

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting March 05, 2013

Present: Steve Davis, Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Catherine Stover
Also Present: Palmer Koelb, Ellie Murray, Joshua Leiter, Chief Kay and Kenyon Karl (recording the meeting)

5:00 -6:00 pm – Selectmen’s Workshop was held to discuss and prepare for Town Meeting

Randy motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Francis and approved. Selectmen Reviewed & signed Vouchers and Payroll

Randy stated that the Highway Department is posting the roads

Randy motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II(d) – Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community at 6:04 pm, seconded by Francis and approved. Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:17 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Selectmen received an offer for Town owned property, no decisions were made.

Joshua Leiter – asked permission from the Selectmen to go through the town from Beech Hill to Warren on his UTV. He stated it is registered, has plates, insurance and street legal. Francis motioned to give permission to limited roads as requested as is within the purgative of the Selectmen to do so, seconded by Randy and approved. Steve stated he would like to amend the motion to be restricted to such roads, times and speeds as stipulated by Mr. Leiter. Steve asked for Chief Kay’s input. Chief Kay stated that he does not believe the Board can give him permission for State roads and also stated that the Town has, in the past, not wanted ATV’s on the roads. Steve stated that the Chief will look into it and they will revisit the issue at the next meeting.

Chief Kay gave a Police Department status and said it was business as usual. The cruiser is functioning and the driver side rear view mirror will be fixed this week. They are starting to get caught up on cases. Francis informed the Chief of what Warrant Articles the Board would like him to address at the Town Meeting.

Motion by Steve that Palmer speak at the State meeting which will be held on Thursday regarding the request of the Town to place a walkway on the bridge by Shawnees.

The Board agreed to set up for Town Meeting on Monday evening and discussed which Selectmen will cover which portions of the day on Tuesday.

Francis made a motion at 6:38 pm, seconded by Randy and approved, to go into a Non-Public Meeting (2) 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Francis motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:55 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen agreed to have Francis contact an abutter of Evans Rd Bridge on behalf of the Board to discuss easement agreement.

Francis motioned to adjourn the Selectmen’s Meeting at 6:59 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non- Public Minutes (1) of March 05, 2013 Meeting

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

Also Present: Noel King

Non-Public Meeting (1)

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Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

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**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non- Public Minutes (2) of March 05, 2013 Meeting

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

Non-Public Meeting (2)

Francis made a motion at 6:38 pm, seconded by Randy and approved, to go into a Non-Public Meeting (2) 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Francis motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:55 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen agreed to have Francis contact an abutter of Evans Rd Bridge on behalf of the Board to discuss easement agreement.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non- Public Minutes (1) of March 13, 2013 Meeting

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

Also Present: Dave Thompson

Non-Public Meeting (1)

Francis motioned to go a Non-Public meeting at 6:05 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 Steve and approved.

Selectmen met with an applicant for the Highway Department.

No decision was made as to hiring the applicant. The Selectmen requested the office to look into benefits.

Steve motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non- Public Minutes (1) of March 14, 2013 Meeting

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

Also Present: Dave Thompson

Non-Public Meeting (1)

Francis motioned to go a Non-Public meeting at 6:00 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 Steve and approved.

Selectmen met with and interviewed an applicant for the Highway Department.

Selectmen extended an offer of employment, the applicant declined the offer.

Steve motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non- Public Minutes (2) of March 14, 2013 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Steve Davis, Francis Muzzey

Also Present: Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting (2)

Francis motioned to go a Non-Public meeting at 6:21 pm, 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant, seconded by Steve and approved.

Selectmen discussed 2013 Warrant Article #21.

Steve motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:45 pm.

Selectmen decided not to reimburse Paul Smith in the amount of \$3,752.00 for the time out of work due to injury. This subject was put before the Board on January 8, 2013. The decision of the Board at that time was to not pay monies in addition to Workers Compensation. The Board reaffirmed their decision.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non- Public Minutes (1) of March 20, 2013 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey, Catherine Stover

Also Present: Paul Smith

Non-Public Meeting (1)

Francis motioned to go a Non-Public meeting at 5:35 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 Randy and approved.

Selectmen met with a Highway Department employee.

No decisions were made.

