Present: Douglas Campbell, Peter Santom, and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Palmer Koelb, Kevin Gilbert, Glenda Toomey, Francis Muzzey, Jacob Brendle, Bob Giuda, Deborah Ziemba

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

The Board reviewed the Agenda and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:
- Vendor/Payroll Checks
- Fish & Game Grant for Police Dept.
- MS-232 for DRA
- Warren Sand Gravel, Inc. pricing sheet
- 3-G, Stan Graton appraisal / Town Hall
- (2) Yield Tax on Timber Cut OP #17-475-05, OP #17-475-06
- Application for Current Use M/L 10-4-5
- Driveway Approval – Ellsworth Hill Rd.
- Abatement on Lien Fee 13-6-2/20
- 3 Bids for Computer Service & Contracts
- Emergency Authorization Form for Baker River/Storm October 2017
- Public Works Mutual Aid
- State of NH Property Sale of 3.3 Acre M/L 11-4-15
- Engineering Hydraulic Study/Assessment for Cross Rd. Culvert – K. Gilbert

Chief Trott gave an update from the (WPD) Wentworth Police Dept. Trott said the PD has been quite busy. The Police Dept. handled (2) animal complaints. (1 of 2) on Rowentown Road with two loose horses in the roadway, they were located and their owners were contacted and notified by Chief Trott. (2 of 2) on was loose goats on Rt 25 with same outcome. *WPD was called to Shawnees Store early one morning for an unwanted person. The person was named in a protective order and there was concern that the protected party may show up at the store. The matter was resolved with no issue. *WPD took a fraud report from a local Wentworth business. The report has also been forwarded to the fraud investigation department associated with the financial institution covering the business. Both agencies are working together on this investigation with the assistance of the business owner. *WPD assisted Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service with a call for service. *WPD took part in a required drill at the WES. A school evacuation drill was conducted without incident and within an impressive timeframe. *WPD assisted a Wentworth resident with an issue between the State of PA and the State of NH where his driver’s license could not be renewed due to a suspension in PA. After looking into the matter it was determined to be a case of mistaken identity and the matter is being resolved through the proper channels which we are also assisting with. *WPD took care of a civil matter between a wife and husband who are currently separated and had some issues regarding their rights. They were referred to the family court after explaining what is required for a civil standby. *WPD took care of a request for service of a trespass notice for a property located in Wentworth. The service was completed the following day without incident. *WPD followed up regarding a death notification to a Wentworth resident regarding the unexpected loss of an immediate family member. WPD offered our condolences on behalf of the PD as well as on the behalf of the Town. The family’s name is not being given out of respect to them and their
situation. The WPD worked the details the last weeks at the race track. Week one was uneventful with no issues or time constraints. Week 2 resulted in one driver being arrested and charged with criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest. Chief Trott spent the week following up with this and as a result there are currently 3 drivers that have been banned from the race track and two others on probation. The track Administration is backing the PD and is also taking a hard stand regarding this type of negative behavior.

The Chief, Wallace Trott spoke of submitting an application for a grant through the State of NH Fish & Game Dept. for OHRV Law Enforcement. The Wentworth Police Dept. has been informed that they were approved for the grant in the amount of $1080.00. The Chief asked the Board of Selectmen to consider this signing in support of the OHRV Wheeled vehicle enforcement purposes only and can be used between the months of May through September. The Board asked how the patrol would be handled and by what means of transportation. The Chief replied that he would utilize the Town's Police Cruiser when possible, his personal 4-wheeler and/or preferably the Town of Warren's 4-wheeler, through the Club Permission. The Select Board discussed and granted permission by signing the contracts. The Administrative Assistant will prepare the additional information that needs to be mailed with contracts.

