

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN  
Selectmen's Working/Business Meeting  
of May 10, 2017

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

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Martha Morrill, George Morrill, Elaine (Cookie) Kinder, Kevin Gilbert, Jordan King, Richard Bailey.

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

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- (1) Yield Tax on Timber
- (1) Intent to Cut
- Jordan King - Estimates for Work
- (2) Police Appointments (Oath of Office)
- Purchase form / Transfer Station

Chief Trott was welcomed to speak and told of (2) Appointments (1 new) to Office, that have been done recently on Roland P. Chierichetti and Todd M. Eck (a new Police Officer) both who swore to Oath of Office. The Chief also reported some criminal/mischief with the Baker River Church. He claimed there was damage to the Church sign and the spinning of "donuts" in the parking lot was also noted. The same spin outs were also noted at Precision Lumber and the Hamilton Field. (2) previous theft calls had been resolved.

Jordan King, Forester & Consultant for the Town of Wentworth, was welcomed to the floor to speak of his recent work done on the Town owned land. Mr. King stated he had done a walk through evaluation, checking for forest health problems and property boundary conditions. He said that he started a GIS map for each property, build property files for future needs, and formulate recommendations for the management of the properties. The Board was satisfied with the conversation and it was noted Mr. King was paid to date, for the completed job.

Mr. King went on to discuss with The Board his new estimates for work to be done. An estimate for the Van Deusen Lot (35 acres, mostly hardwood oak- beech) is \$1250.00 and the Turner Road Lot (14 acres, mostly pine) is \$850.00. This estimates includes Timber Appraisal and Stewardship Plans along with Boundary Line Maintenance. The Select Board stated before this work begins, they would like to look at the budget. It was an oversight with The Board, and there was not line item added or money adjustments made to the budget for 2017. The Board will look into where they can adjust the monies and make this work. Ray asked, if having a Timber Cut done on the Town owned property, could help offset the cost for Mr. King's Forestry services. The suggestion was noted.

Mr. King a resident of Hooper Hill Rd, spoke of the work he has done to maintain the road, and said because the road is a class VI road doesn't mean the Town can't do maintenance. He spoke of knowing the State of New Hampshire mentions (Title XX Transportation, Chapter 231, section 59-a) that a Town may raise and appropriate, and the Selectmen may expend, money for the repair of any class VI highway or private way which has been declared an emergency lane under paragraph II. No expenditure shall be made under paragraph I unless the selectmen, following a public hearing, declare the relevant class VI highway, private way or portion thereof, as an emergency

lane. The Board will look into this. Mr. King mentioned that if another meeting is held on this topic, to please invite Hwy., Fire, Police, and himself to the meeting.

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

Chris shared, his disappointment with a couple of recent incidents that have taken place at the Town Office and in the Board Room with the disrespectful behaviors. He reminded the public that this is not tolerated and all attendees should be respectful of each other. Richard Bailey spoke up, pointing his finger toward The Board and said, that should mean both ways then, right? Chris said yes, absolutely.

Ray spoke of wanting and encouraging the Town to be in consideration of who they feel would make a great selectman. Ray is hoping for several names of interested candidates to come forward. He has had a couple of suggestions come through, but would like to have more, before making a final decision at the end of June. The new Select Board term would be until March of 2018, when the position would be up for elections.

George Morrill spoke of a recent meeting he had with New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. Many people from the Common community attended to discuss the things the needs to be part of the Historical Registry. They also discussed the Old Town Hall and the preservation and restoration of this historical building, and what the future plans would be.

George also mentioned, which was reiterated by his wife, Martha that the roads have been great, especially Beech Hill Road. Kudos to the Road Agent.

Ray mentioned that he met with New Hampshire Municipal Association's free legal. He spoke of concerns that some residents had about zoning, and the possible adoption of ordinances. He shared some info on ordinances such as; large advertising signs with lights, stating how many cash registers can be in one location at a time, and etc. Of course lots of people have different opinions, and more research needs to be given, with a course of action to follow, if the Town's people feel strongly about adopting ordinances or zoning, he said. Ray will look into this further and would like to try and meet with NHMA's free legal at least a couple of times a month, as time allows.

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

At 6:47 pm, Ray 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. Kevin Gilbert / Personal Matter. The Board discussed this personal matter, and gave feedback on D.O.T. physicals. The Personnel Policy / Employee Handbook & Safety Manual was perused for information (pg's 34 & 35 were noted and read by attendees) regarding this topic. The Administrative Assistant will contact Zurich (Workers Comp. Ins. Carrier) to learn of their requirements. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:03 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

### **Non-Public Meeting #2**

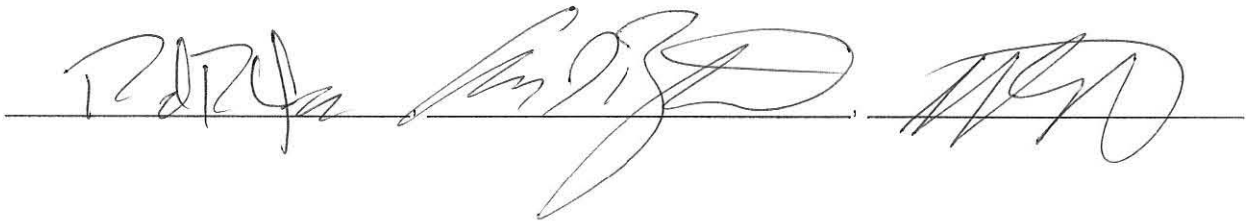
At 7:12 pm, Ray motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting - per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting, seconded by Pete and approved. Arlene Patten/Personal Matter

The Board discussed a personal matter with Arlene Patten. Then a question was raised as to whether or not a policy was needed or should be in place for the Dept. Heads to make purchases above a certain dollar amount. It was agreed by The Board that any purchase above the amount of \$500.00 would need the signatures and approvals of at least (2) Select Board members. The Board will form a policy soon and have that added to the Handbook. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:18 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 7:25 pm and seconded by Chris and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

Three handwritten signatures are written across a horizontal line. The first signature on the left is 'RAY', the middle signature is 'Chris', and the signature on the right is 'Pete'.