TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Selectmen's Meeting of October 2, 2018

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, Arnie 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 Santom 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 Inssurance 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 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 y 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

A health concern with 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 <u>seal the minutes</u>. 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:

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Meeting Minutes October 9, 2018

Selectmen Present: Ray Youngs, Morgan Currier, and Doug Campbell

Meeting opened 6:04 pm

Payroll - each gets signed on the bottom

Public notice had to be corrected and reposted

Paul Davis, Sr requested to be paid for the work he did in the parks (result of the July storm)

It was asked and confirmed that the parks are open to the general public The decision was made to look into paying Paul Davis, Sr / what effect on FEMA payment to Town

Dan Brown – new owner of the racetrack 20 Oct from 12:00 to 4:00 pm practice on the track – one car at a time, approx: 30 to 40 people expected to attend Do police department presence needed Need fire and ambulance on scene – approved by Chief Ames

Doug Campbell requested to step down as Chair of the SelectBoard – will discuss further

Signed/Reviewed:

Payroll & Accounts Payable

Voter ID Law & Proof of voter identity instructions

Warrant for General Elections

Workers comp Law / Primex Risk Management

Winnipesaukee Drug Consortium Services LLC Annual fees 2019 pricing sheet

Administrative job posting and newspaper posting

Concerta Drug Pool random selection

Septic approval for operation M/L 10-1-11

Corrected: Newspaper article for Public Hearing Notice (no charge to Town)

Health Trust Email contact list of third party was compromised - Notice

Intent to Cut, M/L 5-7-6/5-8-2 (new boundary lines have not been updated in

Avitar), plan #15594

Application for Operation of racetrack license, Mr. Daniel W. Bowne

Primex Insurance – follow up regarding Bonded positions

Selectmen's meeting corrections, 9/11/18 & 9/18/18 NP #6 (per Selectman Youngs)
NHDES – Testing Lead in Drinking Water in schools and daycares
State of NH, Executive Council Report – Joseph Kenney

Approved <u>2/1</u>/2019

WPD Activity Log

10-09-2018

WPD took a missing persons report last week. The missing person was accounted for by WPD and did not wish for the reporting parties to be made aware of his whereabouts due to an ongoing harassment issue. The reporting party was made aware and the case closed.

WPD assisted the Wentworth Warren Ambulance on a medical call in Wentworth where a resident was transported to the hospital.

WPD checked on a suspicious vehicle/person at the Wentworth Elementary School early one morning, prior to school, which resulted in that person being arrested and charged with motor vehicle offenses and other charges may also be brought at a later date and time. Please note that this was a proactive arrest and not a reactive arrest. This is the benefit of having an officer on patrol.

WPD took part in two drills at the WES over the last two weeks as well as a school safety meeting. One was a school bus evacuation drill and the other was a lock down drill. Both were executed without incident and documented.

WPD conducted a welfare check on two minors that were unaccounted for at the WES. A follow up by WPD concluded that the two students were no longer in Wentworth and that information was passed onto the WES principal.

The WPD handled an abandoned vehicle complaint from a Wentworth resident. The matter was processed in accordance with the Removal of Abandoned Vehicle statute and the vehicle was later towed.

WHD posted Winter Parking BAN Signs For US.

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Meeting Minutes October 16, 2018

Selectmen Present: Ray Youngs, Morgan Currier, and Doug Campbell

Meeting opened 6:06 pm

Veteran's Day Lunch will be held at the school on Nov 8th at 11:30

The Transfer station grant (cardboard compactor) expires 8 Nov.

Speed limit signs are needed for Ellsworth Hill Road - Chief Trott will take of this

<u>Public Hearing:</u> The acceptance of unanticipated funds received for July 2017 storm damage, granted by FEMA and Primex Insurance claim funds received for Oct. 2017 Park & Rec storm damage.

