

June 8, 2020

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NH RSA 91-A:3

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**Wentworth Select Board Minutes
October 3, 2019**

3 Oct Emergency Meeting to discuss cutting trees on the side of Buffalo (?) Rd

In attendance: Morgan Carrier, Francis Muzzey, Omer Ahern Jr, and Jordan King

Meeting opened at 4:02 by Morgan.

Omer discussed two main topics stated in the Plummer Will/Deed:

1. Do the best thing for the town
2. Ensure 5 rods (approx. 80 feet) width of trees remain along the road.

There was also discussion of the need to leave pine trees growing in the Plummer forest and Jordan confirmed that there are still pine trees there.

Additional discussion of RSA 31:111 Powers and Duties of Towns – Town and City Forests:

31:111 – The main purpose of such city or town forest shall be to encourage the proper management of timber, firewood, and other natural resources through planning, timber stand improvement, thinning, harvesting, reforestation, and other multiple use programs consistent with the forest management program, any deed restrictions and any pertinent local ordinances or regulations.

It was discussed, and agreed, that per the RSA, cutting the dead and dying trees does fall under proper management of a town forest.

Omer made a motion that due to the following reasons: doing the best forest management for a town forest; following the RSA guidelines; and for the safety of the town residents, the dead and dying trees should be cut along (Buffalo?) Rd.

Seconded by Morgan. Omer, Francis, and Morgan all voted yes.

Omer, Francis, and Jordan planned to view the trees after the meeting.

The Select Board also let Jordan know that they would sign the contract extension discussed at the 1 Oct Select Board meeting on 15 Oct (the next Board meeting).

Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:18. This was seconded by Francis. Morgan, Francis, and Omer all voted yes.

Chairperson, Francis Muzzey

Board Member, Palmer Koelb

Board Member, Omer C. Ahern, Jr.