

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECT BOARD
Select Board Meeting

September 3, 2019.

This meeting was canceled.

June 8, 2020

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NH RSA 91-A:3

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**Minutes of Wentworth Select Board Meeting
September 10, 2019**

Call to Order: 5:03 p.m.

Attendees: Francis Muzzey, Omer Ahern Jr., Morgan Currier, Chief Trott

5:05 – Chief Trott’s Report

- Processed 4 Concealed Carry Permits – Reminder to obtain one from NH (not required) if one plans to travel into a State w/ Reciprocity
- Prosecutor – Made a deal - at no add’tl cost to the Town above our budget line. Next closest was \$21K.

Transfer Station: Jim unable to work at TS on Wed, Sep 18th. FM said he would assist and work there.

Board reviewed application for TS employee to replace previous one.

5:10 pm: Omer Ahern Jr., made motion to hire Andrew Chase to fill part-time TS position that’s currently vacant based on recommendation to hire him by TS Attendant, Randy Ruger. FM seconded motion. FM said RR does an excellent job. OA yes, FM yes, MC yes. Veteran. Motion carried.

Muzzey: Made a motion to send new hire to the next Transfer Station class. Omer Ahern Jr., seconded to appropriate training MC yes, FM yes, OA. Motion carries.

TC: Do you want to make a motion to send FM to a class if he’s

5: 14 M Currier make motion to send FM to same class OA second MC yes, OA yes FM abstain. Motion carried.

TS – Omer is very concerned that we are not recycling other than tin cans. I had heard of meeting of Rotary Club that ... taking plastics ... As a private citizen talking with RR and also spoke with Lindsay at NRRRA and she suggested looking at what we’re paying and how we’re paying it and we might want to go out to bid for removal.

Currier: We have Whittier

Omer: Pete’s Rubbish Removal is one – I know him through NH xxx advisory committee, so we have the opportunity to do some research and what we’re paying for hauling fee. Xxx fee. I’m willing to volunteer...

Omer: the issue is that sometimes things can be recycled and dependent on what’s going on in our world so it’s a matter of basically how much it’s going to cost for a compactor and hauling costs. Recycleables are sometimes taken on 3 different trucks for various distances and still being thrown out in a landfill.

Muzzey : Some can be bounded stored and sold for an income if we have a compactor.
TC: I know we can do it for cardboard.

Currier: I remember Glenn Campbell was interested in revisiting the compactor – issue (?)

Omer: I know there are 7 different types of plastics. But the only thing we're recycling is aluminum cans.

Muzzey: the two things keeping it is the cost of the compactor and storage trailer for things compacted b/c they can't get wet.

Currier to Omer: definitely interested in what your research results. I agree

Omer Ahern Jr. mentioned email about fluorescent tube pickup

Currier said same people that pick-up electronics also pickup fluorescent tubes.

Muzzey: Has the fee schedule been updated? MC not since Glenn Campbell.

Muzzey :Maybe look at Warren's and Plymouth's and update ours.

Omer Ahern Jr. said he will research. FM will get the fee schedule from Warren.

Cemetery. **Muzzey** mentioned call about burying someone on property and reference to S. Davis.

Currier: Veterans Memorial Meeting at School Thurs 7-9

Omer spoke with SGT Griffon on Grafton Cty corrections program and he came up with residents on Dept of Corrections to do clearing of wood, etc. w/ Dr. Scheller and SGT Griffon said to specifically say it was an honor for them to be able to work on that.

5:33 p.m. Omer Ahern Jr. made motion to go into Non-Public #1 per RSA-A: 3 II (c) MC second FM yes MC yes OA yes. Motion passed unanimously.

18:11 Omer made a motion to go out of Nonpublic #1. MC seconded motion. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Omer made a motion to seal the minutes MC second Yes. FM yes OA yes. Motion passed unanimously.

18:13 – Continue

Admin. Asset.: No contract w/ DWoodson

Hwy Dept: Email update by Road Agent

Currier: he applicant is my nephew by marriage so I will remove myself from all proceeding. I would hire him. He has culvert, experience no CDL.

SS: You cannot do that Francis.

MC Motion to leave decision to Mr. Manson and Mr. Ahern b/c I have to recuse myself Omer Ahern Jr. Second for discussion. I would have to look at it.

