

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting
October 10, 2017

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Ray Youngs, Tracy Currier and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Kevin Gilbert, Glenn Campbell, Christine Santom, Morgan Currier, Frances Muzzey. Tanya & Kara Wright

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

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Payroll & Vendor Checks
- Crane & Bell MS 60
- Expired Certification
- Key Log Approval
- Half-Staff, American Flag Responsibility
- Timber Intent to Cut M/L 12-03-11
- Meeting Minutes 9/6/17, 9/13/17 & 9/20/17

The Selectmen invited Christine Santom to the front to be sworn into Office and take the Oath of Office before the present public. Ray read the RSA of 202 A:11 (Powers and Duties) and the Oath. This was presented to Ms. Santom who was sworn into office as the Alternate Trustee for the Webster Memorial Library by Ray Youngs, Selectmen. Ray made a motion to have Christine Santom, as Alternate Trustee for the Webster Memorial Library, seconded by Chris and Tracy. Glenn Campbell took a photo for record.

Chief Trott was invited to give a status update. The Chief said He's been busy with Welfare check on a Wentworth Resident- Services rendered and contacts have been made with DHHS and Adult Elderly Services. He said he's also been busy with assisting with DCYF in regards to Welfare Checks regarding a home and outside assessment., Suspicious vehicle/person report unfounded, a Phone Same report taken and a call made to confirm actual scam, A criminal mischief report made and completed, along with a Safety Meeting at Wentworth Elementary School.

Arlene Patten, Administrative Assistant gave a status update. Arlene spoke of a Town Resident who needed to meet with the Selectmen about Hooper Hill Road, which is a class VI road. Mr. Melanson has a conflict of Business Meeting hours/times to meet for a discussion of His concerns. Mr. Melanson works a second shift, as a Thornton Police Officer. The Selectboard agreed that Mr. Melanson could write a letter of concern and they would be happy to address and/or review the request or issue and provide some feedback. The Administrative Assistant will contact Mr. Melanson with the message.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave a status update on the roads and bridges. He mentioned that he's been busy grading the roads, adding ledge pack to the potholes and then rolling the roads to compact and prevent washouts.

Glenn Campbell, (Fill in) for Transfer Station gave a status update. Things are going fairly well at the Transfer Station. He stated he's been busy updating and making changing to the price sheet to reflect the costs. Chris motioned to accept the new sheet and seconded by Tracy and approved. Glenn also discussed the need to order new Transfer Station stickers for January 2018. Each resident will be checked and given a new colored sticker that will be placed in an easy to see area. Again, Chris motioned to order new colored stickers, good for three year terms, seconded by Tracy and approved. Glenn mentioned that he would like to have cameras ordered and figured into the Budget for 2018 which would capture necessary info. The Select Board motioned to table this and revisit at another time. The Selectmen however, did approve and give permission to use a new daily log form. The Administrative Assistant is working with Glenn on getting updated signage posted at the Transfer Station to help the flow of the grounds. Glenn has worked very hard at cleaning around the structures on the grounds and is preparing to do some building staining. More wonderful things will be happening in the future.

Ms. Kay Bailey discussed the expenditures for the fire extinguishers (\$153.00) and her need to have it taken from the appropriated monthly funds to properly show on her paperwork. She would also like to see a contract for the extinguishers and had questions as to who should sign this, the Trustees, the Alternate Trustees or Both. The Selectmen felt the Trustees should discuss that and work it out.

Privilege of the floor was extended to the public

Ms. Janice Thompson requested information on Plummer's Forest. She noted that the Cemeteries, along with the Webster Memorial Library are not receiving their monies and they should be. She wants answers. The Select Board agreed to inviting /calling Chip Stata in for an informational on what's happening with the funds and Plummer's Forest.

Ms. Donna King sent an email requesting information as to whose responsibility it is for the American Flag to be brought to Half Staff during required times. Ray, asked the Administrative Assistant to notify Ms. King that it would be His (Ray's) responsibility and when he couldn't do it, He would be sure to have either Chief Trott, another Selectmen, the Road Agent or another designee to do this in his absence. It has never been intentional or purposeful to overlook or miss something as important as honoring the American Flag at Half-Staff.

Chief Ames is working with Officer Chiriechetti. They've had discussions of grant monies and need for new / updated radios. More info to come in the near future.

Mr. Francis Muzzey disagreed with the fact that the Selectmen were wearing fluorescent pink shirts with the Town Highway Logo on them. Mr. Muzzey's complaint is that: it is a conflict of interest, making it appear that the Board works for the Highway. The Board did not agree with his feelings. It was not the intention of The Road Agent when he had these shirts made. It was to honor Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Road Agent, Kevin Gilbert apologized that Mr. Muzzey did not agree with his thoughtfulness.

Ms. Morgan Currier (wife of Select Board Member) mentioned that the 4H Club would begin on Oct. 19th at 6:30 pm at their residence, 1121 Mt. Moosilauke Hwy., Wentworth. She extended the invitation to all who are interested and also stated that she has received approximately 10 different emails with interested parties. It was mentioned that many residents in Town are happy and thankful for this opportunity to get the children involved.

Chris motioned to come out of the Public Meeting and go into the Non-Public at 7:25 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 7:30 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 Tracy and approved. Welfare Applicant / Town Assistance. The Board listened to the concerns the residents had and reviewed the request. The request was denied.

Chris motioned to come out of Non-Public at 7:55 pm. seconded by Pete and approved.

Chris motioned to adjourn at 8:05 pm and seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:


