

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting December 27, 2011

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

Also Present: Kenyon Karl, Ellie Murray, Chief Kevin Kay, Palmer Koelb, Bobby Cass

5:05 pm – Police Department Budget Workshop – Chief Kay stated that the 2012 budget as it is currently presented will be down by about \$200.00 from last year. He also stated that there will still be some costs coming out of the 2011 budget for supplies. Francis suggested that the Warrant Article could be stated to have some monies to come from the unreserved fund balance. Chief Kay stated there are also issues with the dispatch fees as they have gone to July to July billing. Steve Davis proposed a 4% increase for the Chief of Police Wages from \$15,000. to \$15,600. Chief Kay stated that he didn't really feel that he wanted to increase the budget. The Selectmen stated they feel that he has earned it. Chief Kay thanked them. The Selectmen stated that they support the budget as presented including the raise and to include the Animal Control Officer to be \$1500.00

5:36 pm – Randy motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting seconded by Steve and approved 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. Selectmen reviewed and discussed employee evaluation. Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:10 pm, seconded by Steve and approved.

Selectmen's Department Budget Workshop – Because the Non-Public meeting extended into the anticipated start time of the Selectmen's rescheduled meeting, the Selectmen agreed to reschedule this Budget Workshop; Date and time to be announced.

Randy motioned to open Selectmen's Meeting at 6:11 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Steve Davis stated that the Board made a decision to increase the end of the year appreciation check for the Web Master, Michelle Holt

The Board discussed with Chief Kay fees related to Crimestar software.

Randy stated that he was unable to help the office in storing the documents in the attic at the Town Offices last week, but will come sometime this week, possibly Wednesday morning depending on weather.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Minutes of Meeting of 12/20/11 & vouchers
- Highway requisitions, Summary of upcoming events
- Timber Tax billing for Downing, M/L 05-07-13, OP#10-475-06
- Quote from Paul Davis Jr. for old PO/Doll House roof repair
- Intent to Cut, Green Acre Woodlands Inc. (Berti) M/L 04-03-07, OP # 11-475-22
- Thank you letters – cleaning services & web master

Selectmen discussed the quote submitted by Paul Davis Jr. for the Doll house/old PO office roof repair. This will have to be placed in the budget, possibly create a separate account under the town office buildings and put out to bid.

Chief Kay gave a Police Department status update. He stated the PD now has all software licenses current. There was a brief discussion regarding Race Track bylaws. Chief Kay also discussed the 2012 Upper Valley Humane Society contract. He stated that contract is the same as it has been in the past, with a \$25 intake fee and \$25 per day fee for boarding and euthanizing if necessary. Chief Kay stated that Enfield Humane Society has been very good to deal with over the past year. Selectmen approved the contract. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Francis to have Randy sign the contract on behalf of the Board.

Chief Kay stated that in regards to the fatal fire last summer, the murder suspect has been released from the hospital in MA and has now been formally charged. He was extradited from MA, and will be sent to NH. Chief Kay told the Selectmen that he will be ordering patches and other supplies, by end of the year. He also brought to the Selectmen's attention that the hose on the outside of the building is still connected and needs to be disconnected. Steve stated he will take care of this.

Steve was ill and left the Meeting at 6:45 pm.

Discussion of the annual Town Report. Kenyon inquired as to whether we are able to post a readable copy on our website. The Administrative Assistant will inquire. Francis asked about cost, the AA stated that she has requested a quote for the upcoming year from RC Brayshaw. Kenyon also inquired about the time frame required to submit a petition for a Warrant Article. The AA stated that it is no later than Feb. 7. Kenyon asked whether the Board would support his proposal that Wentworth join the Pemi Baker Public Access Media group. Francis asked to be refreshed on the costs and the benefits of joining. Kenyon stated the cost is based on the amount of cable users per Town, and the expenses could be covered through the Franchise fees received by the Town from TWC. Francis suggested he wait until all next week, when all 3 Selectboard members are present. Kenyon stated he would do so.

Francis read an invitation from CADY to attend a presentation on January 20, 2012 from 8:00 am to 9:30 am, titled Navigating the Road Ahead. Selectmen and Ellie considered attending.

The Road Agent, Bobby Cass came into the meeting and spoke briefly. He stated that the Highway Department will be out at 4 am, as they anticipate freezing rain tonight and, roads may be very icy tomorrow morning.

Francis stated that Bobby is authorized by the Board to go out and do road service/maintenance when requested by emergency departments such as the Police or Fire Departments. Randy stated that Bobby is to use his own judgment.

Randy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by _____, _____, _____