July unexpended funds - \$102,839.1 Primex - \$14,535.84

Town must accept (motion made and accepted by Town)

The Health Officer cannot do water tests yet – too wet. Will be done once it's drier

The question was asked if the Dollar General is operating with a Health Inspection – Selectboard to look into the matter

Transfer Station - Brush pile at the transfer station — The highway department as controlled the burning of the brush pile in the past and burning the last pile was approached in the correct manner.

Randy Rugar noted he is capable of using the backhoe to clean up behind the dumpsters – need to check into insurance to make sure he is covered using Highway Dept equipment

Randy purchased a vest to use at the Transfer Station – Town will reimburse for the vest

Erin and Denise Leckenby from Pine Haven Campground voiced their concerns with noise from the racetrack if races are run on Saturdays.

Racetrack ordinance was passed in 2012 at Town meeting – if changes to be made, an amendment must be made to the original ordinance.

Pine Haven will work with Dan Brown regarding hours/times so that both establishments are satisfied with agreement.

Linda Frantz volunteered her time to help the Administrative Assistant in the office if needed. The Board agreed that this discussion will continue in the future.

The 2016 and 2017 Transfer Station Facility/Management reports are still outstanding.

Signed/Reviewed:

MS535 – Compilation Report for DRA / Tax Rate
Septic Approval – Dollar General – M/L 8-1-9
Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club landowner questionnaire
Price comparison – Chief's & Warren Sand / Gravel
Driveway permit – 12-5-3, RA approval
Medical Rate Exhibit – Health Trust, increase of 10.5%
Random Selection – Drug screening on Employee
Transfer Station Grant – informational letter

Motion made at 6:50 pm to go into Non-Public Meeting #1 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.

Motion made at 7:13 to close non-public meeting.

Motion made to close meeting at 7:15.

Approved 2/19/2019

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN Working Meeting Minutes Non Public #1 October 16, 2018

Selectmen Present: Ray Youngs, Morgan Currier, and Doug Campbell

Also Present: Kevin Gilbert

At 6:50 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, and Morgan approved.

This meeting was held to discuss concerns with the highway department and equipment issues.

Motion to close Non-Public meeting at 7:13 by Doug, seconded by Ray

Approved 2/19/2019

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. Selecman 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:

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Selectmen's Meeting of October 30, 2018

Present: Ray Youngs Morgan Currier

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, George Morrill, Tracy Currier, Kevin

Gilbert, Randy Rugar, Steve Davis, Jeff Ames, Carol Friedrich, Mike Santom, Dan

Bowne

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

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:02 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. The motion was seconded by Morgan and approved. The Selectmen interviewed a candidate for the Administrative Assistant position. Ray motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 6:23 pm, seconded by Morgan and approved.

Morgan motioned to return into a Public Session at 6:25, seconded by Ray and approved.

The Road Agent gave a status update for the Town Roads. Kevin Gilbert discussed that the roads were looking good. The Department is getting quotes to have brake work done on the International. Additionally the F-350 is at the Ford garage. They've been filling potholes on Southside. It was mentioned that the Highway Dept was overdue on cutting brush in the ditches of the roads. Road Agent clarified that cutting does not need to be done every year. He reported that nothing has been heard from Fish and Game regarding the needs of a permit for removing beaver damns. Also mentioned they have not had any more issues with beavers and that one was trapped and removed.

Ray Youngs brought up the idea of creating a town highway committee that would advise the Selectboard on town road issues. Jeff Ames, Steve Davis, and Mike Santom were all asked to be part of this advisory committee. Kevin Gilbert and Ray Youngs will also be on the committee.

Morgan Currier made a motion to create the highway advisory committee. Ray Youngs seconded the motion.

The Chief gave a status update on the Police Dept. Chief Trott mentioned The WPD conducted a welfare check on two Wentworth residents. They were located later in the day and found to be safe and sound.

While conducting some proactive motor vehicle work WPD stopped a vehicle for a minor motor vehicle violation. The operator was found to be driving without a valid license and was subsequently charged and released on a hand summons. She was also issued a warning for the original motor vehicle violation.