Arlene Patten, Admin. Assistant gave an update from the Selectmen's Office. She mentioned that she had spoken with the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service and has discussed a desire to having a Babysitting Class available for the children at Wentworth School, in grades 6-8th. Permission slips will be going home to the families in the upcoming week. She also stated that she has been working on CPR class for the Town Employees and is finalizing the stages for this. Ms. Patten has attended a couple of FEMA meetings to discuss the October 2017 storm and the Park clean-ups. The NHDES has been out to evaluate and we are still awaiting the report from the Insurance adjuster on his findings.

Glenn Campbell - Transfer Station-Dept. Head / Chairman on the Conservation Commission, gave a status update. He said things were great at the Transfer Station but needed to speak on a couple of other items instead.

He spoke of Mr. Arnold Scheller being present and in need of signing his Oath of Office this evening, for the replacement position of Noel King, on the Conservation Commission.

Glenn also discussed the FEMA / Homeland Security has given the Town a date of July 2nd 2018 to have the parks completed. He stated the work has begun and he is in hopes of 20-25% of the expenses to be Donated Resources, saving the Town money.

Glenn discussed a need to choose from the selected bids, who would be granted the cleanup work for the cement/rebar from the riverbank and water, at the Hamilton Field/Swimhole. Randy Morrison was granted the bidding process with the most reasonable rate.

A discussion took place on where the sand and silt would be taken:

A site review is needed at following locations; Dave Thompson's-Rte. 25A; Aaron Comeau's-Currier Hill Rd.; Paul Davis's-Atwell Hill Rd.; Arnie Scheller's-Nichols Hill Rd.; and Warren Sand & Gravel- Rt. 118, Warren.

Glenn also discussed the choices of where the stump/log/debris can be taken.

A site review is needed at: Arnie Scheller's-Nichols Hill Rd. and King Lumber Mill-back lot-which needs to be cleared with John King. Glenn discussed other topics as to who would haul the debris, costs, and the adjoining private lands.

Glenn discussed the work that had already been done in the parks. Larry King had several men from his business to assist the Town with cleanup, while they remained on Precision Lumber Payroll. This was a successful day of hard work and labor. A special Thank you to Precision Lumber and the men that labored, for the Town cleanup in the Parks.
John Comeau has been working diligently and hard at work with his own equipment, and Brian DuBois assisting with the labor. A special thank you, to these gentlemen, for all that you do for the Community.

Glenn discussed wanting to have a Wentworth Cleanup day and getting a group of strong men together with equipment to clean up and close the landing / old pit on Rte. 25 near the Moose Hilllock Sign. This land is considered Wetlands and is not permissible to store debris there. The questioned was asked about the type of debris and where it came from, which lead into the next topic of the State Dam on Buffalo Rd. Mark Stevens from NHDES and Jordan King, Forester, for a landing permit. The gentlemen had a site visit to look at permitting issues for a Landing on State Property adjoining our Plummer Forest Land. During the discussion the previous permits were looked at found to have agreeable limitations and expectations for both the State and Town. A permit will be issued and could take up to 30 days. A brief history of previous dealing with the Town was then brought up by Mark, discussing the guardrail system that was around the watershed. This happened through dealing and an exchange with Noel King who was the Road Agent at the time. The guardrail became state property when it was completed. When contacting Mark about regaining this land for a trailhead and landing for the adjoining property, he mentioned that is was highly unlikely that the Town could own it again. However, it was possible to get a permanent Right of Way and Use Agreement that would entail barricades and maintenance. Mark said, “that if we wanted to get into the good graces of NHDES and the Watershed Manager it would be nice to have the guardrail system back in place.” Glenn asked Mark to start the process of getting the agreement going and he said he would. Glenn highly suggested to The Board, that the Town take this advice and seriously, and replace the guardrails system. Selectman Pete said he will contact Mark Stevens by phone to discuss.

