June 8, 2020

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NH RSA 91-A:3

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Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
July 2, 2019

Select Board Present: Francis Muzzey, Omer Ahern, Chief Trott, Paul Manson, Tanya Vela

17:02: Appointment of

17:08: Proposal given to SB by D. Bowne – Chief Trott weighs in on ordinance ref hours of operation Track operator can request in advance 2 in Aug and 2 in Sep on Sundays Noon-4pm Chief emphasized great working relation between owner of racetrack and campground

Omer motioned to approve race track request at 17:11. FM seconded, vote yes and OA vote yes. So passed.

17:12 appointment of Beth Folsom as Trustee of the Trust Funds – FM asked how long the term is – until March 2020.
17:15: Omer Ahern approves appointment.

17:17: Stephen Tower from Woodstock, NH – working on a septic system whose design was approved 4 years ago to approve revision of design. Amended septic plan.

17:25: Francis Muzzey signs as Health Officer.
Omer Ahern is agreeing to this b/c it was looked at by a previous board. – OA a week before the meeting.

17:27: Linda Frantz needs more signatures to finish up appt.

17:29: Chief’s Report
17:35: Highway Report – needs approval for spending on new truck before prices go up.
Purchase of snow plow. 2 diff quotes. One for central hydraulic system that truck will need for sander and one for – NEW FORD TRUCK needs this.
Line X – Fisher minute plow is $6800 – just the plow setup for the truck. Price from Upper Valley is 6800. 6620 from Fairfield
Upper Valley is 20 min from here and the other is off Exit 5 in Bowe, NH - 6 plus hours of to go there and will be greater than 178 dollars.
1st line only. Not buying a new sander – using old sander. Plus if we ever have problems – warranty work, we’re only 20 min away.

Omer Ahern: Do you have the money in the budget.

Road Agent: Yes. The $6800 is coming out of plows /wings 4312.03 and the other $371 out of building maintenance. FM explains the back-story. 4312.0401
Plow is electrical – Fisher minute mount.

Next one involves shuffling - for a central hydraulic system to run the sander. Asking the Board to approve Tenco out of VT. Trying to get both approved b/c the first went up over 150 dollars and the other over 200 dollars.

$7666 Fairfield and the other is $7283 from Tenco

4312.05 Building and Maint Repairs
Tree Trim and Removal
Road material budget – remaining $2000
35K budget for the year covers road materials such as gravel and is the line item he’s taking the culverts out of. As of last week, there was a little over $32K in there.

Francis Muzzey: possibility that we need this.

Road Agent: Being stingy because we need a 3rd person.

Omer Ahern: there is not going to be money for a 3rd person.

Francis Muzzey: I would argue that we would.

Omer Ahern: Requested in a memo before meeting. We spoke previously about an update to the Budget. We just can’t spend money that we don’t have. The only way is to have a special town meeting to approve it. ---- Town has a gravel pit. I don’t know the condition of it. Have you had a chance to stop and see it?

Road Agent: Well, in order to use it, we have to crush it and hire a company to crush it. Cone crusher needed – 2 needed – They’ll do it by the yard so b/w 8-10.50/yard to do it. 25k And we need to get a permit from the State. I believe we used to have it and then a flood came in 2013? And the embankment gone and our gravel pit is now an island and we need permission to access it. So, it’s a possibility, but it’s not like I can go get the gravel and get it.

Omer Ahern: looking at Profit/Loss Budget for 2019.

Omer Ahern: Also we have an obligation to get other quotes for the Townspeople.

Road Agent: Tenco is the premier dealer in the NE.

Francis Muzzey: Give it another week. Nothing against it – would just want one more for hydraulics.

Omer Ahern: For the plow?
Road Agent: No, this is a hydraulic system... bringing it to you now because the prices keep going on... so in order to lock in price... prices going up. One vendor said “I don’t have time to deal with plows. It’s boat season.”

Omer Ahern: Part of the problem is that we’re spending more than 5K – you want us to go under the minimum of 3 votes. Also, one short and I believe you have to have a unanimous vote.

Francis Muzzey: Find at least one more quote.

Admin. Asset.: Question: Meet when?

Francis Muzzey: What about Brattleboro or Bellows Falls? 3 bids and we’ve done due diligence.

Omer Ahern: When we decided to go to every 2 weeks, we decided that we’d be willing to meet again.

Tuesday: 3pm

Road Agent: Will email Tanya once he gets a quote. Also, found Culvert Assessments.


Omer Ahern: no conflict of interest... as client of Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank

Mr. Houston – 18:17 Septic Plan.

18:23: Omer Ahern motion that Board accept and approve septic design from R. Houston prepared by plans dated 22 June 2019. FM: Second. OA Yes FM yes Motion carried.

18:28: Abatement.

18:30: Omer Ahern make motion to approve abatement for Ellsworths. FM : second; OA yes FM yes. Motion carried.

18:34: Motion to sign intent to cut for Bassingthwaite. FM seconded. OA yes, FM yes. Motion carried.

Letter by Dept of Environmental Services // DES has no record of receiving Annual Facility Report –

OA: make a motion that we sign the permit that the Commissioner of DES is requesting – approving the signing of it. FM: second OA yes FM yes – so passed.

Francis Muzzey: I’m on the record of wanting to meet every week regardless of whether it’s a business or a working meeting.
Admin. Asset: I will scan and send a copy to Mark Stetson and ask if he has any of the information.

Omer Ahern: I will take this memorandum and I will call him tomorrow and explain that we’ve had a complete changeover of the Town Administration and did not intend to ignore the state of NH. If they need a memorandum – we can provide it.

No information to make a decision. Attorney’s letter says “may” be duplicate lien.

Omer Ahern: Institutional Memory – Lien for assistance (old age) RSA 165: 28 Lien on Real Property – Aid to Assisted Persons, Liability for Recovery.

Selectmen may weigh such interest...

Kay: May also be in the minutes of that time period. What was the year? Those minutes should be online.

Information might be in the Tax Collector’s files or call Ray – attorney.

Admin. Asset: Would you like to call him?

Omer Ahern: No

Francis: I don’t like him

Admin. Asset: Well that shouldn’t affect your job as SB Member.

Omer Ahern: Sometime after Dec 2016 – payment to Town of Wentworth. Town financial records should have them.

Kay: Prior to lady in Rumney (Health Officer),

Omer Ahern: I’ll call Brian Ray.

Francis Muzzey: Secretary of the Interior – letter stating we received $10,659 – Check with Deb Vlk that we received that money. Payment in lieu of taxes by the USG for ...

19:24 – Letter from Duane Brown read out loud by OA. Check for $50 to give to Friends of Wentworth Park & Rec.

Thomson: Have you gotten the report on the river testing that should’ve been done in June?
Omer Ahern: There may be something on the website, but I will personally check into that.

19:41 Omer Ahern motion so moved to support migration to Office 365

19:55 Omer Ahern: Would like SB and AA take a tour with Palmer of various sites of concern and the Town Hall, Tennis Court area and Gravel Pit. Also, George Hill brought to our attention Thurs. Aug 29 from 6-9pm Floodplain Manager Training Workshop put on by Submara Ebener... Charge? And we need to do something about Cyber Security

Francis Muzzey: The most significant area is Riverside Park. We need to address that on a more widespread gathering of info by many people – State, FEMA...

Omer Ahern: Motion to adjourn FM second OA yes FM yes – 20:01

Respectfully submitted by Tanya Vela, Road Agent to the Select Board

Approved by Selectmen on

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