Present: Douglas Campbell, Raymond Youngs, Morgan Currier, and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, John Comeau, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Randy Ruger, Kevin Gilbert, Tracy Currier, icky Borger, Richard Borger, Sr., Margarite Burns, Francis Muzzey, Elaine Kinder, Amie Scheller, Josh King & guest.

Doug motioned to open the meeting at 6:01 pm, seconded by Ray and approved. The Board reviewed the Agenda and approved as written.

Morgan Currier was present to do the Oath of Office. Ray motioned to vote Morgan Currier in to Office, as the new Select Board member, to replace Peter Santoro who resigned, seconded by Doug and approved. Morgan stood in front of the public, read the oath, and had her picture taken. She was congratulated and welcomed as a new member. (Hands clapped)

Arnie Scheller was invited to speak and shared that the Conservation Committee recently met and had concerns with deciding about income received from the Forestry logging of the Van Deusen property. The CC has $15,000. Which needs to be placed somewhere and they need advice. Trust monies goes into Borger, Jr., san that he believed the Van Deusen money would go into the General Fund, and request that the Board of Selectmen to please set up an Escrow Acct until the books are straightened out with the Trustees of Trust Funds. Select Person Morgan, spoke about Chip Stata and said he was doing a great job, and that they were meeting on October 15th in the Town Offices Board Room at 5:00 pm and invited the Committee to go and see Chip about their concerns. Arnie also discussed that he would like info out in the community about the wonderful things that the Conservation Committee is doing. It was mentioned that a newspaper article would be a great way and Arnie will look into this. The Administrative Assistant agreed to placing it on the website if the info was passed onto to her. Francis Muzzey asked if the Conservation Committee needed to be bonded. It was believed that they did not need to be, and then he asked about the Forester, which the Administrative Assistant agreed to check with Primex Insurance for clarification and confirmation on both. Chairman Doug said that he would like the CC to contact the Trustees and sort this out, and seconded by Morgan and approved.

Selectman Ray read the new Addendum on the Timber Sale Contract, for the landing for the cut, between Andrew Gove and the Town of Wentworth. Yes, its accurate, and afterwards the landing will be used as a parking lot for the hiking patrons use of the Plummer Forest Land. Selectman Ray also mentioned that he met with NHDES, Mark Stevens about the Buffalo Rd. Dam and the Landing Permit. The DES couldn’t provide any document to support the illegally removed land fill from a closed pit on N. Dorchester Road. Therefore, it was an agreement by State and a Town Highway employee at that time, a handshake agreement to make amends. The agreement was that there would be guardrails put in around the Dam on Buffalo Rd., and would be maintained for 20 yrs. And the State could take ownership of the landing across from the Dam. According to the date this agreement took place, nearly 25+ yrs ago.
Joshua King said since the Buffalo Road was being discussed he would like to mention that there has been approx. 15 accidents this past winter, in that area.

Rick Borger, Jr. asked if guardrails would go back in and if so, where would the post and cable come from? The Select Board was unsure.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:
- Business Meeting Minutes 9/4, 9/11, & 9/18
- Septic Approvals M/L 10-1-11
- NH Electric Coop petition and pole license #3669 / Atwell Hill Road
- Timber sale contract addendum, Andrew Gove & Town of Wentworth / Plummer Town Forest
- Morton Salt Contract acceptance for BOS signatures

