

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019**

In Attendance:

Francis Muzzey (Chairperson)
Omer C. Ahern, Jr. (Select Board Member)
Wallace Trott (Police Chief)
Paul Manson (Highway Road Agent)
Tanya Vela (Administrative Assistant) – present until 6:30 p.m.
George Morrill

- **5:05 pm: F. Muzzey called meeting to order at to review administrative matters.**
 - Discussion of MS-434 and NH DRA Discussion of Town Budget & types of funds – Highway Block Grant Usage

 - Discussion about the \$31,400.00 spent from Unexpended Fund Balance – Capital Reserve Bridge Fund – further discussion about \$31,000 from last December 2019 for the Highway Dept for a repair to a piece of equipment per P. Manson, who was not a Town employee at the time. G. Morrill suggested it could have possibly been part of a hydrology study.

- **6:00pm: F. Muzzey opened the meeting to public input / Led Pledge of Allegiance.**

- **O. Ahern made a motion to have the Town Treasurer cut two \$25.00 checks to NHSP to do background checks for the two new Town Employees. Francis seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Omer asked Highway Agent to put together a checklist of what needs to be done for the bridge construction process (bid for qualifications, etc.)

- Board reviewed and signed septic system design for C. Jamgochian.

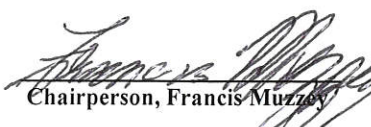
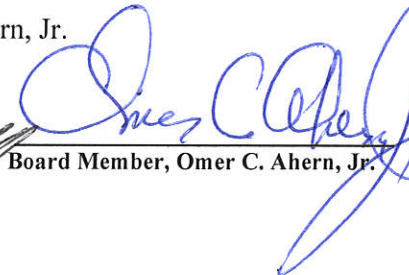

- **O. Ahern made a motion to have each applicant (or representative), requesting review of a septic system design, come to the Select Board meeting for the Board members to be able to ask any pertinent questions. Francis seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Discussion of MS-434 Overlay
 - **F. Muzzey made a motion to reduce current amount of Unassigned Fund Balance to \$458,945.00 using \$100,000 to reduce the tax by approximately \$1 per thousand. O. Ahern seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion passed unanimously. The Unassigned Fund Balance remains high within the range suggested by DRA.**

- **O. Ahern made a motion to sign a request/demand to the Tax Collector to collect the necessary monies by way of real estate taxes from the people of the Town of Wentworth in order to meet the appropriation decided. Francis seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

- In order to expedite the process, the Board members will sign the Tax Collector's Warrant next Tuesday or as soon as possible because the Board is late in getting tax rate. **F. Muzzey made a motion to do so. O. Ahern seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.**
- G. Morrill brought up a concern about a house someone built on East Side Rd. He said he is not sure about the septic system and how it may affect the river below.
- Board reviewed DES approval for B. Barnard's septic system and other correspondence to the Town.
- Positive comments were made about the Town Office new lighting by Bixby Electric & Chief Trott.
- **O. Ahern made a motion to go into nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A:3, II (b) The hiring of a person as a public employee. Francis seconded the motion. F. Muzzey voted "yes, O Ahern voted "yes. Both voted yes. Motion carried.**
- **7:11 pm: O. Ahern made a motion to come out of nonpublic session. Francis seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion carried.**
- **7:12 pm: O. Ahern made a motion to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session. Francis seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion carried unanimously to seal minutes.**
- There was a continuation/ongoing discussion with George Morrill re: \$31,400.00 for Hydrology study.
- A discussion then ensued about some Budget Numbers for the Internet and telephone.
- **7:19 pm: O. Ahern made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Francis seconded the motion. Both voted yes and the motion carried.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:
Tanya Vela and Omer C. Ahern, Jr.

Chairperson, Francis Muzzey Board Member, Omer C. Ahern, Jr. Board Member, Palmer Koelb