town Offices. Randy stated he will come on Wednesday at 8:30 am to do so.

Francis read the definition of a fence viewer. He stated that Quentin Mack had requested that the Selectmen be fence viewers regarding a land trespass issue he is involved in. Francis stated that the definition of a Fence Viewer is a city or town official who administers fence laws by inspecting new fences and settlement of disputes arising from trespass by livestock that have escaped enclosure.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Minutes of Meeting of 12/13/11 & vouchers
- Highway requisitions and summary of upcoming events
- Review State DOT Anticipated Highway Block Grant Aid for 2012
- Timber Tax for Sanborn, M/L 04-02-08, OP#11-475-06
- Provan & Lorber 2011 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report
- Refund of Taxes for Decotis, M/L 08-12-05, Gravel M/L 01-01-11, Harrington M/L 01-01-17, New England Hydro M/L 00UTIL-02-00, Womboldt M/L 02-06-06

Selectmen stated that the Road Agent has repaired the potholes at the Wentworth School, but have no intention of billing the school as not much time or materials were needed.

Chief Kay gave a Police Department status update. He needs a light bulb for the entry way by their office. He stated that he finished his training last week. Chief Kay stated that there was a burglary in Wentworth, they have suspects and are working on the case. He is still in the process of ordering needed supplies and working on end of the year things.

Chief Kay also discussed the issue of Race Track ordinances. He stated that he feels the Town should consider updating the ordinances and by laws, as we do not currently have anything in place for the upcoming season. Francis and Chief Kay discussed the need to have this on a warrant article at Town Meeting. Selectmen asked if the Chief would assist in writing the ordinance and he said he would help.

Chief Jeff Ames was in attendance and discussed with the selectmen several issues. The Chief discussed the Joint Loss Management Committee (JLMC)/Safety Committee that met in October. The Chief said he has spoken with the library trustees, who said that one of the board members had made some recommendations regarding safety issues including the fire extinguishers. Steve Davis said that he had spoken with the Library, but did not make any recommendations. Steve said he did discuss with her the outdated fire extinguisher that was standing in their unused fireplace, and suggested that she speak with the Fire Chief.

Chief Ames discussed some Emergency Management/FEMA issues. He stated FEMA issued a 30 day window to take care of issues with land and property that people were losing. He stated that the 30 day window was allowing those people to get the proper permits needed to work within the waterways. It didn't allow for people to just go and do it. He stated that as a whole body they portrayed a different thing. He stated that John King is getting fined by the State for doing so, and that John felt that Steve had told him that he had a 30 day window. Steve Davis stated that he went to the website and asked if it was correct that he had 30 days in which do so and was told that was correct. Steve stated that the Board never made a motion, nor did they give permission for people to do so. Chief Ames said he wanted to bring it to the Board's attention that we do need to get the proper permits.

Lastly, Chief Ames discussed the Town of Rumney letter regarding the first response of ambulance services in the south end of Wentworth. He says this has been resolved; they are still going to respond with a fire truck. They were looking more at it as an ambulance service, but we do not need that we are able to use Wentworth Warren Ambulance services. For fires, Rumney will be toned as well as Wentworth. Steve asked if Wentworth will still be responding to their north end fire tones, and Chief Ames said yes.

Steve inquired about what is needed at the school, in terms of emergency power, other than water, lights, bathrooms and heat. Selectmen and the Chief discussed possible budgeting for emergency generator.

Kenyon asked how much the town gets from the Time Warner franchise; and wondered if the Town might be interested in using some of those monies towards PBCam, a Pemi-Baker Public access media that would offer residents the ability to use public access TV for their messages, such as broadcasting emergency messages, Selectboard and Budget Meetings etc. Selectmen reviewed the letter Kenyon presented from pbcam regarding their services. Francis said he wondered how many people would take advantage of this service.

Randy moved to go into a Non-Public meeting at 7:21 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 Francis and approved. Selectmen discussed an employee evaluation. No decisions were made.

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

Selectmen stated they would like to meet for a Non-Public Meeting on Saturday, December 24 at 7 am, and requested the office to post a notice.

Randy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by _____, _____, _____