Francis motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

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**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non- Public Minutes (2) of March 20, 2013 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey

Also Present: Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting (2)

Francis motioned to go a Non-Public meeting at 5:51 pm, 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen discussed Welfare applicant's request for assistance.

Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:03 pm.

Per request of the applicant, Selectmen agreed to make a house visit at the applicant's residence.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non- Public Minutes (3) of March 20, 2013 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey

Also Present: George Morrill and Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting (3)

Francis motioned to go a Non-Public meeting at 6:03 pm, 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen discussed an abatement request.

Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:05 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Selectmen agreed and signed an abatement request.

Selectmen swore George Morrill in as the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting, Thursday, March 21, 2013

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

Also Present: Palmer Koelb, Ellie Murray, Noel King, Scott Goodale, Joshua Leiter, George Morrill, and Kenyon Karl (recording the meeting)

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

Steve motioned and Francis seconded to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:01 pm 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. The meeting was held in the Administrative Assistant's office. Randy joined the meeting. Selectmen discussed Highway Department open position of Road Agent. No decisions were made. Steve motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:10 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen returned to the meeting room. Steve stated that the Road Agent has accepted a position for Road Agent in the Town of Warren and was sworn in yesterday. He said he met with Bobby Cass this morning, and they did an inventory of equipment, and turned in his keys. Steve stated that Jeff Ames witnessed the transaction. Steve also stated that Bobby, Jeff and himself also signed a letter of resignation and inventory. Steve said he also asked Bobby to speak with Larry Walker to see if Larry would be willing to stay on call for the south end of town should there be any more snow emergencies.

Francis stated that Noel King has also offered to help if needed. Noel was in attendance and confirmed that he had made the offer.

Steve stated that the Board has had an opportunity to discuss the opening with some applicants and stated that it will be a difficult decision to choose a qualified road agent. Steve made a proposal to the Board that a "selection committee" to work with the board to select the best qualified candidates that we can afford to contract with. Steve stated that the committee would consist of people knowledgeable in road construction and maintenance that would give advisory input to the Board. The Board asked Noel if he would be willing to be on the committee. Noel stated that although he would rather not, if they are unable to find 3 or 4 volunteers, he would participate.

Steve motioned for the Board's support. Francis seconded and board approved, and stated he would also like to ask John Wayne. Steve then stated that people on the committee did not necessarily have to have road maintenance knowledge, but need to be willing to serve, and listen and understand.

Steve also offered a second proposal wanting the ability to offer competitive benefits and requested that the Administrative Assistant look into medical costs (60/40), dental, vision, 401K and NH Retirement.

Steve also stated that a Non-Public meeting was held last Thursday evening regarding the non-binding agreement under Warrant Article #21, regarding compensate Paul Smith for the difference between his work comp and lost pay. He stated the board heard that, 25 people voted for it, 100 people left the room. Steve stated the Board discussed and voted on it Thursday night and the answer is no. He stated it was a bad

precedent to set for future and past claimants. Steve also said that he would encourage residents if they want to put their personal funds into it, and he would donate the first \$100.00, to do so on a personal level

Steve left the meeting at 6:22 pm

Francis stated that the Board did come in on Tuesday to sign vouchers and payroll. He also stated on Wednesday they opened bids regarding the Evans Bridge Road. Kenyon inquired and Francis stated that George Morrill was sworn in as Town Clerk/Tax Collector last night following the Non-Public meeting.

Selectmen reviewed and signed the following documents:

- Meeting Minutes of March 05, 2013, and Non-Public Meetings of March 13 & 14, 20
- Abatement for Comsteller M/L 05-03-03
- Refund for Bragdon M/L 05-03-22
- Intent to Cut for Comsteller M/L 05-03-03 & 05-01-23
- Intent to Cut for King M/L 11-01-09
- Letter to DOT (Nancy Mayville) re: Municipal Bridge Aid for Frescoln Road
- Timber Warrant for Doven and Boucher
- Petition and Pole License for NH Elec Co-Op for poles located on Nichols Rd
- Request of King Forest Industries to use the old Town Hall on April 2, and May 9, from 8 am – 3 pm.

Francis addressed a request from a resident regarding M/L 11-01-16, discrepancy of acreage on their property. Francis suggested the office contact Sewell. Noel King stated that a survey was done by John French some time back.

Francis motioned, seconded by Randy and approved that Randy will be the chairman for this year.

Francis stated that at the Hazardous Mitigation Meeting, they discussed the ability for residents to obtain house numbers from the PD if they do not have any.

Scott Goodale asked the Selectmen about running power up Old Route 25, by Herlihy, or if he should want to subdivide land, wondering if there is any time of right of way for utilities. Francis stated that he believed that the Power Company was reluctant to run poles on a class 6 highway, of which the referenced road is one. Francis stated he believes it's a matter of what the Co-Op is willing to do. Scott asked if the Town would allow power to be placed along side of the road. Francis also stated that if someone builds on a class 6 road there is an RSA that requires you to sign a paper acknowledging that on a class 6 you are likely to not receive some services. Selectmen also discussed the width of the road; Francis stated he believes it is 3 rods across (49.5').

Also discussed with the Selectmen was the fact that an iron pipe is sticking out of the ground in the right-of-way road, up on Atwell Hill up by Old Orford Road (Rt 25), which they believe is the responsibility of Richard Herlihy. They would like this pipe removed.

Francis motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:05 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non- Public Minutes (1) of March 21, 2013 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Steve Davis Francis Muzzey

Also Present: Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting (1)

Steve motioned and Francis seconded to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:01 pm 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. The meeting was held in the Administrative Assistant's office. Randy joined the meeting. Selectmen discussed Highway Department open position of Road Agent. No decisions were made.

Steve motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:10 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting, March 26, 2013

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

Also Present: Senator Jeanie Forrester, Chief Kevin Kay, Palmer Koelb, Ellie Murray, Noel King, Katelyn Heath (student) and Lisa Heath, Tiffany Muzzey (student), Jim Muran (Provan and Labor) and Kenyon Karl (recording the meeting)

Randy motioned to open the meeting at 6:01 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and signed the following:

- Vendor payments
- Non-Public minutes of March 20 and Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2013
- Evans Bridge Bid Evaluation documents and letter of acceptance to DOT (Nancy Mayville)
- MS-2 (Report of Appropriations Actually Voted) for DRA
- Letter for TC/TC granting authority to act as agent for DMV
- 2013 WWAS contract

Senator Jeanie Forrester stated that it has been a busy session – she wanted to touch base and let us know what is going on in Concord. Jeanie touched on several topics; Vitals Fees that go to the Municipalities, LGC returning monies to the Municipalities, Northern Pass, Wind Farms, Gas Tax, Casinos, Restoration of Bridges.

Jim Muran of Provan and Labor was in attendance and discussed their 2013 contract. Francis asked how long the town must continue to monitor and test the landfill. Jim said it is required until the testing shows no contamination. He stated that he thinks we are close. The Board approved and signed the contract.

Noel King talked with the Selectmen about the road classification up on Hooper Hill. He stated he believes it is a town maintained road which goes to the bridge. Francis stated that he disagrees, and said that the town has not maintained it in at least 5 years, and as a result it needs to go before the town. Francis also stated that he feels the RSA is clear on this matter and the book by Gardner, Fulton and Waugh, *Hard Road to Travel*, also talks of it. Francis stated that he was ok with putting it on next year's warrant article

Chief Kay said they have purchased some more signage and office supplies. He stated they have received a letter from CADY. CADY said they are losing some State and Federal funding. Chief Kay asked the Board about a pipe in the road that the Office Assistant mentioned to him at the Boards request. Selectmen confirmed their concern of a pipe in the Old Orford Road. Chief Kay stated that his suggestion would be that the Town send a letter requesting the owner to remove the pipe.

Steve 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant at 7:15 pm, seconded by Randy and approved. Deb Gelsi asked the Board about election procedures, and the Board directed her to speak with George Morrill and/or Steve Welch. Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Randy motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 7:30 pm, per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee, seconded by Francis and approved. Selectmen discussed Highway Department applications. No decisions were made. Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 7:40, seconded by Steve and approved.

The Board briefly discussed forming a Steering Committee. Randy stated that he is not in favor of having a Steering Committee.

Francis motioned to adjourn the Selectmen’s Meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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Also Present: Catherine Stover

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

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by