WPD assisted NHF&G with a follow up regarding an illegal hunting incident that took place in the town of Wentworth. The matter is currently under investigation and several charges are expected to be brought forth regarding this incident.

The WPD looked into a motor vehicle complaint that came into dispatch regarding a vehicle that was driving erratically from Plymouth through Rumney heading towards Wentworth. The vehicle was not located and WPD received no other complaints.

The WPD was contacted by the WES regarding a large knife that was brought to the school by a WES student. The knife was secured and turned over to WPD. Staff at WES, as well as WPD met with the student and the student's parent and the matter was addressed accordingly. It should be noted that the large knife was NOT brought to school for the purposes of harming or threatening anyone.

The WPD met with a Wentworth resident and a firearm was returned to the resident that had been previously taken by the police department pursuant to a court order. The court order was vacated and another court order was issued authorizing that the firearm be returned to its owner.

The WPD was also made aware of an involuntary vehicle repossession that was to take place with a Wentworth resident. The repossession was made without incident.

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) signed the tax warrant to accept the tax rate of 24.89. It was asked by a member of the town if the town would use unassigned funds to further lower the tax rate. The Board explained that the town is as low as is recommended for the unassigned fund balance so no unused funds would be used.

The agent for the Transfer Station reported that everything has been running good with the Transfer Station. Randy confirmed that there are approximately televisions/misc. electronic items that need to be collected. Also reported that he's looking into prices on winter gloves.

The Board extended an invitation to Privilege of the Floor:

George Morrill asked for help getting a permanent full time planning board member as well as two alternates.

Chief Ames discussed where the town was regarding FEMA. He requested permission to go into the FEMA portal to sign off on the parks project. He will send forms to BOS for review before submitting.

Chief also reported that FEMA is holding back on October payments due to the culverts on Frescoln Bridge and repairs at Cross Road Bridge.

The BOS reported that the bids that came through on the project were from Moser but only for the Frescoln culverts/bridge. After giving Moser a request for a revised bid to include the Cross Road bridge project, the H&H study, and the after-the-event permits, Moser did not get back to the town with their proposal. HEB Engineering was still interested in the projects.

There was a discussion in the room regarding both bridge projects and if both projects needed to be completed. Chief Ames noted that in the past if there was originally a bridge the town always replaced/repaired the bridge.

It was decided that HEB Engineering would be invited out to view Cross Road bridge and Frescoln Bridge would be left with the culverts.

Paul Hatch would also be contacted for future discussions on State funding for the bridge project.

Chief Ames confirmed that the Fire Department conducted gas inspections for homes/businesses.

Carol Friedrich shared that she was disappointed that the town office had been closed on Tuesday 23 Oct and Wednesday 24 Oct. She also reported that the Friday 26 Oct hours were not publicized well enough.

Mrs. Thompson asked if there had been any updates regarding the testing of the river. Morgan Currier stated she would follow up with the health officer.

Dan Bowne reported that the race track would be running races on Saturday's during the 2019 racing season. He would be working with the owners of Pine Ridge Campground regarding the hours the track would be running.

The BOS confirmed that Trick or Treat hours for the town would be from 5 to 8 pm on the 31 st.

Ray Youngs and Kevin Gilbert discussed the Highway Department's budget and over-expenditure. Kevin mentioned the block grant from Gov Sunnuu but was unsure on the amount. He recommended that Chris Bassingthwaite be contacted as he was the one to help Kevin with the highway budget. Chris was contacted and explained that Gov Sunnuu had granted additional money in the block grant, which increased the grant to 110K. Further research will be done to see how much of that money was spent by the highway department and how much was remaining.

The next meeting will be on election day at WES.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Morgan Currier at 8:10pm and seconded by Ray Youngs.

Respectfully Submitted by Morgan Currier

Minutes accepted by: