June 8, 2020

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NH RSA 91-A:3

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Wentworth Select Board Meeting  
April 30, 2019

Attendees: Chairperson, Morgan Currier, Omer C. Ahern, Jr., Francis Muzzey, Chief Trott, Paul Manson, Deb Vlk, Randy Ruger, Tanya Vela

6:00 p.m. – Chairperson called meeting to order.  
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

Police Report: Meeting at Racetrack went well.

Transfer Station: Busy Wed and Thurs. Will make changes to accepting things that we cannot accept. Truckloads of junk will stop being accepted.

Muzzey: Assistant at Transfer Station needs to be told what can and cannot be taken into the Transfer Station.

Randy Ruger: It will happen. Randy will be calling a meeting with the two guys working there.

Currier: Glenn said all the information is in computer. We can go online and pick what we need/want and order it.

Randy Ruger: Said that too many TVs and similar items and clothes are coming into the Transfer Station and the Town needs to put an end to “Planet Aid”. Randy Ruger asked for raingear for the Transfer Station employees and he was told talked to the Administrative Assistant about it. The Administrative Assistant said that the Town could work it through.

Highway: The Road Agent represented that the truck sold for 17k and other Freight liner is ready and will cost $7,292.30 to repair. The truck has to be inspected. The Road Agent asked the Dealership to look at the clutch brake which has been repaired twice already, but those were found were found to be factory installed.

Road Agent said Purchase Orders w/ Kirk’s indicated previous clutch brakes installed. In 16 months over $21k been put into truck and still the truck didn’t get inspected.

Deb Vlk: Who would you recommend?

Road Agent suggested to take to dealer for inspection and then Highway Department staff can do work. The Road Agent said these are not big overhauls.

Currier: So, we’ve spent this money on this truck, so hopefully anything that needs to be done can be done by Hwy Dept (not overhaul) – safe to say? That’s hopeful.

Road Agent Budgeting 5k per month for repairs is not enough.
Muzzey: Suggested that Administrative Assistant open account on each truck. The Town Treasurer said she does have it and the trucks should be in the budget that way.

The Road Agent is putting in 2-3 quarts of oil every 6-7 days into the backhoe which is leaking oil. It’s ours, not leased. Problem is that a lot of the equipment is left running for HOURS – like in the winter. The worst thing you can do in the winter is start it up and go, so “Catch-22”.

The Road Agent reported that on Saturday he came into the shop and there were puddles of water on the floor in the shop. It was raining and I saw steady stream coming off roof. John Corso, a Highway Department employee, said this had been going on for years. Steve Welch looked at it for 1.5 hours. Chimney leaking and been ongoing for about 7 years. It is only going to get worse and worse.

Finance: Building Maintenance and Repairs. Calcium budget was used for trucks. Steve Welch wanted the Road Agent to let Board of Selectmen know and will try to do some repairs.

Tomorrow (5/1/19) or Thursday, the Road Agent and staff need to get the International Truck.

Road Agent called NH DMV – we need the old registration at Manchester Liberty Int’l then go back to Concord, get the plates, go back to Liberty to put a sticker on it.

Currier spoke with Alice from Hillsboro Ford about the Ford Identification Number that Towns have that expired and hasn’t been renewed for a number of years. So basically the VIN shows that the fleet is registered with Ford for the municipality discount. They need it so they can price it.

Currier talked with Debbie at Hillsboro Ford about paperwork to fill out and send. Processing it will take 3-5 days upon receipt of the paperwork.

Muzzey offered to pick up registration and plates. Check for $4.00 needed for the State of NH.

Road Agent: Tree on Cape Moonshine Rd about 75 ft on left – leaning over. Road Agent called and got estimates for taking the tree down. 6 people provided quotes.

Muzzey: What credentials do they have to do that?

Muzzey: Contact Randy Morrison (previous Selectman) Mike Clark: $500.

18:38: Motion. O. Ahern made a motion to hire Mike Clark to remove the tree on Cape Moonshine Road. F. Muzzey seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Liz, a Town resident on Rowentown Crossroad, reported that her mailbox is in the ditch. Listen to voicemail and see… may be an issue with the mailbox.

