

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting of February 02, 2016

Present: Steve Davis, Chris Bassingthwaite, Peter Santom and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Chief Wally Trott, Ellie Murray, Kay Bailey, Janice Thompson, George Morrill, Francis Muzzey, Noel King, Chip Stata, Cheryl Helfrich, John Emery

Steve motioned to open the meeting at 6:00pm, seconded by Chris and approved. Chris requested to add an item to the agenda regarding the Upper Valley Humane Society 2016 contract. Steve agreed and said to place it later in the meeting.

The Board reviewed and/or signed the following:

- payroll and vendor checks
- Minutes of Jan 26
- Timber Warrant for Tatham, OP# 15-475-19
- Septic Design for Levitsky, ML 5-7-4

John Emery discussed with the Board town road repairs and planning. Steve stated he wanted to discuss the upcoming proposed bond issue. John asked what the tax payer impact would be if a bond is taken. Steve said for every 100k spent it is approximately a one dollar increase in taxes. Steve stated it would need a 2/3 majority vote at town meeting to pass. John said he personally is not in favor of a bond, and Chris stated he is not in favor of taking a bond either.

John discussed the importance of maintaining roads in Wentworth. Steve stated on some of the roads, no maintenance has been done in many years. Steve said the Board asked John to get quotes for repair of Buffalo Road, which has a lot of truck traffic. John stated that the quotes received for the repair of 2.3 miles on Buffalo Road is approximately \$330K. John stated that the \$100K budgeted under the road preservation would include the repair/sealing of Beech Hill, shimming on the Town Common, Lookaway Lane, and Atwell Hill. John stated that approximately \$80k of this could be used from the Capital Reserve.

Noel King discussed Turner Road, by Morrison's property which is in need of a guard rail. Chris asked if there was a bank. John said his experience with the edge is it is very soft. Chris said he does not know if a guard rail would even be possible. John stated a bus driver went off the road there, and sunk about a foot. Noel asked John what the costs involved would be to put in guard rails. John said he did not know but offered to look into it.

Steve stated he received a call from Victoria Sheehan, Commissioner of DOT. Steve stated that the DOT has decided that they are going to roll the town village road and the East Side road into the existing MOA. Steve said the meeting that happened the other day with Joe Kenney had an impact. Steve said the DOT is trying to do the bridge by May. Janice Thompson said that at a previous meeting Steve had said he had run the MOA by the town attorney. Steve said he did not recall promising that, but that it did go past the Attorney General. Steve reiterated that they decided the other day that they would not be signing the MOA. Chris clarified, that if they do agree to the MOA, they will run it past our legal.

Donna King presented the Board with a drafted Warrant Article regarding the increase in TC/TC salary, in the amount of \$26,500.

George Morrill asked about the recycling which was discussed at the last meeting, and the discussion of possibly not doing recycling. George asked if they were considering that gas prices may go back up again. Steve stated that Chris will be presenting the information at the Town Meeting for discussion. Steve said they will be seeking 3 bids going forward for recycling services.

The Board discussed a petitioned Warrant Article that was received today regarding the lowering of the Band Stand at the Town Common. Steve said all signed petitions should be run by the checklist to confirm that they are all registered voters. Wentworth has 674 registered voters, and 13 signatures are needed. Francis asked what the Board's position on the matter was. The Board said they are not in favor of it. Francis stated that if the Warrant appears on the Warrant Articles, it must say "by petition".

Chris discussed the 2015 and 2016 Upper Valley Humane Society contracts. He stated the 2015 contract calls for the Humane Society to accept cats from people that are from Wentworth, and Chris discussed the associated fees. He stated that the Police Department recently received a billing for cats that were dropped off at the facility. Chris feels this could potentially cost the town quite a bit of money. Chris motioned to amend the 2016 contract, to state that animals brought to the shelter must be delivered only by our Animal Control Officer. The motion was seconded by Pete and approved. Steve motioned that the Town not pay the current bill until we are provided some kind of proof that those people that dropped off the cats are residents, seconded by Pete and approved.

Steve called a short break.

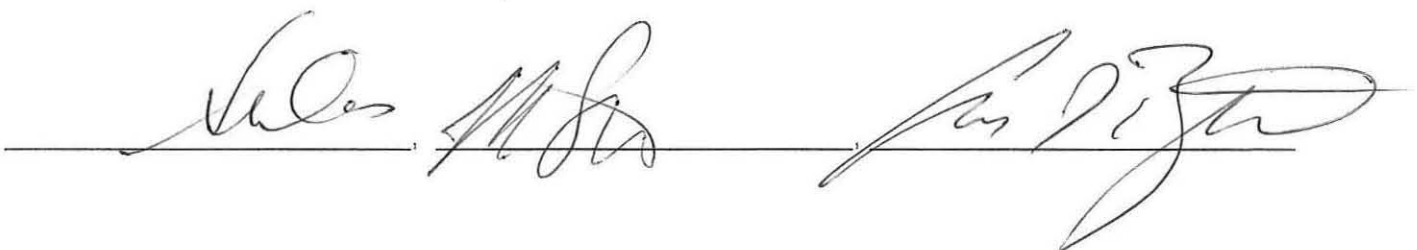
Francis asked about the Highway Department lighting project subject listed on the agenda. Chris said they talked about it last week, and approved. The project is paid 1/2 through a grant by the State.

Steve motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting at 7:15 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee, seconded by Chris and approved. The Board discussed applicants regarding the open position for the Administrative Assistant support position. No decisions were made. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 7:20 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Steve motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 7:20 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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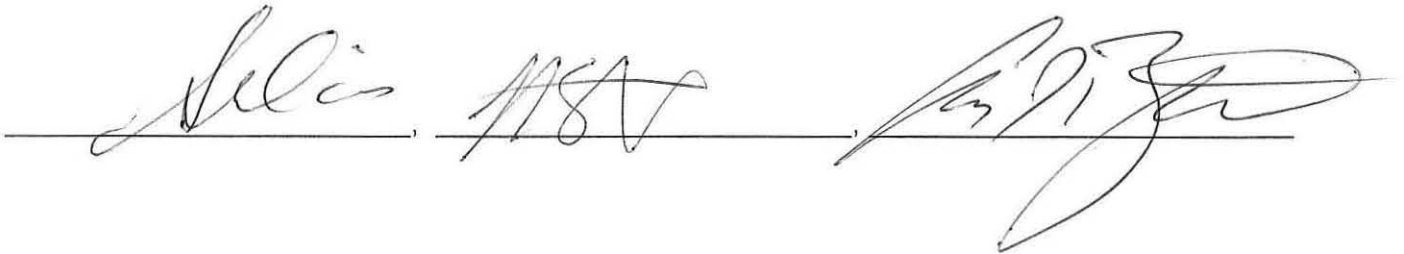
Also Present:

Non-Public Meeting (1)

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's Working Meeting of February 09, 2016

Present:
Also Present:

No Meeting was held.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Budget Hearing (2), February 11, 2016

Present: Steve Davis, Chris Bassingthwaite, Peter Santom and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Chip Stata, Cheryl Helfrich, Jeff Ames, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Francis Muzzey

Steve motioned to open the Budget Hearing at 5:02 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

The Board discussed and reviewed the 2016 Budget and Warrant Articles.

Chip Stata inquired about the possibility of increasing the amount to be placed in the Paving Capital reserve this year from \$20,000.00 to \$50,000. The Board discussed it and Chris motioned to increase the Paving Capital Reserve from \$20,000 to \$50,000, seconded by Steve and approved.

The Board discussed the Warrant Article regarding the old Town Hall. Chip Stata gave input stating that the Town should change this Capital Reserve to an Expendable Capital Reserve as well as appointing the Selectmen as agents to expend from this capital reserve. The Board discussed and agreed.

Steve motioned to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 5:43 pm, seconded by Chris and approved

Selectmen's Working Meeting, February 11, 2016

Present: Steve Davis, Chris Bassingthwaite, Peter Santom and Catherine Stover

Kay Bailey, Janice Thompson, Jeff Ames, Ray Young, Francis Muzzey

Steve motioned to open the Selectmen's Working Meeting at 5:43 pm, seconded by Pete and approved

The Board stated they have received a new updated MOA from DOT regarding the Town Village Bridge. Steve stated that the MOA has been reviewed by the Town's legal firm, and he summarized legal's input regarding the MOA. Kay Bailey stated that it is her belief that once the town owns the abutments and the roads leading to the bridge, that the town would then bear liability for a bridge that we possibly don't own. The Board chose not to sign the MOA, and requested that the Administrative Assistant inquire about the Town's liability of the bridge.

The Board reviewed and/or signed the following:

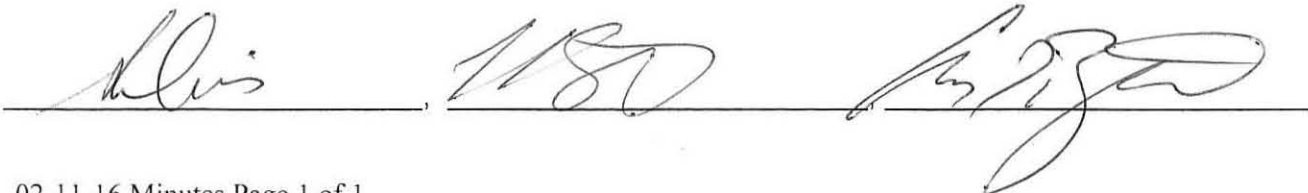
- Minutes of Meeting of Feb 2
- Request from Webster Library for appropriation check

Chris spoke about the Town's 2016 contract with the Upper Valley Humane Society. He stated that he has spoken with them and they have agreed to amend the contract.

Steve motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 6:05 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by



TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting of February 16, 2016

Present: Steve Davis, Chris Bassingthwaite, Peter Santom and Deb Vlk

Also Present: Kay Bailey, Janice Thompson, Chip Stata, Cheryl Helfrich, Cliff Boyd, Palmer Koelb, George Morrill, Chief Wally Trott

Steve motioned to open the meeting at 6:04 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

The Board reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of Feb 11
- Request from KFI to use Town Hall on 3/31/16 from 7am – 3pm & 05/19/16 7am-3 pm
- Veteran's Application
- Warrant for Timber Cut OP# 15-475-27
- Auditor Option for DRA
- 2016 Auditor contract (Crane & Bell)
- DOT Red List of Town Bridges
- Letter of Congratulations to the Town from Councilor Kenney re: 250th
- DOT's Bridge Posting lists (North Dorchester Rd over So Baker River)
- Review Town Report proof

Steve mentioned that there is one issue on the DOT Red List – the culvert on Frescoln Rd over the Rocky Branch of the Baker River that needs to be fixed. Steve stated the State has been notified and a study will be done.

Steve stated that a new MOA (Memorandum of Agreement-on the common bridge) has been drafted, as there were some questions asked:

Question 1- If the Town lays out the roads leading to and from a bridge as well as accepts ownership of the abutments, does the Town Naturally become the owner of a pedestrian bridge proved by a third party as a replacement for the prior bridge:

Answer: No. The Town's lay out of access roads and acceptance of the bridge abutments does not automatically impose ownership of a bridge introduced to the area by a third party. Of course, the Town may decide to lay out the bridge as part of the Town's road system (most likely as a trail). If the Town includes the bridge as part of the layout procedure of the surrounding area then, the Town shall at least have an easement over said bridge (the actual ownership would remain with the third party unless said party decided to donate same to the Town from which the Town could accept, if so chose, to take ownership of same).

Steve stated that the 1.75 miles of the Village Rd will be repaved and shoulder work repaired as part of this MOA. Janice Thompson asked if this included the dismantling of the old bridge, Steve stated that it does.

Steve stated that the proof is in for the Town Report and there was one issue, which has been corrected, about the polling hours. The proof has been reviewed and everything else was fine.

Chris stated that the town office parking lot was being plowed at 7:50 am this morning.

Steve stated that the presidential primary election was expensive. Chris asked if the phone booth had been

removed from the school gym. At this time it has not been removed but will be done soon.

Steve stated that the transfer station attendant, Eric Racine, has been doing a fabulous job.

George Morrill asked the board for more volunteers to count on town election day. Deb Vik stated that the checklist members would be willing to help. George asked the Board if a sign could be put on the common to have owners have their dogs leashed and also if cars would not park by the No Parking sign by the Fire Station. Steve will attend to this issue.

Chris asked for a Non-Public Meeting - RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Steve motioned, seconded by Chris to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:23pm.

Steve motioned, seconded by Chris to come out the Non-Public Meeting at 6:43pm.

Steve motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 6:43 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Vik

Minutes accepted by

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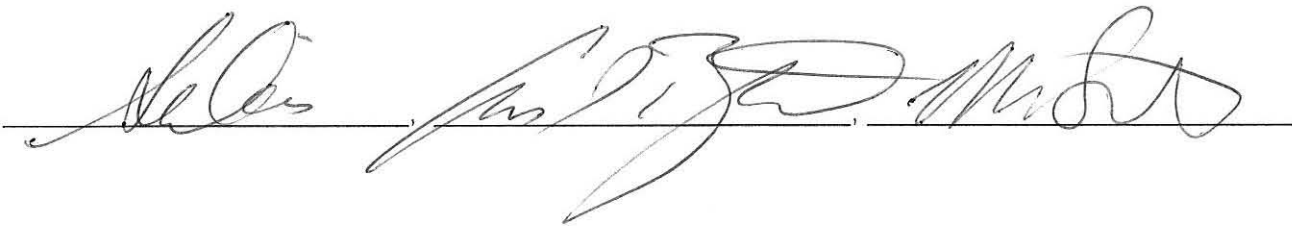
Steve motioned, seconded by Chris to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:23 pm per RSA 91-A:3, (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. The Board discussed an applicant's interest in the opening for clerk support and wages.

No decisions were made.

Steve motioned, seconded by Chris to come out the Non-Public Meeting at 6: 43pm.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Vlk

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's Working Meeting of February 23, 2016

Present:
Also Present:

No Meeting was held.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover