

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Meeting
of July 24, 2018

Present: Douglas Campbell, Raymond Youngs, and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Palmer Koelb, Dave Craveiro

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

The Board reviewed the Agenda and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Corrected - Abatement Applications (4)
- Nor-Trax Equipment Rental Agreement
- Notice of Septic Acceptance Application M/L 13-3-9
- H & H study for Cross Road Bridge/Culvert (Please choose a Bid)

The Chief gave a status update on the Wentworth Police Dept. He spoke of a couple of VIN verifications for residents, along with a couple of assistances he did with Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service with medical calls. He followed up with verifying correspondence between the Town of Wentworth and an organization claiming to be filing a civil suit against the US Government on behalf of towns and municipalities. The suit and organization are legitimate and the paperwork was referred back to the Selectmen for review. The PD took a report of illegal dumping on Saunders Hill Road, from a resident, where some evidence was retrieved from the site and the Highway Dept. cleaned up, and the matter remains under investigation. WPD conducted its first OHRV patrol this past weekend and for being the first patrol it proved to be productive. Safety checks were conducted on a total of 22 machines. There were 5 warnings issued for various OHRV violations and 1 OHRV citation was issued. As a result of the OHRV patrol, WPD is requesting that the Selectmen direct the Wentworth Parks & Recreation Committee to properly post Hamilton Field, Riverside Park as well as the new covered bridge regarding OHRV activity. The PD had processed 3 pistol permits and wants to remind residents that even though a conceal carry permit is not "required" in NH there are still benefits for possession of one. They can contact the dept. for further information if they wish. The PD also took a report of a sexual assault that is currently being investigated and will require CAC interviews and several follow ups. The Chief carried on with the new projected fees for dispatch. The dispatch services reflected an increase of almost 67%. I contacted the Grafton County Commissioners and was able to have the increase capped at 30%, however, the dept will have to budget for this increase in fees for 2019. The Chief also anticipates an increase in prosecutorial fees. These two increases are due to the increase in proactive police work that has been done in Wentworth since we have been working here more. He mentioned that he stated at the Town meeting, 2018 would be the first year where we would be able to get a true reflection of what these two costs would be. He went on to say the good news is these two-line items will start to level off and should not be such a drastic increase in costs in the future. Chief said he was bringing this up because he is aware that the Selectmen are adamant about the Dept. Heads either lowering or flat lining their budgets for the upcoming year and specifically mentioning this because although he intends to flat line his 2019 budget, He will have no control over these increases to the dispatch or prosecutorial fee line items.

The Select Board said that Riverside Park is opened for swimming, and yes, parking is still an issue. The Board mentioned that Hamilton is still closed because of the new grass growing. Glenn stated a decision needs to be made as to what will be done to keep vehicles off the new grass. It was discussed that the gate should remain closed because some residents are concerned about ATV's and trucks/trailers parking on the grass before it's established. Ms. Janice Thompson asked about parking and crossing Rte. 25 with ATV's. She said it was never approved. The Board stated that NHDOT has already given permission for ATV's crossing at Route 25., but at this time, the gate will remain closed.

Kevin Gilbert says that Bryant's Paving will begin on August 21 & 22nd. All the roads are in good shape and doing well despite the rain and washboard effects on the dirt roads. Reshaping will happen on Gove's Lane during paving. He will be checking the ditches, the culverts and sweeping the roads in advance, before paving begins.

There was a discussion in the room about people using the Paige Property for swimming without permission. It was said that Gayle Paige doesn't mind that people are down there swimming, she wants people to be respectful, and clean up their trash and keep the noise level down. There should be no access to the Paige's swim hole by means of the private stairs on the Paige property. Parking is limited at the Riverside Park, so people should use parking at Old Town Hall, or elsewhere, and walk in. Ms Bailey asked if the basket ball or tennis court were okay because she has seen parking in that area. It was determined that the area she spoke of was not the court, but the pad outside of it. Ms. Bailey also said that Gayle Paige personally gave her permission to use the stairs. She also has concerns of the parking issues.

Ms. Bailey spoke of a large sink hole behind the Webster Memorial Library and has concerns that this might be increasing in size. The Road Agent said he would stop by and take a look if she would like. It was agreed and he will stop by.

Chairman Doug said he can not commit to park stuff right now, as to whether it is for just residents or for the general public. He needs to get stuff together before presenting to the Town's people in a Public Meeting Forum. He also said the flavor of the Town has changed as time also has. More info to come.

Mr. Palmer Koelb questioned if the Selectmen were going to fix the Town Hall and when? He said that this has been the #1 thing the Town has wanted and He would like this addressed soon.

Selectman Ray motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting at 6:33 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:40 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 Doug and approved. The Selectmen discussed a property with the Tax Collector. Ray mentioned that he would like the Tax Collector to check with NH Tax Association for a template that should be used for the agreement. He will check with Free Legal on the process and follow up with the Tax Collector. Doug motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 6:45 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 6:45 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 Ray and approved. The Tax Collector spoke with the Selectmen about her choice not to hire a chosen candidate for the Deputy Tax Collector position. The Selectmen agreed that the reasons are commendable. Doug motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 6:50 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #3

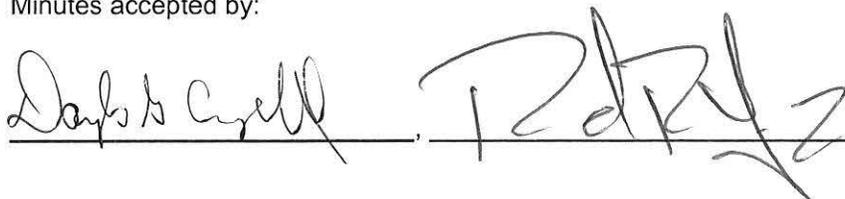
At 6:51pm, Ray motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting - per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting, seconded by Doug and approved. The Selectmen questioned the Road Agent on several functions, duties and the prioritization of work within his position. Ray asked Kevin to provide additional sample SOP's from other Towns. The Board gave feedback as to what they are looking for and would like to see added or changed. Ray motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:23 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

The Board motioned to come out of the Non-Public and go to the Highway Dept. for a tour of the Building, equipment and grounds. The Board also wanted to examine the mandated maintenance log books, that were recently added as a Dept. policy and procedure. The Board agreed to complete their tour by 7:45 pm. Ray motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:45 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 7:46 pm and seconded by Doug and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

Handwritten signatures of Doug and Ray, each written over a horizontal line.