State of New Hampshire Town of Wentworth

Warrant for year 2015 Town Meeting

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wentworth, in Grafton County, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Wentworth, New Hampshire will be held at the Wentworth Elementary School, 1247 Mt Moosilauke Hwy, Route 25, Wentworth NH on March 10, 2015.

The polls will open at 11 am and close at 7 pm to bring in your votes for Executive Councilor and vote on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers). All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 7 pm.

- To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By Official Ballot)
- 2. To receive reports from the Selectmen, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditors, and other Town Officers; and to vote on any motion relating to these reports.
- 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$265,645 for General Municipal Operations for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, to come from 2015 general taxation. This article does not include any amounts contained in any other article. (Majority vote required).
- 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of paving the Town Offices Parking Lot, of which \$20,000 to come from the Paving Capital Reserve. No money to be raised from taxation.
- 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,100 to be expended by the Planning Board in connection with its activities for such purposes and such uses as deemed necessary by the Planning Board.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,272.00 for the following Health Agencies and Organizations:

American Red Cross (provides emergency & disaster relief)	\$700.00
Bridge House (provides shelter for homeless)	\$2,000.00
CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug free Youth)	\$1,000.00
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children)	\$500.00
Genesis (mental health care)	\$1,750.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens (meals, transportation, day service)	\$1,200.00
Mid-State Health Center	\$1,216.00
Mt. Moosilauke Health Center (healthcare & counseling)	\$2,500.00
Pemi-Baker Community Health (homecare, hospice & family health)	\$4,173.00
Tri-CAP (fuel assistance, food, electrical & referral assistance)	\$2,000.00
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of NH/VT (homecare, hospice, family health)	\$1,733.00
Voices Against Violence (service\educ for domestic\sexual violence)	\$1,500.00

- 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,770 for the maintenance of the Fire Department for the ensuing year, of that amount \$2,436 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and \$28,334 to come from 2015 general taxation.
- 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the **donation of a parcel of land**, located on Beech Hill Road for the relocation and use of the **Fire Department's New Building Site** for public purposes. The donation is a gift, no money to be raised from taxation.
- 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$382,000 for the Highway Department for the ensuing year, of which \$68,332 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance, up to \$22,709 to come from the State Highway Block Grant Aid and the remainder to come from 2015 general taxation.
- 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for improvements on **Beech Hill Road**, of which \$30,000 to come from the Paving Capital Reserve, \$20,000 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and the remaining \$20,000 to come from 2015 general taxation.
- 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to continue the 5 year lease agreement, in the amount of \$154,796 for the purpose of continued leasing of a **2012 International Plow Truck** for the **Highway Department**, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,345 for the fourth year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

- 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 7 year lease agreement in the amount of \$152,139 for the purpose of leasing a **2014 Freightliner** Dump/Plow Truck for the **Highway Department**, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,679 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)
- 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 to be expended by the Trustees of the Trust Fund for expenses related to attending conferences and training as deemed necessary by the Trustees. (Majority vote required)
- 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 to be used for participation in pbCAM (Pemi-Baker Public Access Media) for the purpose of making video recorded meetings (school board, selectmen, etc) available for cable television viewers. This amount to be expended from unexpended fund balance from revenue received from the Time Warner franchise fees. No money to be raised from taxation.
- 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$700 to be expended by the Conservation Commission in connection with its activities for such conservation purposes as set forth in RSA 36-A, at the discretion of the Conservation Commission.
- 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$114,630 to be placed into the following Expendable Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds, of this amount \$38,830 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and \$75,800 to come from 2015 general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

a.	Fire Truck (est. 1984)	\$15,000
b.	Hwy Equipment & Vehicle (est. 1973)	\$15,000
C.	Police Cruiser (est. 1993)	\$5,800
d.	Property Revaluation	\$5,000
e.	Town Bridges Fund	\$38,830
f.	Road Paving (est. 2002)	\$20,000
g.	Fire Dept Site (est. 2004)	\$15,000

17. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fire Department Capital Reserve previously established in WA 8 of 2004. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

- 18. To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Webster Memorial Library Expendable Trust Fund** per RSA 31:19-a, for the purposes of repairs and maintenance to the Library, and to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from 2015 general taxation and further to name the Library Trustees as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
- 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,050 for the purpose of disposal and hauling of solid waste and associated costs of maintenance for the Town Transfer Station, to come from 2015 general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,185 for the maintenance of the Police Department for the ensuing year, of which \$10,300 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance, and the remainder of \$63,885 to come from 2015 general taxation.
- 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,000 for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser, of which \$39,000 to come from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve. No money to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 for costs and expenses associated with Animal and Pest Control.
- 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,500 for operating expenses for **Ambulance Services**.
- 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,060 for the Parks and Recreation for the general maintenance of parks, including the Common, Library, Riverside Park, and Hamilton Memorial Field, of which \$1,700 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and the remaining sum of \$3,360 to come from 2015 general taxation.
- 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,416 for the **Webster Memorial Library** expenses; \$2,466 to come from Library income, \$891 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and the remaining sum of \$36,059 to come from 2015 general taxation.

- 26. (By Petition) Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and the other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the selectmen, for the transaction of other business?
- 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this <u>17</u> day of February 2015

A true copy Attest:

WENTWORTH SELECTBOARD

Stephen G. Davis, Chairman

David McMullen