WT: I believe that Francis

Doesn't change your conviction

Muzzey: I'm against the position.

Currier: Move on. We have an applicant – my recommendation is that if they're remotely qualified we bring them in. As Omer says Time is of the Essence

Jared: Position only for the winter?

Currier: We're moving on decision made 2 weeks ago.

6:31 pm Omer Ahern Jr. made motion to go into NP session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) FM second MC yes FM yes OA yes.

MC: Motion to go out of Non-public OA second -MC Yes FM yes OA yes

Library requested nonpublic to discuss concerns with library building. No decisions made.

6:56 pm OA made a motion NP #3 per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) regarding a hiring a person as public employee MC second MC Yes OA yes FM yes. Motion passed unanimously.

7:18 pm OA Make motion to go out MC second FM vote yes MC yes OA yes

7:18 pm OA motion to seal minutes FM second MC Yes OA yes FM yes

Omer Ahern Jr. moved that we w/ regard to Hwy Depts need to provide snowplowing for upcoming winter that the SB pursue a new hire on an on-call basis for the storms. FM second MC yes FM yes OA yes.

Currier: Make sure you are aware that both avenues are being pursued at the same time – looking for

Omer Ahern Jr. wants record to show that there are two separate avenues.

The Select Board will be having a meeting on Thursday at 6pm with Mr. Hill on Sep 12th.

POST: The SB will meet on 12 SEP at 6pm the only matter to be discussed is a non-public pursuant to 91-A: 3 II (c) Any decision made will occur at the end of the meeting in a public session.

Omer Ahern Jr., will not be here the 24th of SEP or 8 OCT.

PAYROLL – Available at 2pm for Omer to sign on 24 SEP and Francis and Morgan will come in at 5pm to sign payroll.

NO MEETING THE EVENING OF THE 17th

01 OCT Normal meeting and with Avitar.

Chris Fournier

We agreed #1, #2 HEB authorization

ASK PAUL HATCH ABOUT HAZARD MITIGATION.

20:03 – Adjourn MC motion FM second OA MC Yes OA yes FM yes

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September 17, 2019

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Tanya,

Here are combined notes (mine and Omer's) for the public hearing held on 26 Sep.

Public Hearing 26 Sept 2019

Attended by: Morgan Currier, Omer Ahern Jr., Francis Muzzey, Wallace Trott, Jeff Ames, John Downing, Marguerite Burne, Elaine Kinder, Laurie Melanson

Morgan opened the meeting at 6:00. Francis made a motion to go into the public hearing for discussion of Hooper Hill Rd being declared/reclassified as an emergency lane at 6:01. Omer seconded the Motion. Morgan, Francis, and Omer all voted Yes.

Morgan read Jordan's letter to the residents.

Francis then provided some history on allowing towns to declare Class XI roads as emergency lanes, as well as some of the history of Hooper Hill Rd, including when it was previously declared as an emergency lane. Francis then spoke in support of re-classifying Hooper Hill Rd as an Emergency Lane.

Morgan asked if anyone in attendance was against reclassifying Hooper Hill Rd as an Emergency Lane. No one spoke.

Francis then read RSA 231:59-9 Paragraph 4

Mr. Downing explained that he owned a good portion of the property along Hooper Hill Rd. He wanted to continue maintaining the road/sides of the road as he has in the past. He wanted to confirm that naming the road as an emergency lane would not limit his maintenance.

Francis informed him that any maintenance needed to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Downing confirmed he was given approval by a previous board (Francis, Roy Ames)

Francis and Morgan both noted they saw no reason or information in the RSA that would prevent him from continuing to maintain the road as he has in the past.

Omer cautioned that the Town giving permission or approval could result in legal issues if anyone was harmed from the maintenance.

Mr. Downing stated he did not want permission. He just wanted to make sure there was nothing in the RSA that stated an Emergency Lane could not be maintained by private land owners.

Morgan confirmed that nothing she had seen in the RSA would prevent him from continuing to maintain the road as he has been doing in the past if it was declared as an emergency lane.

Mr. Downing then asked about the snow plowing mentioned in Jordan's email ("the road will receive summer maintenance like the other Class 5 roads, but no plowing or sanding"). He then noted that Melansons and Kinders maintained the road in the winter.

Morgan noted that the RSA had no specific details on what type of maintenance.

Laurie Melanson asked if there was any information about the Power Company helping to maintain the road, since they were using it to access the power lines.

The Board said they were not aware of any agreement with the power company but it was unlikely.

Francis then read paragraph 2 of the RSA, which describes the Board's requirement of providing written proof of their decision on declaring/not declaring a road as an emergency lane.

Mr. Downing mentioned how Hooper Field could be used as a medical evac for a helicopter, as well as at least three logging landings. He also added that snowmobile rider like riding there because they know they can be evacuated if injured.

Morgan and Francis both asked again if there any objections from members attending the hearing on declaring Hooper Hill Rd as an Emergency Lane. No objections were given.

Mrs. Marguerite Burne mentioned the high number of public vehicles that use Hooper Hill Rd.

Francis noted that because it was a Class 6 road, there were no restrictions. They could use bars/gates but they could not be locked. He also mentioned that approximately 20 years ago the town spent \$40K to bring the road up to state specs

Omer asked for any objections of declaring Hooper Hill Rd as an Emergency Lane, and also noted that it was the third time the Board had asked for objections.

There were no objections given.

Francis motioned to end the public hearing at 6:38. This was seconded by Omer. Omer, Francis, and Morgan all voted yes.

The Board stated they would be writing up their recommendation.

Morgan motioned to close the meeting at 6:39. Omer seconded. Omer, Morgan, and Francis all voted yes.

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09.30.19

P. Hatch, Vanessa Durango, Fallon, State Coordinating Officer, Kevin Kay, Mike Santom, O. Ahern, Jr., Paul Manson, Janice Thomson, Kay Bailey,

5:02 p.m F. Muzzey opened meeting

When something happens, Falon is the top coordinating officer w/ FEMA – who helps us

3 mo later at the end of Oct, WW got another storm – flooding at parks – most taken care of but outstanding issues are Frescoln and Crosstown Bridges

Good idea with new personnel to talk about where we are with the two projects.

Crossrd Bridge 21' span Bridge replaced with culverts (FM: part of the problem PH agreed) CF said 2 pipes wouldn't hold up and FEMA would help pay 50%? Part of cost.

“We don't control DOT”

Fallon: “Typically if it was already on the list, they wouldn't wait that long... we can work w/ DOT on that one.

FM: You're talking about engineering costs plus ... , right?

Fallon – FEMA would pay 75% of that in addition to the ...other – and consider it a separate project.

PH: You'd pick someone from a pool of engineers – a request for qualifications -.

Fallon: When it comes to public assistance,

FM: The bidding for the construction engineer is just that – a bid.

O. Aherns: I'm not sure what the town of WW has normal procurement policies – than it would default to the Federal .

Paul: Clarifying, on the Frescoln Bridge, the Town is only liable for 5%

Fallon: Public Assistance Project – FEMA reimburses 75% of project.

If we're unable to get the permits from DES, FEMA won't reimburse.

FEMA eligibility conditions/guidelines

OA: Mr. Santom and Mr. Kays – are you involved with which bridge. Kay –

FM: concerned with cash flow. We have 116k in Capital Reserve Fund, but we have to pay in advance.

Fallon: we have options – one is Cash Advance to give town money in advance of starting the project – from the State to award money to the Town up front . But bills have to be paid quickly – a quick turnaround.

Vanessa: the official policy hasn't been put into place, but paying the contractor shld be about 30-60 days.

FM: Crossroad, w/ 116k in Reserve, do we have enough money to pursue money w/o having to borrow?

If FEMA deems the work eligible and gives the money to them to give to you – enough money.

Fallon: in limbo b/c town hadn't decided yet.

PM: If you decide to go forward, you can put out a proposal to bid and not go with HEB.

FM: Last time, we hired an engineer from a list of individuals approved by DOT but we didn't have a say in what their bill would be.

Fallon: Because of how the public assistance program is set up, these will have to be put to bid.

Then a bid for the construction project.

PM to FM: you're talking DOT/State not FEMA. It's a separate thing. KK to FM – you're talking apples to oranges.

PM: Frescoln Rd, we're already qualified the 80%

Fallon: for tonight's conversation, not even consider the DOT, just worst-case scenario, just public assistance, FEMA money. We didn't expect an answer from the Board tonight.

OA: I went for a long ride of the roads in WW and all the bridges replaced over the years and we didn't make the NHPR news recently for having bridges and culverts washed out – great – what I'm concerned about is that one bridge was 450K and another was 350K – where's the money going to come from? I don't know whether a culvert is cheaper than a bridge? We just had an accident where a bridge was almost taken out, but...

KK: a little history – back about 25 yrs. The first bridge is S. WW on the bridge is Frescoln Rd. Bridge got washed out and cheap fix was putting in a culvert and now prob's. Another bridge collapsed, so box culvert put in also collapsed... then another washed out – chain reaction and the Town keeps cheap fix. Not built for culverts, need to fix the problem.

PM: A box culvert is a pre-cast concrete structure and a culvert is a round insert and nothing alike – money wise a phenomenal big diff. HEB mentions box culvert

FM: Crossroad. To start it, we ask for engineers to bid. Paul Hatch not allowed to give recommendations on engineers. Ask for credentials and can call state for approval/advice

How many projects designed? Worked for FEMA? Done local bridges? Ask the fellow town how easy they were to work with? Feasible to ask Mike Santom engineer for advice on matter? Nods yes.

PM: does the company have to be bonded?

KB: Are there reqt's by you or state for qualifications for who they choose?

PH there may be a sample template out there for a bid – to include and not limited

PM to FM: You may want to Put them out separately for both projects

PH: FEMA's looking at this as two separate projects.

FM: Do you think we can bid one engineer for both projects?

Fallon: No, must be two separate. May use same wording, but separate projects.

OA: I bet if we ask for a redacted... we can see what a 2019 process

Fallon: This is not the firest bridge we've worked with. We can go back get more info and chat with you

PM: I think the Town should think about the price of 650-900K total cost between both bridges.

KK: for 800K total for both bridges, the Town would be in for 200K...EXAMPLE: 500k for Crossroad and 300K for Frescoln – 25% is 200k

FM: How much time do we have to get this going.

Fallon: We just caution. You can't match Federal with Federal. We'll have to look to see.

Vanessa: If it's State raised funds that the State gave to Town, then yes – allowed.

FM: If we raise 500K, we can't spend more than what we're authorized to spend. We can't spend extra including block grant and when DRA estab tax rate, ...

OA: I'm absolutely flabbergasted w/ this amt of money. How do we prevent it from coming down w/ the rate at which the bridges in this town go up and down.

KBailey: what is the time frame?

Fallon: January 2021, which can be extended for one more year. Recommend working through this winter season as much as possible so you can raise at Town meeting. Getting an extension is not problematic.

FM: Now, Frescoln Bridge. State will give us 80%. FEMA would give 75% and if State Bridge is what we anticipate, State would pay for remaining 25, so Town would be responsible for paying 5K.

KK – Ret LEO who sells insurance.

FM to MS: Can we call on you for advice? Yes.

OA: Needs as many docs. Needs to see tangible paper.

Fallon: we'll go back to Concord, outline it and show how it works out.

Separate Topic

PM: It's about the two H&H Studies we had done on Rowentown and Dorchester Culverts and option to apply for 2 of 3 available Federal Grants available. But we need to pay for engineering done first. Need a letter of intent... Wants to apply for Rowentown project - KK (it's the weak link...

Clear – we have to pay for the engineering before we even get the grant, right? Fallon: not necessarily. There are options for filling out application.

Letter of Intent for Rowentown

PH: Professional Engineers have to be registered with the State.

PM: I like Holden Engineers KK: Good to work with

PH: The town of Orford uses to Dubois and King. Call over to the Town and ask for a redacted copy.

Fallon: Hazard Mitigation and Pre-Disaster Mitigation are the two grants PM was talking about.

FM: So, if we got an Engineer, then they could do the study through the winter.

FM: One of gathering info, no decisions made, we'll get more information and I'd like to get started on something.

PH: We want you to have all the information you need to make your decision and Fallon, and Vanessa and I will go back and gather all the info for you to make an informed decision.

Discussed how MS would get out and how long he'd be restricted.

PH: If we do have to do a temp bridge, I know the Town of Enfield has a temp bridge that they would be willing to let another town borrow.

OA motion to end meeting 6:13 FM Second.