The Chief gave a status update on the Police Dept. WPD took a suspicious activity report from a resident. After speaking with the resident, it is unsure if it was an attempted theft or just some memory issues with a live-in family member. The Dept. also to a report regarding a land line dispute between two neighbors. They were counseled on how to proceed as this was a civil matter and not a criminal matter. The Dept. also took care of two students at the WES who needed to be transported home because there were no parents to pick them up after school and contact could not be made with either parent. Transportation was provided and a parent was located. The parent was advised that they needed to contact the school principal and see that a plan was in place to ensure that this did not happen again. The WPD assisted Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service with a call where entry needed to be gained at a residence, where a life alert service had been activated. Entry was gained and contact was made with the elderly resident who had fallen and was evaluated by the WWAS personnel. WPD is currently following up on an intake call and open report made to NHDCYF regarding concerns pertaining to two small children in the community. The matter is being monitored by DCYF. WPD attended the court case in Plymouth Court regarding the Highway Truck vs car accident. The operator of the other vehicle was found guilty of illegally passing the WHD truck on the right side. WPD was made aware of a missing person report. The missing person was a reported female juvenile from Laconia who was reportedly with her boyfriend who was from Franklin. It was reported that they were supposed to be attending the races in Wentworth. Further investigation / inquiries showed that they were not in Wentworth, but possibly in the Fremont, NH. area. Further follow up later in the weekend showed that the female had been located and taken out of NCIC. The WPD organized an educational field trip event pertaining to the New Hampshire pheasant release program. We coordinated with NH Fish &Game and one of their State Biologists had planned for the WES 7 & 8th grade students to take part in the event. The event seemed to be well received and was a huge success. The WPD has been made aware of a severe dog bite incident that took place last Friday, Sept. 28th. in South Wentworth. The matter was reported to NH State Police and is being followed by WPD and the Wentworth Animal Control Officer.

The Administrative Assistant was asked to give a Selectmen’s Office update. She mentioned that NH Electric Coop gave an announcement confirmation that at 8:00 pm there would be an emergency substation repair causing an outage for the surrounding areas, including up to 13 towns in this outage range. She also mentioned that she received a confirmation email from the Health Officer that she will continue to reach out to the Dollar General to do an inspection of their food service area. The Health Officer almost commented that with the recent weather of constant rain, that it was nearly impossible to walk the banks of the Baker River, between Hamilton Field Swim Hole and Saunders
Bridge to visualize areas of concern, and for possible septic leakage into the river. As soon as the land dries up some, and the rain lets up, she will look into the request. Kay Bailey mentioned that she spoke with Gayle Paige about the fluctuation in testing numbers and she will check her areas for sewage. The Administrative Assistant also mentioned that she received a letter from NRRA that there would be a $.02 per pound decrease in the cost of properly collecting and processing electronic waste. Lastly, the Administrative Assistant gave notice, that the FEMA in coordination with the FCC (Federal Communication Commission) will conduct a nationwide test of the National EAS (Emergency Alert System) and WEA (Wireless Emergency Alerts) tests will be held on October 3, beginning at 2:18 pm.

The Transfer Station Attendant, Randy Ruger was asked to give a status update. He mentioned that the TS would be closed on October 13th which will be posted on the website and posters would be at the local store and at the TS gate. Randy also said that he’s been working with the Chief on a person taking items out of the C&D and removing items from the scrap metal pile. This person was spoken to by the Chief. The Administrative Assistant was asked to assist with making necessary signs at both locations, stating this is not allowed.

The Road Agent, Kevin Gilbert was asked to give a status update on the Roads. Kevin stated the roads have been very wet with the recent rains and caution should be taken. The gentleman from Nortrax canceled, due to a trip to Italy. The Select Board mentioned that they were concerned and questioned the Highway budget. Kevin said he thinks he has room in the budget to cover this and will look.

Francis Muzzey complained that there was a sizable berm of gravel on Turner Rd., which caused it to touch the beneath of his car. He said there was no signage signifying that road work was being done. Chief Trott mentioned that he had gone over the same spot that Francis is speaking of and it was smoothed out and fixed a short time later. It was also mentioned in the audience that because grading is going on, it does not necessitate the road to be closed or detoured, but signage should be present.

The Administrative Assistant reminded all present that if there are legitimate complaints, that the process is to: write a written complaint either by coming in to the office and filling out the form or sending it via email. The complaint forms are still available on the website. If it’s an urgent or a timely complaint, call the Selectmen’s Office, or the Town Highway Shed.

Chairman Doug mentioned that he wants the Highway to use cones or signs out when work is being done on the roads.

The Board extended an invitation to Privilege of the Floor:

George Morrill questioned the Board and The Police Chief as to whether or not we could recoup the expenses for the Animal Control Officer that made two calls to the Town of Warren. The
Administrative Assistant will call the Town of Warren to see if we can be compensated for the expenses.

The Select Board asked the Administrative Assistant to schedule the Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent for a Non-Public next week in questions of the new Foley Oil Invoice.

Ms. Janice Thompson questioned the Board about the Parks, recent water testing, and if further testing would be done. The Administrative Assistant gave copies of the July testing results to Ms. Thompson per her request. She also asked if any money has come in from the FEMA storm of July 2017. The Administrative Assistant replied yes. A check was just deposited for roughly $2700.00 and change. The other two categories (Road/Bridges & Debris) for July 2017 were just signed off and she said the check should be deposited within the next 30-60 days according to FEMA.

Selectman Pete motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:51 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:35 pm, Pete 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 a health concern involving unregistered vehicles in a flood plain. Ray motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 6:38 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Ray motioned to return into a Public Session, seconded by Pete and approved.

There was a brief discussion of the primary election set up at the school. Pete agreed on Sept. 10th to help set up for the election at Wentworth Elementary School. Mr. Welch reiterated the importance of at least 2 BOS to be present and if not, they need at least one other person to be appointed the task of being there.

Selectman Pete motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:51 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 6:40 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 Board of Selectmen discussed a personal matter and agreed to seal the minutes. Ray motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:05 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #3

At 7:08, Pete 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 listened to complaints, and concerns about performance issues, a failed expectation of Select Board Members, and a desire for Zoning or at least to start a discussion in a public hearing session. No decisions were made. Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:25 pm, seconded by Doug and approved.

Selectman Ray motioned to go into a Public Session, seconded by Doug and approved.

Ray asked that we place on the Agenda in the near future, a discussion for Town Zoning. We must Post a Public Notice in Town and in the Local Newspaper of 14 days minimum, for a discussion at the Wentworth Elementary School. The date is to be determined and announce. Projected for October.

The Administrative Assistant is to file a claim with the Primex Insurance on Property Liability for the Old Town Hall.

The Administrative Assistant was asked to notify the Road Agent to do an examination of the needs on Beech Hill and Rowentown Road.

Ray motioned to go into a Non-Public, seconded by Doug and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #4

At 7:27, 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 listened to the requests and concerns from Randy Ruger about the Transfer Station. Randy asked for a pay increase. Ray counter offered a lower amount. The Board and Randy agreed. An increase was given, and the Board will reevaluate in the future. Randy discussed wanting a full-time position with the Town. No decisions were made. Randy agreed to be a Fill-In /Supervisory Attendant, but noted he couldn’t do every weekend, with a full-time job already. Doug motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:40 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Selectman Ray motioned to go into a Public Session, seconded by Doug and approved.

Chief Trott questioned the Board on a topic that he forgot to mention. The Race Track manager asked that Chief Trott seek permission for and extension on Sept. 14th to run over the time limit set, but not to exceed 10:30 pm. This is a one-time only request to run over schedule. The Chief also mentioned that the Race Track has recently sold to a new owner. The owner does have a racing mentality, and He’s hopeful it doesn’t draw in a rough crowd.

Non-Public Meeting #5

At 7:45, 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. The Selectmen listened to a concern the Administrative Assistant brought forth from a resident, in regards to a tax lien and associated interest accruals, which was causing a hardship. The
Board asked that the resident be invited to a Non-Public for further discussion. Ray motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:55 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #6

At 8:00 pm, Pete 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 private matter about the Buffalo Road Dam and a need for legal service advice. Ray motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 8:17 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Pete motioned to adjourn at 8:18 pm and seconded by Doug and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

[Signature]
4 Dec 2018