The Select Board asked Kevin Gilbert, why he removed the guardrail system. Kevin’s reply was that this was done with the previous Boards permission, because it was an eyesore and he was trying to clean up the roadways. He said many posts were broken. Approximately 80-100 posts were removed and went to the old pit on Rt 25 and the cable went to Whitcher’s Recycling.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave an update. He said the grading is done and only Nichols Hill Rd. needed to be done to complete this project of grading, filling and applying calcium. Chairman Doug of the Select Board, asked Kevin if he’s given any thought to a “Plan of 5-10 years” for paving so that they would have a better understanding and a schedule of the road needs. Kevin stated that about 8/10ths of Buffalo Rd. still needed to be paved. Doug mentioned that he would like Kevin to evaluate Red Oak Hill Rd. intersection area of East Side Rd. ditches, culverts and the ROW of 2-3 driveways in that area, that he had to work on with his own tractor after the Oct. Storm of 2017.

The Select Board welcomed Glenda Toomey to the floor for a discussion. She asked if she could have a culvert put in at the end of her driveway where it meets the road. She says the driveway gets washed out from the water that flows downhill and she cannot afford to purchase one. Kevin said that the Town does not do that for residents, that it’s their responsibility. He will take another look at the area and see if there is a water issue. Doug mentioned that he is working with Glenn on networking individuals who like to volunteer and help in times of need. Glenn was asked by Doug if he thought he knew someone that would be willing to do some volunteer work at this time, and if they could find a culvert at a less expensive cost to her or maybe even a donated culvert for this purpose. Francis chimed in and asked Selectman Pete if he would be willing to re-examine and possibly increase the Elderly Exemption rates through vote at Town Meeting in 2019.

The Select Board observed the contract bids for the Computer IT Service. Three Bids were presented and discussed. Pete asked the Administrative Assistant to call and get a little more info on the cost breakdown and difference in the yearly contracts from Certified Computers. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
Deborah Ziemba, Tax Clerk-Tax Collector was welcomed to the floor. Debbie spoke of her desire to be extremely knowledgeable, professional and successful while serving the public. She mentioned that this Certification program would do all of that for her. She asked The Board if she could attend the New Hampshire Certification Program. The Board questioned Debbie if this was in her budget, whereas the Town could not afford the expense, at this time. Debbie denying having the funds in her budget and The Town also denies the ability to compensate for the program.

NH Senator, Bob Giuda from District 2, stopped in for a quick visit. After hearing the concerns this evening with the NHDES on the Buffalo Road Dam, he offered to put some shoulder to the problems and issues we might be facing. He left his business card and was thanked for attending the meeting.

Palmer Koelb, mentioned the flag pole on the Commons. He wanted to offer his appreciation and thanks to The Board for the US Flag and wanted to know if a POW Flag could also be hung, as it was in the past. The Board denied the purchase and it was mentioned that while the Meade’s took the pole down with assistance from the Wentworth Fire Dept, it was also given a fresh coat of paint, and they were possibly the ones who purchased the Flag. Glenn did offer to purchase the POW Flag. While on the topic, it was asked who lowers the Flag during Half Staff. It hadn’t been determined through the discussion, Glenn said he would lower the Flag and Arnie Scheller said his brother Craig could also do it if it hadn’t been done.

Selectman Pete motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting at 7:06 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1
At 7:08 pm, Doug 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. The Selectmen discussed and made changes to the Road Agents duties. The Select Board gave a copy of a new Interim Highway Policy pertaining to the Maintenance/ Fuel log books, to the Administrative Assistant who will add a paragraph about incident reports, and a copy will be given to the Road Agent. Each Highway Vehicle is required to have a Maintenance, Fuel logbook, and each Highway Dept. Employee will be instructed on how to use this daily, when operating the fleet. Doug also stated he would like to see the Road Agent use Warren Sand & Gravel for their sand. Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:40 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #2
At 7:42 pm, Doug 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. The Selectmen and Administrative Assistant discussed a complaint that will be addressed with the Health Officer. Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:51 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 7:57 pm and seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten
Minutes accepted by: