

**Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting and Budget Hearing  
February 10, 2020**

**Meeting called to order at 5:03pm.**

**Those present:** Francis Muzzey, Omer C. Ahern, Jr., Palmer Koelb, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Deborah Ziemba, Carol Young, Linda Franz and other residents.

**At 5:05pm entered into a budget hearing.**

**Went through budget items with F.Muzzey's spreadsheet as it relates to Warrant Articles and combined budgeted items.**

**F.Muzzey suggested that Warrant Article 25 be re-written to reflect that all appropriations come from Capital Reserve account. General agreement from Select Board and public in attendance.**

**Select Board showed support for keeping 2020's tax rate to a minimal increase as it is already a hardship for many of the Town's residents.**

**Discussed an 8-year plan for Town's roadways that is posted on Town's website. Should be reviewed and possibly updated. No action yet proposed.**

**At 6:31pm a motion was made by P.Koelb to adjourn the Budget Hearing, seconded by O.Ahern. All voted "yes", hearing adjourned.**

**At 6:32pm. re-entered the Select Board Meeting.**

**It was decided by Select Board and members of the public in attendance by a show of hands that Warrant Article 25 be rewritten to take all \$135,421 for the paving of Red Oak Hill Road from the Capital Reserve Road Paving Fund and \$0 from general taxation. Warrant Article 25 to be rewritten for Town Meeting.**

**Chief Jeff Ames reported a snow machine accident in which the Baker River Snowmobile Club had no way to efficiently summon emergency services. Chief suggested that we may be able to use the Highway Department's radio frequency to call for assistance. A motion was made by O.Ahern to immediately work on a process to develop a system for the Snowmobile Club, Emergency Services and Highway Department to communicate during such emergency situations, including a memorandum of understanding and standard operating procedures. F.Muzzey seconded, all voted "yes" and motion carried.**

**A motion was made by O.Ahern to designate Select Board representatives to be present at polling place during the February 11, 2020 Presidential Primary. Beth Folsom and Ronnie**

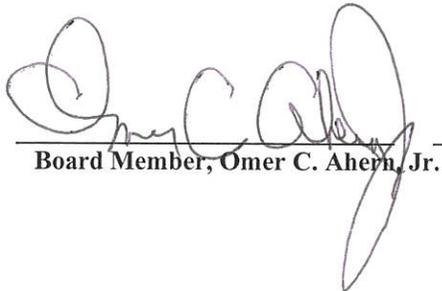


Hajj volunteered and were named as these representatives. F.Muzzey seconded, all voted "yes" and motion passed.

O.Ahern made a motion to adjourn meeting. P.Koelb seconded, all voted "yes" and meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Linda Franz, Interim Administrative Assistant

  
Chairperson, Francis Muzzey

  
Board Member, Omer C. Ahern, Jr.

  
Board Member, Palmer Koelb