Meeting opened at 6:05pm.

Select Board Present: Morgan Currier, Francis Muzzey, and Omer C. Ahern, Jr.

Motion. O. Ahern made a motion to approve the minutes for 19 March. M. Currier seconded the motion. M. Currier voted yes. O. Ahern voted yes. Motion carried.

M. Currier explained the reasons behind the Emergency Meeting on Thursday, April 19th.

Ron Franz presented Town of Wentworth with a flag.

Police Department Report: Thank Paul, Road Agent – already on way to issue called in. Channel 9 News – Most Wanted James Trott – No Relative to me, period.

Randy Ruger: Transfer Station is going well. Working w/ Glenn on stickers – new color that can be seen coming in.

Highway Dept: 1. Still waiting on check. Deb said the funds came in today and check will be available tomorrow. 2. Got the go-ahead to --- fix truck - $6,000+ Also, they called today to say that there are tags missing which need to be present and registered (current) for them to service the vehicle. F. Muzzey offered to go get truck.

Motion. O. Ahern made motion to authorize F. Muzzey to sign for truck on behalf of the Select Board. M. Currier seconded the motion. O. Ahern called the question. M. Currier voted yes. O. Ahern voted yes. Motion carried.

Spoke to Fire Chief and yes, we can sell the truck. Lucky to get 2k and offered to put it on Craig’s List. May get 10K. J. Ames said we need a Disclosure Form and Buyer’s Guide to go along with the truck. J. Ames offered to help with paperwork for sale of truck. M. Currier no concerns.

Motion. O. Ahern made motion to list the vehicle on Craig’s List in order to get the best value for truck. M. Currier seconded the motion. O. Ahern voted yes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief had question about how roads passed during last rain storm.

Road Agent said some mud spots. Not many complaints except for resident on certain roads. There’s an issue with the Frescoln bridge. The Road Agent doesn’t want to do anything until he knows for sure what’s going on. M. Currier explained that the bridge is a current project with HEB, but they were waiting until things thawed.
Road Agent stated the water started coming up to the top of the culverts. The head wall fell over. Road Agent filled it with stone, brought it up to grade. This is not a permanent fix. This culvert needs to be monitored. Rain is expected Friday.

M. Currier mentioned for Admin. Assist. to remind Town that there is a new Road Agent.

Deborah Vlk asked if something could be put on Town website.

F. Muzzey asked the Road Agent to check bridges in town.

Randy Rugar, Palmer Koelb and himself sign for bridges built.

Ray Youngs here to speak about guardrails on Buffalo Rd. A State DOT official in Concord contacted Select Board about pulling out the old guard rails and putting in new guard rails. The DOT representative in Concord said the Town of Wentworth agreed to maintain them and 20 years is reasonable.

Mark Stevens might be the DOT person Ray Youngs spoke with. This agreement was originally made sometime during the period when Noel King was Road Agent, around 1985.

Chief Ames: The Army Corps of Engineers may need to get involved because of the impounded water/pond of the nearby brook.

R. Youngs: The DOT rep is not impossible to talk to; he was just using the issue as leverage.

M. Currier: Is it a safety issue?

R. Youngs: Mark Stevens said he could talk further with the State about pylons.

Chief Ames: If it’s in place, keep it there. There’s a reason why it was put in place to begin with.

K. Bailey: How did the State come in possession of the dam?

R. Youngs: No. The State does not own the dam. That’s what I thought, but they don’t have the jurisdiction.

F. Muzzey: It’s a Town road by the dam. “Just because it’s a Town road, doesn’t mean it belongs to the Town.”

Federal issues may arise due to the possible concerns of US Army Corp of Engineers about the dam.

R. Youngs: Recommendation: Shoot an email to Mark Stevens. Is the State willing to provide the guard rail material if the Town provides the labor to install the guardrails along the road?
Road Agent described how this came about as there was a Fish & Game Officer who said he heard the State were coming up to put up guard rails and the Town is paying for the installation. The Road Agent was told somebody in F/G Dept that the Town of Wentworth refused to put the guardrails in so Corps of Engineers would be coming in to put in guardrails and sending the bill to the Town for installation and materials. The Road Agent said that’s hearsay.

O. Ahern: Think we need to do more research before we agree to do anything. He will contact his DOT contact.

R. Youngs: I’d reach out to Mark Stevens because the Select Board never got back to him.

M. Currier agreed to reach out to Mark Stevens and would like to re-engaged with the State on this issue.

K. Bailey: What is Mark Stevens’ position?

Tracie Currier said that Mr. Stevens is with the State of NH.

M. Currier: said she will research the issue. She asked if there was anything else on subject.

Conservation Commission

Bruce Welch has been nominated to the Town Conservation Commission. He is willing to accept the appointment, but he would like to know what the Conservation Commission does, and no one seems to know what it does.

O. Ahern: Said we will diligently seek to find out what your duties are.

Town Administrator Assistant

1) Pine Have Campground complaint
2) Avatar.
3) Payroll needs Quick Books.

Someone asked how many people are employed by the Town. The answer given was 12 to 15, more or less.

Public Comments

Septic Design Approval needed by Richard Gowen for Scot Davis.

Richard Gowen reported that different towns have different conditions for septic design approval, with checks and balances for the Towns as well. Now, we’re doing e-Filing septic design approval, which is better and now the Town is being notified when approved and after construction is approved by State. These plans are available online.
F. Muzzey: As long as we’re notified, I’m fine with the septic design approval by the State. Having the Town approve the septic design before-hand is foolhardy since it is the State that needs to approve these plans.

Richard Gowen: The State of NH is phenomenal at communication. Point about being “Greener” and having to drive and have an owner re-sign for a typo seems unnecessary.

Check from D. Brown with letter of thanks for use of Town Hall was discussed.

7:19 pm Old Business

R. Youngs: Yes, I talked to Nate (about the sculpture in front of Town Office building) and he said he’d take it as soon as the roads are clear. He does want it and will take it. Cell phone number for Nate Myles was provided.


IT/Cyber Risk Assessment discussion.

Building locks:
- Omer was given keys to the office building
- Discussion of getting keys for the Trustees of Trust Funds

O. Ahern suggested that board of Selectmen and Administrative Assistant should visit and tour the County Department of Corrections in North Haverhill. Morgan Currier suggested that while we were up in North Haverhill that we also visit with the North Haverhill Welfare Office. All thought it was a good idea but no date was set.

O. Ahern reported on his meeting with the Dorchester Select Board on coming up with a mutual agreement to service and maintain Fraser and Hurricane Road (including winter) that cross into both Towns.

New Hampshire Municipal Association seminars reported.

M. Currier reported that she and Town Administrative Assistant met with Vicky Ayer (DRA) who invited the Select Board to a DRA mini-course on current use criteria and rules on June 27 in Campton.

Spotlight for the American flag was discussed so it can fly 24 hours a day.

An update on the LED lights to be installed by Brian Weeks Electric: the cost would be $3000 less $1500 credit.
The disabled Veterans, Elderly Tax Emptions to be the subject of Warrant Articles for the 2020 Town Meeting.

Flag presentation by Ron Franz who donated an outdoor flag for the Town to fly/display.


Motion was made by Omer to enter Non-Public Meeting #1 per RSA 91-A:3, ii c to discussed a matter 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 seconded by Morgan Currier. Morgan voted “Yes”. Omer voted “Yes”. Francis voted “Yes”. Motion carried unanimously.

Out of Non-Session at 8:59 P.M.
Motion was made by Morgan to seal the minutes of the just completed Non-Public Session. Seconded by Omer. Morgan voted “Yes”. Omer voted “Yes”. Francis voted “Yes”. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill/ E-mail/Mail/Other

Bill from Rowell’s Services (Highway Department)
E-Mails (Highway Department)
Authorization Letter for W.P. Mason, Road Agent (Registration of Town Vehicles)
Safety Performance History Records Request for K. B Gilbert (New Employer)
This was referred to Chief Trott to Respond.
Yield Tax on Timber Cut (A. Parent)
Abatement/Refund Request Form (Core logic Tax Real Estate)
Memorandum for State of N H Office of Strategic Initiatives
Letter from local resident of Ballston Spa and Capital Region, NY

9:00 pm Motion by Morgan to adjourn. Seconded by Omer. All voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Tanya Vela
Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

Approved by Selectmen on ________________

Chairperson, Morgan Currier    Board Member, Francis Muzzey    Board Member, Omer C. Ahern, Jr.