Budget Hearing February 3, 2009 Meeting

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Police Chief Kevin Kay, Ellie Murray, Brian Clark, Pat Griffin, Nancy Masterson, Helen Ray, Steve Davis, Gini Gove, Kenyon Karl, Bobby Cass, and Randy Comsteller

Francis moved to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Randy and approved. Francis moved to open the Budget Hearing on the 2009 Budget, seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer.

Francis described the Town Clerk/Tax Collector position on the Warrant, explained why it was on the Ballot this year and then ran down through the Warrant Articles in order.

There was discussion on the ambulance warrant articles. Pat Griffin described some of the ambulance benefits and Brian Clark said they want "their" money from the Wentworth Capital Reserve to help pay off the ambulance. Brian explained the Warren Wentworth Ambulance is no longer a non-profit organization and cannot participate in the NH Local Government Center insurance program, therefore costing them more for insurance. The Selectman said they believed the Capital Reserve money belonged to the Town of Wentworth, not the ambulance company. That this money was held by the Town in a capital reserve for the purchase of a new ambulance some time in the future; Selectmen will check and advise more. There was additional discussion about still not receiving a profit and loss statement or explanation of income and expenses from the ambulance company. Selectmen further stated that everyone was happy with the services they provide but still wanted accountability for the taxpayer's money.

Ellie Murray requested a warrant article be added for the Trustee of the Trust funds requesting \$250.00 for expenses. Selectmen agreed to add the new warrant article for the Trustees.

Nancy Masterson stated corrected amounts be adjusted for the Library Warrant.

Mary Davis stated she was not happy with the salary amount in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Warrant and offered reasons why she wanted it increased. Selectmen reviewed the specific items and agreed not to adjust the amount.

Francis moved to close the Budget Hearing at 7:15 pm, seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer.

Bobby Case provided an update on the condition of the roads and said Cal Weeks is doing well with the plowing. Bobby said George would know more in a couple weeks when he can return to work. Selectmen authorized Cal to train driving the big truck with George in the truck and supervising.

Selectmen discussed the partial bill on the truck repair and Bobby said more work is required and should be the total amount of the original quote. Bobby also said work needs to be done on the push frame on the plow.

Selectmen will send a letter to Glenn Clough who questioned his property assessment.

Selectmen agreed (Palmer Koelb abstained) to put the incumbent on top of the voting list followed in alphabetical order starting with A.

Selectmen signed the driveway permit for Cersosimo Industries M/L 04-03-05.

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 8:10 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved by Francis per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) to discuss matters which if, discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Randy moved to come out of non-public at 8:25 pm, seconded by Francis and approved by Palmer. Randy and Palmer agreed to abate Francis Muzzey per the recommendation of the Assessor.

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 8:27 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved by Francis per RSA 91-A:3,II (c) to discuss matters which if, discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Palmer moved to come out on non-public session at 8:43 pm, seconded by Francis and approved by Randy. Selectmen discussed a pending issue with the Police Chief.

Francis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Non-public Minutes (1) February 3, 2009

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present:

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 8:10 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved by Francis per RSA 91-A: 3.II (c) to discuss matters which if, discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Randy moved to come out of non-public at 8:25 pm, seconded by Francis and approved by Palmer. Randy and Palmer agreed to abate Francis Muzzey per the recommendation of the Assessor.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Non-public Minutes (2) February 3, 2009 Meeting

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Chief Kevin Kay

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 8:27 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved by Francis per RSA 91-A:3.II (c) to discuss matters which if, discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Palmer moved to come out on non-public session at 8:43 pm, seconded Francis and approved by Randy.

Selectmen discussed a pending issue with the Police Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Minutes February 10, 2009 Meeting

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Police Chief Kevin Kay, Ellie Murray, Gini Gove, Kevin & Kathleen Mack Richard Sharon, Theresa & Mark Evans, Carol Friedrich, Katy and Russ Blodgett

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:05 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Chief Kevin Kay advised Selectmen he would review the parking ordnance and speed limits for the town roads.

Ellie asked Selectmen if they would increase the speed limit to 30 MPH on East Side.

Randy moved to approve the February 3, 2009 minutes and non-public minutes, seconded by Palmer and approved.

Selectmen signed a letter to the BTLA, and the Ballot Selection letter.

Selectmen abated a \$10 Inventory Penalty for Richard Sharon M/L 10-05-01.

Kevin Mack talked to the Selectmen about the building on his property that had burned. Francis explained the property is taxed as of April even though the building had burned. The Mack's believe that their property is assessed higher than value and Francis suggested that they file for an abatement and the town will discuss this with the assessor.

Selectmen requested Adrienne Lowe come to next weeks Selectmen's meeting to discuss the Event Application for the band concert.

Mark and Theresa Evans discussed a payment plan with the Selectmen for the Evans Rd property. Francis moved to accept the payment plan as presented, seconded by Palmer and approved. Frances advised the Evans to file another abatement for the No Dorchester Rd property even though the taxes are not current.

Selectmen authorized the \$37.00 penalty refund for McDonald M/L 11-04-36.

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 7:45 PM, seconded by Palmer and approved by Francis per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) to discuss matters which if, discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Randy moved to come out of non-public session at 7:58 pm, seconded by Francis and approved by Palmer. The Pease property was discussed. No decisions were made.

Randy moved to go into non-public session again at 8:00 PM, seconded by Francis and approved by Palmer per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) to discuss matters which if, discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Randy moved to come out of non-public at 8:12 pm, seconded by Francis and approved by Palmer. Selectmen reviewed a complaint about an employee by a town resident. Selectmen will request additional information from the resident.

Carol Freidrich advised the Selectmen that the County Jail construction and will now be cut in size and that the facility and will be more efficient. A wood chip furnace is planned for the heating. Carol said the letter writing campaign by the Selectmen worked.

Randy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Non-Public Minutes (1) February 10, 2009 Meeting

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Katy and Russ Blodgett

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 7:45 PM, seconded by Palmer and approved by Francis per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) to discuss matters which if, discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Randy moved to come out of non-public session at 7:58 pm, seconded by Francis and approved by Palmer.

The Pease property was discussed. No decisions were made.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Non-public Minutes (2) February 10, 2009 Meeting

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also, Present:

Randy moved to go into non-public session again at 8:00 PM, seconded by Francis and approved by Francis per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) to discuss matters which if, discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Randy moved to come out of non-public at 8:12 pm, seconded by Francis and approved by Palmer.

Selectmen reviewed a complaint about an employee by a town resident. Selectmen will request additional information from the resident.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Minutes February 12, 2009 Meeting

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Police Chief Kevin Kay,

Francis moved to open the meeting at 12:07 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Francis moved to go into non-public session at 12:09 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved by Randy per RSA 91-A:3, II (e) to discuss matters of pending or threatened litigation against the Town or Town Officials, Board Members or employees.

Randy moved to come out of non-public session at 12:45 pm, seconded by Francis and approved by Palmer. Francis moved to contact legal counsel to advise them of this situation. This was seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer.

Randy moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Non-Public Minutes February 12, 2009 Meeting

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Police Chief Kevin Kay,

Francis moved to go into non-public session at 12:09 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved by Randy per RSA 91-A:3, II (e) to discuss matters of pending or threatened litigation against the Town or Town Officials, Board Members or employees.

Randy moved to come out of non-public session at 12:45 pm, seconded by Francis and approved by Palmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Minutes February 13, 2009 Meeting

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present:

Randy moved to open the meeting at 12:00 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved by Francis. Selectmen met in special session to discuss legal questions posed by legal counsel. Selectmen agreed to change the wording on two warrant articles.

Randy moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved by Francis.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Minutes

February 17, 2009 Meeting

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Police Chief Kevin Kay, Steve Davis, Ellie Murray, George Morrill Adrian Lowe, Adam Gallagher and Anne Kinne

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:06 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Police Chief Kevin said he has reviewed the ordnances for parking fines. There was discussion about the posting of speed limits on local roads. Steve Davis advised that years ago the Selectmen adopted a 25 mph speed limit for all town roads. The Police Chief discussed a letter the department received from the NH State Employees Association (SEIU Local 1984) pertaining to payment of Agency fees for union members and non-union members. Selectmen advised the Chief to disregard the letter.

