Selectmen's Business Meeting of August 02, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Catherine Stover, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, George Morrill, Ellie Murray,

Francis Muzzey, Eric Racine, Michelle Racine, Corey Cormier, Peter Holden, Steve

Welch, Bruce Welch

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

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:01 pm, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) - The hiring of any person as a public employee. The motion was seconded by Peter and approved. The Board discussed hiring (2) additional people to help with the Transfer Station. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting 6:08 pm, seconded by Peter and approved.

Francis asked the Board who the Level 4 supervisor was for the Transfer Station. The Board stated they were unfamiliar with the various levels and will look into this.

Chief Wally Trott, stated there was nothing new to report this week.

Peter Holden (Holden Engineering & Surveying, Inc.) discussed with the Board regarding beams leftover from the Dufour Bridge Project. Mr. Holden stated that a small town in Vermont would like to purchase these beams. There are approx. 4 pieces that could be used. Chris requested that the Town of Vermont requesting the beams, draft a request for offer to purchase, and no liability for removal, items are as is, and Pete agreed and approved. Funds will be placed into the Town's General Fund.

Janice Thompson questioned the need for lead testing of the river since the bridge has been disassembled on the Gayle Paige property. The Board asked Ellie if the testing has been done for the month of August. Ellie was unsure and said she would check into this. George stated that the river bed and bank was protected with a plastic like material during the dismantling process. Chief Trott suggested that maybe the river could be tested above the site of the bridge construction and below site to compare testing numbers.

Francis questioned the need for a non-public meeting held on July 9th with FEMA. The Board stated it was a meeting with the State of NH OEP. Francis suggested in the future to hold a nonpublic meeting only when needed. The Board thanked Francis for his import.

Francis inquired about the new TC/TC Deputy support person. The Board stated that the TC/TC has hired a Deputy to fulfill the RSA requirements.

Janice Thompson asked the Board for a status update regarding the Town Hall repairs. Chris read a recent email received from Eric Merluzzi, regarding septic system size, town hall capacity, and issues related to the well. Chris wondered if we could possibly use a holding tank with an alarm.

Janice inquired about the insurance and when there would be an inspection done on the Town Hall. Chris stated we should be hearing something from them by August 16th.

Kay Bailey was officially sworn into office and took Oath as Library Trustee.

The Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- -The Meeting Minutes of July 19
- -Driveway permit for Melendy property and culvert, M/L 8-13-6A
- -PA-28 Inventory Form
- -Septic Design for Pine Haven Campground M/L 13-6-2

The Meeting paused for a quick intermission of a birthday celebration for Chris by his family.

Non-Public Meeting #2

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting at 7:07 pm, seconded by Pete and approved 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. The Board reviewed and discussed an application for assistance. Chris motioned to come out of Non-Public at 7:20 pm. seconded by Pete and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #3

Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 7:23 pm, seconded by Pete and approved. The Board decided to revisit/reschedule this Non-Public meeting to be held August 9th. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:28 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #4

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting at 7:29 pm, seconded by Pete and approved per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee. The Board discussed personnel matters. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:35 pm, and seconded by Pete and approved.

Chris motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 7:37 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Non-Public Minutes (1) of August 02, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:01 pm, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee. The motion was seconded by Pete and approved.

The Board discussed hiring (2) additional people to help with the Transfer Station. Chris requested that Eric call Randy Ruger first, before contacting other back up due to Randy's certification level.

Chris motioned to come out of the meeting 6:08 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Non-Public Minutes (2) of August 02, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Catherine Stover, Welfare Applicant

Non-Public Meeting #2

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting at 7:07 pm, seconded by Pete and approved 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.

The Board reviewed and discussed an application for assistance. The request was denied.

Chris motioned to come out of Non-Public at 7:20 pm. seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Non-Public Minutes (3) of August 02, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting #3

Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 7:23 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

The Board decided to revisit/reschedule this Non-Public Meeting to be held August 9th.

Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:28 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Non-Public Minutes (4) of August 02, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting #4

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting at 7:29 pm, seconded by Pete and approved per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee.

The Board discussed personnel matters.

Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:35 pm, and seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes of Selectmen's Working Meeting of August 9, 2016

Present:

Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present:

Catherine Stover, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Chief Trott

Pete motioned to open the meeting at 6:02 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Janice Thompson inquired about The Baker River water testing. Pete replied that Friends of Wentworth Park & Rec had the testing done before and after the bridge dismantling. Pete also stated he would try to find the results and bring to next meeting.

