

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2020**

Those present: Omer Ahern, Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Paul Manson, Richard Borger, Jennifer Meade, Wayne DeCotis, and other residents

Called to Order: Francis Muzzey, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Selectmen signed checks and reviewed correspondence.

Richard Borger and Wayne DeCotis representing the Wentworth Congregational Church inquired about the progress being made on the disposition of the land and building referred to as the "Doll House" that was discussed during the February 18, 2020 Select Board meeting. O.Ahern requested a copy of the "quiet title action" previously obtained by the Church. R.Borger and W.DeCotis left the meeting to retrieve a copy of the decree. Upon their return to the meeting and subsequent review by the Board, it was decided that the Town of Wentworth relinquish all interests in the land and building referenced above. **F.Muzzey made a motion to convey by quit claim deed the land and building known as the "Doll House" to the Wentworth Congregational Church. Seconded by P.Koelb, O.Ahern amended "in accordance with decree of quiet title dated 3/21/2016". This decree is to be attached to the minutes. Seconded by P.Koelb. All voted "yes" on entire motion and amendment and motion carried.** Contents of the Doll House" will be moved to Town Hall building.

At 5:45 pm, O.Ahern made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3 II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by P.Koelb. F.Muzzey voted "yes", P.Koelb voted "yes", O.Ahern voted "yes". All three voted in the affirmative and motion carried.

Reentered Public Meeting at 5:59pm.

O.Ahern made a motion to seal the minutes of the March 3, 2020 Nonpublic Session. Seconded by P.Koelb. All voted "yes" and motion carried.

Motion made by O.Ahern to sign the Wetland Permit Applications. Seconded by P.Koelb. All voted "yes", and motion carried.

Motion made by O.Ahern to appoint Beth Folsom as Proxy to step in as a Selectmen's Representative, as needed, at the Voting Polls on March 10. Seconded by P.Koelb. All voted "yes", and motion carried.

Signed Tax Abatement, Current Use application and three Certifications of Yield Taxes Assessed.

Jennifer Meade spoke about Town Hall being on the State Historical Building Register and the work needed to be done to make it functional. She informed of matching LCHIP grant pursuant to conditional assessment by architect. Cost is approx. \$8,000, \$4,000 from Town with matching \$4,000 grant. Depending on costs to repair, if \$200,000 or less, general consensus is that it is probably worth pursuing. **P.Koelb made a motion to take \$4,000 from Expendable Trust for Town Hall Maintenance to cover Town's share of cost for architect assessment. Seconded by O.Ahern. All voted "yes", and motion carried.** P.Koelb to sign letter of agreement for assessment.

Chief Trott reported on a previous inquiry about allowing a potential resident to have a tractor trailer to load/unload his business product at a Route 25 address. Not allowed on Route 25, possible solution to use Atwell Hill Road or Town Offices parking lot. General consensus is "no". The Town should not set a precedent for this type of activity. No decision made as to who will contact potential resident. Also discussed, approx. \$84,000 claim to be paid by Primex. Primex had indicated that they require an audit of the Trust Fund records. This is impractical. L.Franz to discuss matter with Primex attorney and will advise Board and Chief Trott. Chief Trott presented a copy of plea agreement with C.Stata to the Select Board. Chief also expressed his ill feelings about an accusation from a Board member about lack of communication with the Select Board in regard to the C.Stata situation.

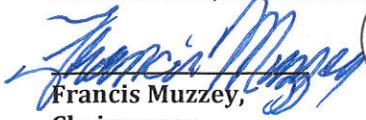
Road Agent, Paul Manson, discussed the posting of 6-ton weight limits on town roads during the moderate temperature (mud) season. He suggested all roads be included noting that business vehicles be exempt. Select Board in agreement. He also addressed the upcoming engineering costs for town bridges. Select Board informed that monies would be available from Capital Reserve Funds.

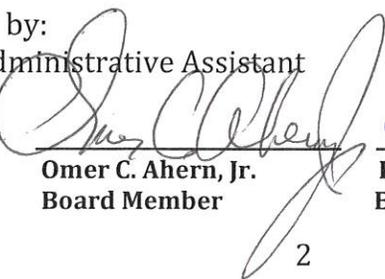
Kay Bailey reentered meeting to express her discontent with Road Agent postings on social media. Referring mainly to disrespect to Select Board and referring to Road Agent's title as an "official". Road Agent made comments in his defense in regard to his title as "official" as it is listed on Town website as such. No comment from Select Board.

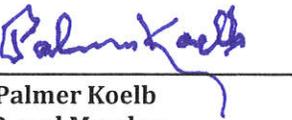
Administrative Assistant position discussed. Linda Franz applied, position offered, and accepted. Select Board determined that candidate is the most qualified out of applications received. **F.Muzzey made a motion to hire Linda Franz as Administrative Assistant, effective immediately. Seconded by O.Ahern. F.Muzzey voted "yes", O.Ahern voted "yes", P.Koelb abstained as he is friend to Linda's husband. Vote is 2-0, motion carried.**

F.Muzzey made a motion to adjourn, with signing of checks, minutes and other agenda items after adjournment. Seconded by O.Ahern. All voted yes and meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Linda Franz, Interim Administrative Assistant


Francis Muzzey,
Chairperson


Omer C. Ahern, Jr.
Board Member


Palmer Koelb
Board Member