

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Meeting
of October 23, 2018

Present: Douglas Campbell, Morgan Currier, and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, George Morrill,
Lucas Kozak, Marnie Kozak, Tracy Currier, Charles Stata, Linda Franz, Steve Welch,
Patti Welch, Kevin Gilbert, Eric Bahr, Brendan Casey

Doug motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Morgan and approved.
The Board reviewed the Agenda and approved as written.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Payroll & Vendor Checks
- Tax Rate
- Correspondence with HEB Engineering

Eric Bahr and Brendan Casey from Bahr/Casey Financial were invited to speak to the town regarding their ideas for sorting out the Tax ID issues that the Trustees of the Trust Fund has been dealing with for many years. Although the company has not had the opportunity to sort out an incorrect tax ID situation that reaches back to the 1970s before now, they felt that they would be able to help the Town of Wentworth untangle this long-reaching mess. Their priorities would include regaining control of the assets. They were quick to assure the town that the investments are there, the trustee just does not have access to them at this time due to the incorrect tax ID. They would start with the largest accounts first, since the town would benefit the most from regaining access to those. They also stated that the town could either hire them to only sort out the incorrect tax ID issue (approximately 90 days), or they could be hired to manage the funds. Several town members voiced their support of having a company manage the funds. After much discussion it was agreed on by the town and the Select Board that Bahr/Casey Financial would be hired to manage the funds for the town. There is no contract/commitment to the company and management would be done on a 1% fee.

Additionally, Linda Franz was sworn in by the Town Clerk as the third member of the Trustees of the Trust Fund board.

The Chief gave a status update on the Police Dept. Chief Trott mentioned that he looked into the missing persons report and found that the individual was not actually missing. The Police Dept conducted two drills with WES. Both drills went well and results were documented. There was also a safety meeting held with the school. Chief Trott conducted a welfare check of two minors at WES. The department also received a report of an abandoned vehicle and had the vehicle towed. Finally, Chief Trott thanked the Road Agent and Highway Department for their help in placing the parking ban winter signs.

Marnie Kozak asked about the parking ban around the common in town and noted that the signs had not been placed in previous years. She voiced her concern on where the residents would park, given the houses around the common had no property for parking extra vehicles. She also noted that having the vehicles on the street during prior winters was never an issue when the state plowed the road around the common. Chief Trott informed her that it was a problem every year and that his office received multiple calls from the state during the winter about cars being in the way of the snow plows. It was recommended to Mrs. Kozak that the only way to change the town ordinance on no parking on town roads was to draw up a petition, obtain signatures by town members, and present the petition to the Selectboard/town during a public hearing.

The Administrative Assistant gave a status update for the Selectmen's Office. Ms. Arlene Patten noted that the tax rate of 24.89 had been set for the town. She also discussed her conversation with Chris Fournier from HEB Engineers and his request to provide a bid/proposal for the Cross Road Bridge and Frescone Bridge projects. Ms. Patten also mentioned that she had heard nothing back from Moser Engineering regarding their bid on the project.

The Road Agent gave a status update for the Town Roads. Kevin Gilbert discussed that the roads were looking good.

The Board extended an invitation to Privilege of the Floor:

George Morrill reported that the roof on the Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service building was being replaced. They also still owed \$50K in back taxes.

Ms. Janice Thompson questioned the Board about the Parks, if there were any updates on the water testing, and if further testing would be done. The Administrative Assistant reported that there no updates from the health officer due to the amount of rain

Ms. Kay Bailey asked for an updated on the septic inspection for the Dollar General. The Administrative Assistant reported that the Board and signed the review letter the previous week. Ms. Baily voiced her concern regarding the placement of the Dollar General's septic in regards to the well.

Selectman Doug motioned **to go into a Non-Public Meeting** at 7:27 pm, seconded by Morgan and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 7:27 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. Selectman Ray Youngs dialed in for the non-public. The Selectmen discussed a health concern with involving unregistered vehicles in a flood plain. Doug motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:37 pm, seconded by Morgan and approved.

Morgan motioned **to return into a Non-Public Session at 7:40**, seconded by Doug and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 7:40 pm, Morgan 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 Board of Selectmen discussed a personal matter and agreed to **seal the minutes**. Morgan motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 8:13 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

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

Selectboard member and Chairmen Doug Campbell resigned from the Selectboard, effective immediately.

Morgan motioned to adjourn at 8:21 pm and seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Morgan Currier

Minutes accepted by:

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