All agreed “Dailies” (Daily report from Road Agent) will continue. Omer prefers printing. Will be taking pictures in the future to accompany “dailies”. Administrative Assistant spoke about importance of good documentation with photos after FEMA meeting results and discussion.
Issue with Culvert at Currier Hill Rd. Many issues.

The Highway Department is waiting on intake hose to wash roads. Two weeks ago the present hose was crushed and a new one has been ordered.

Public Comments: Trustee of Trust Funds member, George Morrill, reported that the Town has an account, the Landfill Closure Account, with some 80K dollars in it that should be repurposed. That can be an emergency fund for money already raised from tax payers and used for the dump and if they don’t NEED to do it, may want to encourage looking into it. Janice Thompson said a Town Meeting was needed.

Currier: yes, we know and are planning to put this all together to present it to Town’s people.
Currier: There is money from the State of New Hampshire for this through Gov Sununu’s Office.
Currier we did the research and we have the paperwork showing we can use that money. Janice Thompson mentioned that there is a paving account we could look into as well.

19:07 Treasurer: She spoke with a rep from the company that Austin Albro uses for payroll/accounts payable.

Muzzey: I don’t like outsourcing – waste of time.

Deb Vlk: Not really.

Currier: I like the idea.

Omer: My only concern is just getting a quote from one outfit – would like to get a quote from different outfits.

Currier: I agree to see what other services do it.

Muzzey: If we gather data, and send the data to them, and they send the data back for us to add to Quick Books, not a good use of time.

Deb Vlk: we’d just enter a summation.

Kay Bailey said to make sure to find out if they charge for mistakes … to correct mistakes – even theirs. Cynthia 536 – 7671.

Omer: (in response to FM’s concern and asking Town Treasurer: Can you can tell us the cost to the Town putting it together. Omer also asked a question relating to checks. Is it possible where reference is listed instead of just “Bill”?

The Town Treasurer replied that it used to print what check was for but now it’s in the vendor part.
Omer: Can the check description be modified?
Deb Vlk: will have to talk to the Town’s accounting firm

Currier to Administrative Assistant check with Mark Stetson about the Dwelling Unit Response Form – 2018 – Avitar? OSI – Office of Strategic Initiatives.

Muzzey: Motion the Town to pay Currier for her past administrative work for the Town. Second by Omer. The vote passed two (2) to zero (0) with Morgan Currier abstaining. Motion carried.

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Muzzey: 911 people
Road Agent: Are you afraid?
Omer: I don’t want to wait until …
Chief: setting a precedent. How to do it?
Omer: Precedence.
Openness which avoids character assassination which makes us liable.
Muzzey: This is an irregularity.
Chief: I think there will be a realization. A can of worms.
Road Agent: There were 12 selectmen either elected or helping out – I want the people to know what they need to know.
Muzzey: I just want them to know about the expenses.

Road Agent: Chance in next year or two asking town for 100k for new backhoe.
Currier: we can’t run away from the fact that we had to spend an extraordinary amount of money. My thought is that we have meetings every week. We publish
Chief: We’re going to create a situation on something you can’t change. Everything will be counterproductive.
Currier: Let’s say we have an additional meeting and only 5 people show up…
Omer: This board has establish trust in the community – transparent.
Road Agent: I’m going to answer that and I’ve had a lot of people stop by the Hwy Dept and say they knew what was going on … I think most of the people that care – if that makes sense – know.
Omer: In my profession, I have an obligation to self-report. If I don’t report, I’m disbarred.
Chief: What parallel are you drawing?
I abide by those same Supreme Court decisions…
PC: History of Hwy Dept issues –
Omer: fueled by “newness”

Currier: Suggestion?
Time: 20:12: Motion made by Omer to go into Non-Public meeting relative to Chief Trott's request. Muzzey seconded the motion. OA yes, MC yes, MC yes. Motion carried.

Morgan Currier made a motion to come out of non-public session. Omer seconded the motion. FM voted yes, MC voted yes, OA voted yes. Motion carried.

Non-Public minutes were not sealed.

Morgan Currier made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 20:25. Omer Ahern seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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