

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting January 03, 2012

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

Also Present: Kenyon Karl, Ellie Murray, Chief Kevin Kay, Palmer Koelb, Bobby Cass, Randy Comsteller, Chief Jeff Ames, Sam Greene

Randy motioned to open Selectmen's Meeting at 6:04 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and signed vouchers.

Administrative Assistant asked the Board if they would like to open next week's meeting for the purpose of signing Payroll and vendor checks only, rather than holding a full meeting. As January 10, is Primary Election Day, the office will be closed. The Board agreed to do so.

Sam Greene was in attendance and addressed the Board. He referenced a billing received by the Town from Cross Country for work related to the Equalization Ratio Study. Sam stated that it is part of the DRA's job to review the assessing work and whether the contracts are being followed. Sam briefly summarized the 3 contracts that the Town has with Cross Country; a General Contract, a Cyclical review Contract, and the full revaluation contract. Sam stated that it is the DRA's belief that the costs related to the Equalization Ration Study, should have been included in our General Assessing contract. He stated that it is entirely up to the Board, but it is the DRA's suggestion that the Board speak with Cross Country. Sam also mentioned that they are waiting for the USPAP report from Cross Country, and this is an important tool that is used in understanding how standards are set for assessing. The last USPAP (Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice) report for the Town was prepared by Rick Vincent.

Randy Comsteller was in attendance and discussed issues regarding his appeal of decision of abatement request. Randy stated that he feels his garage is unfairly assessed in comparison with buildings of the same or larger size. The Board said they want to get more info, by looking at the USPAP report and speaking with Cross Country.

Chief Kay gave a status update. He is currently working on closing out invoices. Steve and Chief Kay discussed closing out invoices in January for 2011. The office will look into it.

Chief Kay discussed a draft he presented to the Selectmen regarding bylaws of the race track. The Board and Chief Kay will revisit the issue.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of 12/27/11
- Notice of sale; Menfi to Pierhal M/L 13-04-22
- Biennial Inspection Report of town Bridges from NHDOT
- Intent to Cut for Boucher M/L 01-02-03, OP# 11-475-23

The Board discussed and approved placing this year's Town Report on the website. The cost will be an additional \$25.00 per RC Brayshaw, our printers.

Kenyon asked the Board about supporting the pbcam services out of Plymouth for the purposes of video recording meetings. The cost will be approximately \$150.00 (\$1.00 per Wentworth cable customer). The Board stated they will support placing this on a Warrant Article for Town Meeting.

Randy motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting 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 at 7:30 pm. The Board discussed employee wages. Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by Steve and approved.

The Board briefly discussed disability exemption. Francis and Steve offered to research to see if & when this might have been adopted by the Town.

Randy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by _____, _____, _____