Kay Bailey questioned the Board of removal of the Town Hall sign. The Board asked the office to look into the whereabouts and when it will be returned. It was also mentioned that the Hamilton Field sign has been damaged and will need to be repaired. The office will look into this and get a quote.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:15 pm Pete motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) — Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled, seconded by Ray and approved. Selectmen discussed a legal matter. Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:25 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Pete motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 6:30 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Non-Public Minutes (1) of August 9, 2016

Present:

Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present:

Catherine Stover, Chief Trott

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:15 pm Pete motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) — Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled, seconded by Ray and approved.

Selectmen discussed a legal matter.

Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:25 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Selectmen's Business Meeting of August 16, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Catherine Stover, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, George Morrill, Francis Muzzey,

Ray Rheaume, Mark Stetson, Jeff Ames, Chief Wallace Trott

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

Chief Wally Trott stated there was nothing new to report this week for the Police Dept. He did ask Jeff Ames if he saw the article in the newspaper regarding the bicycle accident in town. The article gave a special thank you to the police, fire, and the ambulance for the smooth and wonderful service provided in caring for the patient.

The Chief introduced Ray Rheaume who was asked to give an estimate for repair and creation of Town Signs (town office, Hamilton Field, and welcome signs at the North and South entrance to the town). Ray presented drawings of the proposed Town Office and Hamilton Field sign. The Board received and reviewed them with the public. It was agreed upon to move forward with constructing the signs. The Board will check with Cary Whetherbee, NH DOT to see what the requirements are for road signage and measurements for roadside placement. Francis was asked by the Board regarding financial help from the Historical Society for the Town Welcome signs. Chris motioned to move forward with the four signs, seconded by Pete and approved. Mr. Rheaume stated that there is a 10 year warranty on all his signs. He will repair at his cost if needed.

Mark Stetson from Avitar discussed the re-evaluation and stated it went smoothly. The Town's total evaluation went down in pricing. Mark met with several property owners regarding their property reevaluation. The DRA has been in to review Town files regarding current use, and found missing information of about 5%. Indications are that the town will probably not pass. Suggestions will be to update the files of the current use property owners who have missing info. The Town's in much better shape than they were 5 years ago per Mark. Mark said the Fairpoint Lawsuit is still active and no decisions or settlements have been made for Pole placements, permissions, and agreements. There has been some discussion of costs to town's people eventually, but nothing at this time. Mark says, it's not huge dollars but it's a value increase. Mark gave the Board the completed manual regarding the re-evaluation. Overall Mark stated the process went smoothly.

Chris opened the meeting to Privilege of the Floor. Janice Thompson spoke with the Board in regards to her concerns of having water testing done at the bridge area. Chris noted her concerns and said water testing is important.

Janice also questioned about the Town Hall and when an insurance inspection would happen. Catherine spoke with John Nies, of Integrated Insurance Solutions, who anticipates the inspection will take place sometime in the Fall of 2016.

Janice guestioned the MOA for the bridge. The Board felt the contract was okay and signed it.

Chris motioned to move to a Non-Public Meeting at 7:03 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 7:05 pm, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) — Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled, seconded by Pete and approved. Discussion of legal matter. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:23 pm, and seconded by Pete and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 7:25 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. Donna King discussed the Deputy's position. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:31 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #3

At 7:33 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. 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 Pete and approved. Discussion of Welfare Application. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:37 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #4

At 7:38 pm, Chris 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 Pete and approved. Discussed and approved salary reviews. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

The Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of August 2 & August 9
- Traveler's Umbrella Quote
- MOA for Village Bridge (Orig. & Draft)
- Employee Pay Reviews (3)
- Morton Salt Bulk pricing for 2016/2017
- Cargill Bulk Salt pricing for 2016/2017
- Driveway Permit for King, M/L 10-5-5

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Non-Public Minutes (1) of August 16, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 7:05 pm, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) – Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled, seconded by Pete and approved.

Discussion of legal matter.

Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:23 pm, and seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Non-Public Minutes (2) of August 16, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Catherine Stover, Donna King

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 7:25 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.

Donna King discussed the Deputy's position.

Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:31 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Non-Public Minutes (3) of August 16, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting #3

At 7:33 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. 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 Pete and approved.

Discussion of Welfare Application.

Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:37 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Non-Public Minutes (4) of August 16, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Catherine Stover, Chief Wallace Trott

Non-Public Meeting #4

At 7:38 pm, Chris 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 Pete and approved.

The Board discussed and reviewed salary for two newly hired Transfer Station attendants. The Board approved:

Michele Racine \$9.00/hr Timothy Brown \$10.00/hr

Also reviewed and approved salary increase for Adrian Smith, new rate increase of \$1.25/hr. New rate shall be \$16.50/hr.

Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten

Selectmen's Business Meeting of August 30, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Catherine Stover, Ellie Murray, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Leslie Nelson, Martha Bickford, Palmer Koelb, Jen Meade, Peter Kozak, Susan Corbett, Max Corbett, Cookie Kinder, Craig Pasco, Bill Bolton, Chief Wallace Trott

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

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of August 9 & 16

- Report of Cut OP 16-475-04 Ben Anderson M/L 8-3-7A
- MS1 (DRA Summary of Inventory Valuation)
- PA-16 (Report of State & Federal forestland)
- Village Bridge MOA agreement
- Highway Block Grant Estimated Aid 2016/2017
- Reiter BTLA appeal
- Request for information regarding "Old Railroad Station (Historical Bldg.)" from Gary LaPointe

Chief Wally Trott spoke of a donation of an electric scooter given to the Town by Beverly Andrews, a resident of Pine Haven Campground. The scooter will be stored at the school and used when needed. The Chief also discussed the signs being made by Ray Rheaume for the Town Office, Hamilton Field and Welcome to Wentworth signs. Chris requested the office to contact Cary Weatherbee from the State Highway DOT regarding placement of the Town welcoming signs.

Chris discussed the need for a town Forester, and stated that two people have shown interest. Palmer stated that Quentin Mack is a certified Forester and has done it for years.

Mr. Bill Bolton, who is running for Grafton County Commissioner, District 3, was in attendance to meet & greet the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Bolton stated he was endorsed by Martha Richards. He spoke of his accomplishments in previous years, working and focusing on mental health and the drug courts. Ray encouraged him to come up with a more comprehensive solution for drug courts. concerning the addiction of heroin. Mr. Bolton also spoke of the PSU program, Grafton County Nursing Home Budget and the County Farm expenditures.

Jen Meade discussed a drafted Bridge Lease regarding the abutments, and passed some handouts to the public. Chris spoke of a binder (Lease Agreement), and Pete mentioned having our legal firm review and draft the lease. Jen discussed an extension from Sept 24th to Sept. 30th, as the crane will not be available on the 24th as anticipated. She stated she has spoken with Latulippe Construction and they can still meet the deadline of Oct. 14th. Pete asked to be cc'd on any and all correspondence.

Margaret Bickford discussed the 250th Town Celebration and gave a status update. She spoke of the different events that are to take place.

Chris spoke of the water testing report provided by the Friends of Wentworth Park and Rec.

Non-Public Meeting #1

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Non-Public Meeting #2

At 7:32 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. Chris discussed matters concerning the Transfer Station and requested the office schedule Eric, the Transfer Station attendant, to attend the next Selectmen's Meeting. No decisions were made. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:45 pm and seconded by Pete and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #3

At 7:46 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 Ray and approved. The Board discussed a personnel matter related to the Highway Dept. and requested the office to schedule a non-public meeting with John Emery at the next Board Meeting. No decisions were made. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:58 pm and seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Non-Public Minutes (1) of August 30, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Wallace Trott

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 7:15 pm, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) -Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled, seconded by Ray and approved.

The Board met with WWA regarding a legal matter. The Board decided to re-visit this subject matter at a later time to be determined.

Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Non-Public Minutes (2) of August 30, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Wallace Trott

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 7:32 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.

Chris discussed matters concerning the Transfer Station and requested the office to schedule Eric, the Transfer Station attendant, to attend the next Selectmen's Meeting. No decisions were made.

Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:45 pm and seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Non Public Minutes (2) of August 20, 2016

Non-Public Minutes (3) of August 30, 2016

Present:

Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Wallace Trott

Non-Public Meeting #3

At 7:46 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 Ray and approved.

The Board discussed a personnel matter related to the Highway Dept. and requested the office to schedule a non-public meeting with John Emery, at the next Board Meeting. No decisions were made.

Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:58 pm and seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten