

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting of December 06, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Wallace Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Palmer Koelb,
Jeff Ames, Kevin Gilbert,

Chris motioned to open the meeting at 6:05 pm, seconded by Pete and approved. The Board reviewed the Agenda and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of 11-22-16, 11-29-16
- Notice of Intent to Cut M/L 1-2-20/1
- Land Use Change Tax
- M/L 8-1-9, Rte. 25-25A property

Chris offered the floor to Chief Trott for status update -

There still is an active investigation going on in Town. The Chief is hoping to have some news in the near future that can be shared, but for now...we must wait. He also said there is no threat to the community and it's an isolated incidence.

The Chief gave kudos to the Road Agent (Mr. Gilbert), and spoke highly of the great job that's being done to maintain road safety. Chief Trott also patrolled Turner Rd. and noted that Mr. Gilbert had posted speed limit signs and No Thru Trucking signage, which he believes has helped.

Jeff Ames, Wentworth's Fire Chief was welcomed to the floor-

Chief Ames mentioned the need to do some Town Building fire code inspections. He continued about the obvious safety issues of the Old Town Hall. Chief Ames stressed and recommends The Board, CLOSE and stop all use of this building, until further notice. After considering the recommendations of Fire Chief Ames, Stan Graton, a recent structural inspector, and the concerns of many Town's people, Chris motioned to officially CLOSE the Old Town Hall, as of Dec. 11th, 2016 until renovations have been completed, seconded by Ray and approved. Chief Trott was asked by The Board to post the building as CLOSED – No Trespassing.

The Board extended an invitation to Privilege of the Floor at 6:25 pm:

Janice Thompson questioned if estimates for the Old Town Hall could be gathered and presented at the Town Meeting. She states there is monies set aside for repairs of this building, if the Town wants this. Her belief is that there is \$56,000.00 and an additional \$9,000.00 set aside for such repairs. Ms. Thompson also wishes The Town to consider and appropriate more money this next year for the costly repairs needed.

Chief Ames noted a couple of heating units in the upstairs and an office space, during an inspection of the Old Town Hall, and questioned that perhaps it could be considered as the heating source for the Old Town Hall? Chief Ames offered his help with repairs and mentioned he also needs to post the capacity level. Chief Ames identified the need for other Town building inspections and signage of capacity levels. This will take place in the near future.

Chris mentioned that in a recent meeting, Francis Muzzey spoke of considering an LCHIP grant to help with costs of preserving and renovating the Old Town Hall. The Board will examine this option further, with the help of Mr. Muzzey.

Budget Season is upon us...

The Board will meet on December 13th, 2016 for its first official Dept. hearing workshop. The second Budget hearing workshop meeting will be held on December 20th, 2016. The Board will consider additional meetings as the process begins and the need arises. Be mindful that we have a new Board member and 2 new employees, working with budgeting this year.

Chris motioned at 6:27 pm to close the meeting and move to a Non Public, seconded by Pete and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:30 pm, Ray motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting - per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting, seconded by Chris and approved. Personnel issues / HR policies.

Chris motioned to come out of Non-Public Meeting at 7:08. The Board decided that an employee would receive a raise, bringing them to \$15.00 an hour, seconded by Ray and approved.


Non-Public Meeting #2

At 7:10 pm, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting – per **RSA 91-A:3, II(e)** – Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled, seconded by Pete and approved. Town of Wentworth vs WWAS

Chris motioned to adjourn at 7:30 pm and seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

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Non-Public Minutes (1) of December 06, 2016

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Also Present: Chief Wallace Trott

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Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:



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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Non-Public Minutes (2) of December 06, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Wallace Trott

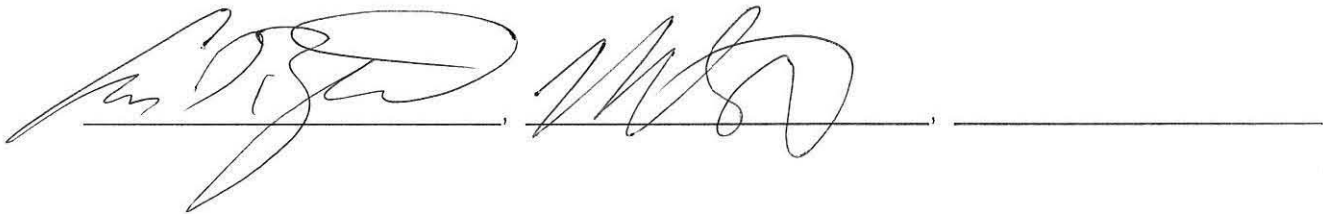
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Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:30 pm. It was decided, after many conversations with the Attorney General, that The Board of Selectmen would honor the March 12th, 1996 Town Meeting Warrant Article #7. The Board is to act as agents of the Town, to expend money from the Capital Reserve Fund and award the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service, the owed sum of \$19,000.00, minus the interest accrued, seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's Working Meeting of December 13, 2016
Budget Workshop

Present:

Also Present:

No Meeting was held. Budget Workshop was cancelled.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting of December 20, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Wallace Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Donna King, George Morrill, Kevin Gilbert, Natalie Abigail, Chip Stata, Sharon Sanborn, Jeff Ames, Nancy Masterson

Chris motioned to open the meeting at 6:13 pm, seconded by Pete and approved. The Board reviewed the Agenda and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Health Trust Billing Services
- Settlement of BTLA Appeal M/L 12-01-06
- MVSBS Best practice forms

Chris offered the floor to Chief Wally Trott, for PD status update.

Chief Trott stated there had been an arrest made on the 11/23/16 incident as many have probably seen on the news. The Chief went on to say, it's been an intense operation and know that it's an ongoing investigation and He cannot say much at this time.

The Board extended an invitation to Privilege of the Floor at 6:25 pm:

Ms. Thompson had several questions for The Board with concerns of the Old Town Hall. She inquired if the Hall has been officially posted as CLOSED. The Board said that it is definitely closed and Chief Trott will post it soon. The Administrative Assistant will not be signing or allowing any events to take place there, until further notice from The Selectmen. It was questioned what would happen to the square dancers who gathered there on the first Fridays of the Month? The Board said that they were welcomed to use the Wentworth Elementary School. Ms. Thompson asked if there was going to be a warrant article at the next Town Meeting for the repairs of the Old Town Hall. The Board will look into this.

The Board discussed some complaints that were made against the Highways Dept. The complaints were that the roads were slick and not treated, when in fact the crew were out early treating the roads. The Board then expressed a couple of unforeseen issues the Highway Dept. had experienced with their equipment. One truck was inoperable because of a large stone that had fallen into the chain linkage of the sander, breaking it, therefore taking it out of service 'til repaired. Another truck went off the road. Once the trucks were operable, the team was back to treating the icy road conditions.

Chief Ames asked if The Board was aware of a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Towns which allowed the road crew to ask for assistance from another Town, if they needed it. The Board was not aware, and Chief Ames offered to look into this and get some information back to The Board. The board conveyed, as always, remember to use good judgement during storms. If the roads look unsafe or icy, please stay off them, 'til they have been treated.

Chief Ames will also look into a State wide emergency ban (interdepartmental) procedure and how it could work for the Town. The Board discussed and questioned a cost assessment for the hand radios to work and be linked together for the different emergent needs.

The Administrative Assistant welcomed Natalie S. Abigail to the meeting. Ms. Abigail gave a brief depiction of herself, her accomplishments, and desire to join the Conservation Committee. Ms. Abigail is the second new volunteer to join in the last month. This now completes the committee of 3-5 members. The Board agreed and welcomed Ms. Abigail. Chris motioned to accept her as new member, seconded by Ray and approved. However, if anyone else would like to join, please see the Selectmen. The more, the merrier!

Non-Public Meeting #1

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Non-Public Meeting #2

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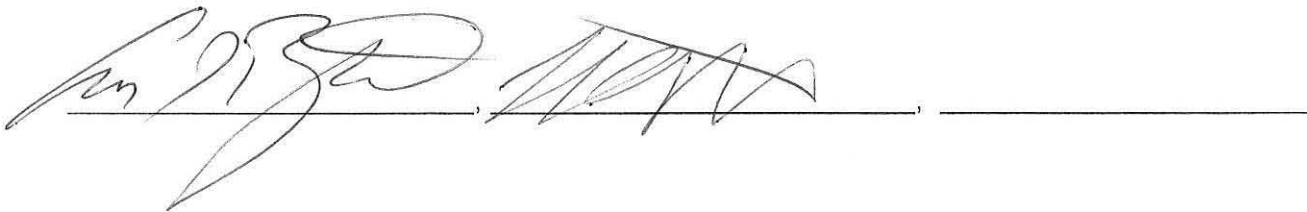
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Chris motioned to adjourn at 8:25 pm and seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:



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Non-Public Minutes (1) of December 20, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Sharon Sanborn, Kay Bailey

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non-Public Minutes (2) of December 20, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present:

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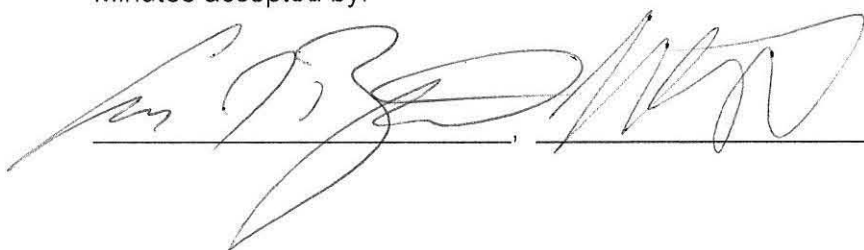
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Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

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Non-Public Minutes (3) of December 20, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Donna King

Non-Public Meeting #3

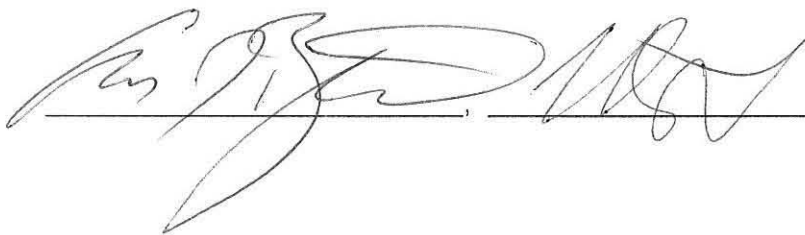
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Minutes accepted by:



TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's Working Meeting of December 27, 2016
Budget Workshop

Present:
Also Present:

No Meeting was held. Budget Workshop was cancelled.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten