

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN  
Selectmen's Working / Business Meeting  
May 31, 2017

**Present:** Chris Bassingthwaite, Ray Youngs, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

**Also Present:** Chief Trott, Francis Muzzey, Peter Holden, Craig Pasco, Kevin Gilbert,  
Paul Ducharme

Ray motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

**Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:**

- (1) Yield Tax on Timber
- (2) Septic Plans reviews
- Tax Warrant
- National Grid – Herbicide use
- (Corrected) Lien Discharge
- Meeting Minutes (April-May)
- Agreement purchase – Highway Dept. - Trailer

The Board reviewed and spoke of the Herbicide spraying. The Administrative Assistant was asked to post information on the website to inform residents. Spraying will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chief Trott was welcomed to speak and said he's been quite busy lately with protective and domestic abuse orders. Other than that, things are going smoothly in Town.

Peter Holder was welcomed to the floor. Mr. Holden, Vice President with Holden Engineering & Surveying, Inc. is currently working with New Hampshire Dept. of Transportation's (NHDOT) process for Municipally-Managed State Bridge Aid Projects, such as; #108/070-located on Frescoln Road over the Rocky Branch Stream. Mr. Holden presented The Board with a Bridge Assessment Proposal Booklet on the Frescoln Bridge project. Mr. Holden discussed the design and implementation of the bridge replacement. He spoke of the processes that needed to be done and the reasons and concerns for an early start. The Board thanked Mr. Holden for his time, efforts, and for the informational presentation.

The Board asked the Road Agent / Administrative Assistant to contact Dubois & King Engineering. They are interested in receiving an additional engineering study/quote for the Bridge Project.

Craig Pasco was welcomed to the floor. Mr. Pasco spoke of the Hamilton Field / swim hole and the Riverside Park / swim hole. He stated he has lived here for 12 years and misses the use of these places because of over population of Non-Resident people consuming our resources. Mr. Pasco said, "It's not ours anymore, and we are giving our resources away to others". The Board mentioned after a lengthy discussion, that Mr. Pasco could do a signed petition in Town. This would allow The Board to understand how many others felt as strongly about making this a Resident ONLY admittance. There will be further discussion when the signed petitions arrive, in a couple of weeks. It was mentioned that a Parking, and Alcohol Ordinance was established in the past for the Hamilton Field / Riverside Park. Chief Trott will look into this, and review any and all ordinances involved. Should this petition pass, the Hamilton Field will become a Resident Only

access, and The Board will notify the OHRV / ATV clubs of no parking permitted and signs will be posted.

The Board discussed the Old Town Hall and asked that the Administrative Assistant invite Andrew Cushing, Field Service Rep. from NH Preservation Alliance to come and speak of the process, in beginning a preservation plan. The Administrative Assistant was also asked to call Plymouth University and see if there was some sort of Course Credit for students to give a Cost Analysis for the Town Hall project. Also, it was mentioned that Local Contractors should be able to give an appraisal / estimate.

The Board discussed the Tax Warrant. The end of last period taxes in 2016 was 22.58, therefore the tax rate for the first period in 2017 is half that amount, 11.29. Tax bills were mailed on June 6<sup>th</sup> are due by July 6, 2017.

Paul Ducharme, resident from South Wentworth, attended the meeting and made it known that he would like to be a replacement candidate for Peter Santom. Pete will be leaving his position on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Board took that information into consideration. They will be making a choice for the next candidate on June 21, 2017. The Administrative Assistant was asked to place the information on the Town's website, for any and all those interested in the position to please send into to the Selectmen's Office by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Board extended an invitation to Privilege of the Floor**

Chip Stata, Trustee of the Trust Funds, spoke of a recreational Trail grant that the Trustees have applied for and asked that a letter from The Board be written to support the efforts for this trail. Some activities that were mentioned for the trail were; snowshoeing, hiking, cross country skiing, and walking. There is a lot of work that needs to be done, including; excavating, building of bridges, signage, and etc.

The Board discussed the estimate for work on The Van Deusen and Turner Road Lot, which was given by the Town Forester, Jordan King. At this time, The Board requests to hold off on the work, until they can speak with Mr. King on the possibility of doing a Timber Cut, to fund his Management Plan work. The Administrative Assistant was asked to invite Jordan King to next meeting.

Ray Youngs helped draft the legal wording for OHRV access of trail connectors and crossings for the Administrative Assistant to use in a letter, being sent to Chris Gamache and Caleb Dobbins. The letter will be signed at next meeting and a copy will be sent to John Meade. This concludes Privilege of the Floor. Motion made by Chris @ 8:00 pm and seconded by Pete and approved.

### **Non-Public Meeting #1**

At 8:02 pm, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting - per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting, seconded by Pete and approved. Tim Brown / Transfer Station. The Board discussed the hiring of an additional employee to help out in times of absence or need for back up. Mr. Brown named a candidate that showed interest as a fill in, when others were not available. The Administrative Assistant will look into education information and contact the interested party with dates available to obtain certification. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 8:08 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

**Non-Public Meeting #2**

At 8:10 pm, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting - per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting, seconded by Pete and approved. Arlene Patten / Hiring of help-storage. The Board discussed the need for help. The job would include placing boxed items into storage and retrieving boxes from storage that have met the timeframe of retention that should be destroyed / shredded. The Board decided for the Administrative Assistant to use the Highway employees (at this time) for the moving of heavy storage boxes, and will make the Road Agent aware of this.

Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 8:14 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm and seconded by Chris and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

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