Francis moved to approve minutes and non-public minutes for February 10, minutes and non-public minutes for February 12, and minutes for February 13, 2008 seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer.

Randy moved to sign abatements for Sharon M/L 10-05-01 and McDonald M/L 11-04-36, seconded by Palmer and approved.

Adrian Lowe and Adam Gallagher discussed their plans for the band concert scheduled for this Saturday night at the Town Hall per their Event Application. Adrian said her uncle, a State Police Office (Mr. McGee), would be present. Adam said they would be bringing a generator for additional power. Francis moved to approve the event application with a \$200 cash advance deposit, seconded by Palmer and approved.

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 7:15 pm per RSA 91-A:3,II (c) to discuss matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, seconded by Palmer, and approved by Francis. Francis moved to come out of non-public session at 7:35 pm, seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer. Selectmen suggested to the property owner that she increase her monthly payments, complete an abatement form, and made some suggestions on ways to pay off the outstanding taxes.

Randy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm, seconded by Palmer and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

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Minutes

February 17, 2009 Meeting

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Anne Kinne

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 7:15 pm per RSA 91-A:3,II (c) to discuss matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, seconded by Palmer, and approved by Francis. Francis moved to come out of non-public session at 7:35 pm, seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer. Selectmen suggested to the property owner that she increase her monthly payments, complete an abatement form, and made some suggestions on ways to pay off the outstanding taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

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Minutes February 24, 2009 Meeting

- Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner
- Also Present: Eugene Garrett, Gini Gove, Deb Koelb, Dylan Huddleston, Steve Davis, Ellie Murray, George Morrill, Capt Paul Leavitt, Sunny Ouellette, Lisa Sanborn, Roy Coleman, and Sonia Gaudette

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Francis moved to approve minutes and non-public minutes for February 17, minutes seconded by Palmer and approved by Randy.

Randy moved to sign abatement for Monica M/L 3-03-33, seconded by Palmer and approved.

Selectmen signed letters to Kinne, M/L 08-11-01 and Goodale M/L 04-02-32.

Francis moved to approve the exemption for Kinne, M/L 08-11-01, seconded by Randy and approved. Selectmen approved CU stewardship plans for Tom & Sheila Thomson M/L 04-05-05, 07-04-06 & 04-05-04

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 6:15 pm per RSA 91-A:3,II (c) to discuss matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, seconded by Palmer, and approved by Francis. Francis moved to come out of non-public session at 7:10 pm, seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer. No decisions were made

Sunny Ouellette from Rumney talked with Selectmen about collecting TV monitors. He was hoping the town could combine with other towns to accumulate enough to make it worthwhile for a vendor to pick up the items. In combining Rumney & Wentworth, TV's would need to be wrapped. He will collect more information about quantities. Eugene said he receives approximately 30/year plus approx 30 computers. It is a storage problem for small towns. NRRA is the vendor. Sunny will come back with more info.

Lisa Sanborn discussed her overdue taxes. Made a payment today and will provide a written statement for future payments.

Roy Coleman talked to Selectmen also about overdue taxes. He would like to make a payment of \$200/mo. He will review this again in six months.

Ellie reported she would not be in favor of letting the out of town music groups use the Town Hall again. One chair was broken, the music was very loud, and foul language was used.

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 7:42 pm per RSA 91-A:3,II (c) to discuss matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, seconded by Francis, and approved by Palmer. Francis moved to come out of non-public session at 8:10 pm, seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer. Selectmen met with an applicant for town assistance.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Non-Public Minutes (1) February 24, 2009 Meeting

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Capt Paul Leavitt, Grafton County Sheriff's Department

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 6:15 pm per RSA 91-A:3,II (c) to discuss matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, seconded by Palmer, and approved by Francis. Francis moved to come out of non-public session at 8:10 pm, seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer. Selectmen discussed an investigation with the Sheriff's Department. No decisions were made.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Non-Public Minutes (2) February 24, 2009 Meeting

Present: Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Sonia Gaudette

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 7:42 pm per RSA 91-A:3,II (c) to discuss matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, seconded by Francis, and approved by Palmer. Francis moved to come out of non-public session at 8:10 pm, seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer. Selectmen met with a resident and discussed town assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner