

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Emergency Meeting
Storm Damage on
July 02, 2017

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Ray Youngs, and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Kevin Gilbert, Jeff Ames

Chris motioned to open the meeting at 10:17 am, seconded by Ray and approved.

Chris Bassingthwaite, Chair, was away on a business trip, in the State of Maine when he received the devastating news of the Town's storm damage. Quickly, he gathered his belongings of need and made his way back, driving in the torrential rains for approx. 5.5 hours. Upon his arrival, he immediately assisted with the assessment, coordination and cleanup process. Chris, and Kevin, worked together for countless hours, seeking hazards and dowsing all vulnerabilities. The exhausting measures taken by these men, kept our residents safe and informed.

Selectmen called for the emergency meeting to discuss the roadway damages and prioritize the urgency of the following resources needed:

- Equipment – Excavators, 6 & 10 wheel dump trucks, backhoes, front loaders, a grader, and a vibratory roller
- Equipment Operators – Noel King, Jared King, Dave Thompson, Dave Craveiro, Paul Davis Sr., Brian DuBois, Chris Bassingthwaite, and Kevin Gilbert
- Road Supplies – Crushed Bank Gravel, Bank Run Gravel, Sand, 1.5" stone, and culverts

Chief Ames met with the Selectmen and Road Agent to discuss the EOP. The Emergency Operations Plan was established at the Fire Station on 07/01/17, at approx. 7:00 pm. Chief Ames acted rapidly identified the disaster needs. Swiftly, He coordinated with the Highway Dept. the Road Closures, barricades, cones and signage, to alert the residents, visitors and many passerby's traveling through for the Holiday. His Volunteer Firefighter personnel maintained traffic control points, for the safety of all. The Chief identified an urgency on Ellsworth Hill Road with Camp Victory. The Camp was currently in succession with many approx. 60 campers and counselors. The roadway between Camp Victory and Ellsworth Hill Rd. had been totally washout, causing a 9'x30' culvert to lose ground and wash downstream, causing a large canyon with rushing waters. Chief Ames communicated with the head counselor and discussed the camper's safety, food supply, and determined if any medical or health concerns were imminent. No issues or safety concerns were acknowledged at that time. The Counselors felt no need to emergently evacuate at that time, and was agreed to wait until daylight hours. Chief Ames worked on the evacuation plan and route. He closed the EOC at roughly 10:05 pm. The Following day they Chief Ames reported that things went pretty smoothly with the evacuation and without event. No injuries or distresses were noted. FEMA has been contacted and will be following up.

The Select Board spoke of 5 roads that were damaged during the floods:

- Beech Hill Rd.
- Atwell Hill Rd.
- Cape Moonshine Rd.
- Nichols Hill Rd.
- Ellsworth Hill Rd.

All roads were heavily impacted by some sort of storm damage. Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent had spent many hours identifying the needs, driving and organizing the work crews to assist. Kevin stated that earlier today, Warren Sand and Gravel was open for use. He also mentioned that he will be contacting Cadreact's in Benton, NH for supplies, trucks, the use of an excavator and help with assisting. Larry King, owner of Precision Lumber, who offered his front loader during the disaster. Noel and Jared King offered their equipment and their expertise in operating the equipment. Dave Thompson offered and trucked gravel with two other workers; Dave Craveiro and Paul Davis, Sr. they assisted and drove the Town's dump trucks. Kevin will be looking into additional help and assistance from the State's Mutual Aid Program. The Select Board asked that all pertinent information to the disaster be kept in a file for reimbursement, such as; Photos – before and after, time cards, sale slips, notes, gravel deliveries, parts, equipment use and etc. Each worker should submit their hours, and use of personal equipment hours, to the Administrative Assistant, or Kevin Gilbert, on a daily basis.

Chief Ames stated that Paul Hatch, Field Representative, from the State of NH would be in touch along with FEMA, in the days to come. He also mentioned that he is available for any needs or questions.

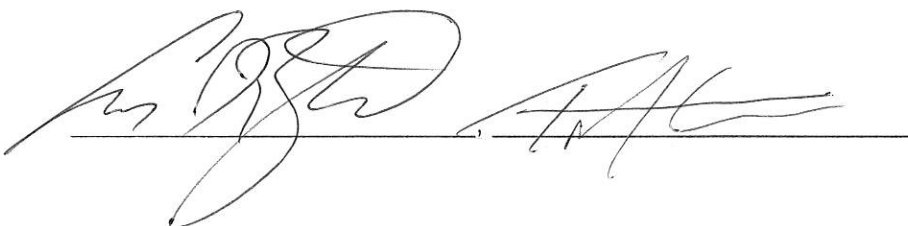
The Select Board asked the Administrative Assistant to update the Town's webpage with some information about the storm damages and road closures.

The Select Board had a special request and emergent vote that took place. They discussed the need for Chris to return to his work duties in the State of Maine, and soon traveling for work to other states. The Board discussed the urgency to fill the resigned position of Pete Santom. They reviewed the letters of interest, discussed at length the candidates and qualifications. A decision was made to move forward with their choice. Chris Bassingthwaite made a motion to select Tracy Currier as the newest, interim Select Board Member. This was seconded by Ray and approved. Tracy will take the Oath of Office at next business meeting on July 5th, 2017.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 10:37 am and seconded by Chris and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:



TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting
July 5, 2015, 2017

Present: Ray Youngs, Tracy Currier and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Officer Todd Eck, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Andrew Cushing, George Morrill, Brian DuBois, Morgan Currier, Kevin Gilbert, Pete Santom

Ray motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Employee & Vendor Checks
- Emergency Authorization Verification from NHDES
- Application for reimbursement to Town
- Report of Timber Cut, OP #16-475-06 (extension)
- (2) Intent to Cut Timber, 17-475-09, & 17-475-10
- Interstate Fire Protection Estimate for Job Costs
- NH Primex Membership Agreement
- NH Dept. of Revenue Administration, order form PA 28 – 2018
- Land Use Change Tax

Selectmen Ray discussed that because of the recent storm damage and the needs for Chris to return to his work duties in the State of Maine, The Board had an urgent need and moved forward with a vote to fill the Selectmen's position. They elected Tracy Currier to the team as the newest Board Member. Tonight, Tracy Currier took an Oath of Office and signed before the public. The crowd welcomed him and applauded.

Chief Trott was welcomed to speak and gave a status update. He will be giving an activity report at each Business Meeting, moving forward. Chief Trott then introduced the Town's newest Police Officer, Todd Eck. He spoke of Officer Eck's past accomplishments, skill and excellence that He brings to Wentworth. Officer Eck's position is part time and He recently took his Oath of Office in the Month of June. He has been working diligently with Chief Trott, learning the area, performing safety patrols and attending track details.

The Select Board Member Ray, mentioned to the Administrative Assistant to let Deborah Ziemba, TC/TC know that they would like her to attend a meeting for a status update, sometime in the near future.

Ray also mentioned that he would like to draft Thank You Notes to those who applied for the Selectmen's position.

Ms. Kay Bailey asked if she could speak briefly. She stated she was told by N. Masterson that the Town made a double payment in July, to the Webster Trustees for agreed 2017 appropriations. The Administrative Assistant will look into this.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave a status update. He said the roads are good. There's still work that needs to be done, but we are doing good. Originally, it was thought that the expenditure cost for the Town would be more than anticipated, with FEMA. Ray applauded and said that Road Agent and his crew were doing a great job. Raid said, thank you letters should be sent out to all who stepped up and helped out. Ms. Thompson asked how we will pay for the damages from the storm. Ray said that right now we pay from General Funds and then we will be reimbursed by FEMA, when funds are granted.

Brian DuBois was welcomed to the floor. Mr. DuBois spoke wonderful things about the Town's Highway crew and how impressed he was with the speed, attention, and concern the Road Agent and crew were giving during the storm washouts and floods. Mr. DuBois said that Atwell Hill Rd. flooding during the storm had washed much of the bank run gravel onto his property by the red gate. The Board asked him to work with the Road Agent, and keep track of hours spent (in case of question as to why the Town's equipment was on private property working) with removing some of the washed up gravel, back to the washed out areas. Mr. DuBois thanked the Board and once again, reiterated what a great job the Town's Highway Dept. had done during the disaster.

Andrew Cushing, Field Service Representative with The N.H. Preservation Alliance, was invited to speak about the Old Town Hall and what the next step is to having a condition assessment done. Mr. Cushing spoke of the Preservation Alliance and how they are basically grant funders. They will help with the process to obtain LCHIP, Nat'l register grants, and condition assessments to help receive eligible funds. He mentioned the first process is to get the Old Town Hall listed as a Historical Bldg. As soon as that happens, Andrew will be in touch and the Town will move forward with the next step of the process. The Board asked, if we were stuck (or committed) to the process, once we register? Mr. Cushing replied "NO". He then said the Town should establish a committee to help with the grant work and processes.

Mr. Morrill questioned if the Van Deusen Lot was ever made a Town Forest. It was unknown by the Select Board. Tracy Carrier, Selectmen offered to check into this.

Ray said that he would go speak to Mr. Borger about encroachment / boundary lines on the Van Deusen Property. He said Mr. Borger probably isn't even aware. Ms. Thompson mentioned her late Husband had turned over all maps and paperwork over to the Planning Board and thought they were last at the Town Hall.

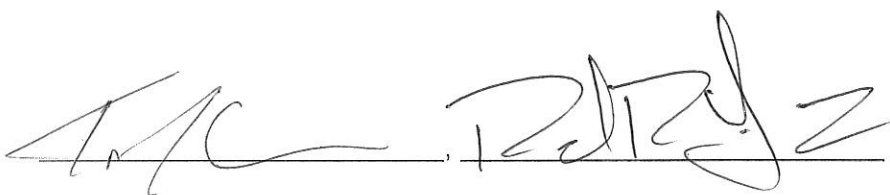
Non-Public Meeting #1

Meeting was cancelled – NO SHOW

Ray motioned to adjourn at 7:06 pm and seconded by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Working Meeting
July 12, 2017

Present:

Also Present:

No Meeting was Held

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting
July 19, 2017

Present: Ray Youngs, Tracy Currier and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, George Morrill, Morgan Currier, Kevin Gilbert, Dan & Joyce Noseworthy

Ray motioned to open the meeting at 6:01 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Payroll & Vendor Checks
- Tax Collector Property Tax Warrant
- Land Use Change Tax
- Privilege of the Floor
- NHDES Notice of Findings
- Application for Reimbursement to Town

Chief Trott was invited to give a status update. The Chief spoke about a couple of complaints made from residents on East Side Rd. He said speeding is not tolerated and the offenders will be caught. The Chief and his officers will be paying closer attention and patrolling these areas. Speed limit signs have been updated and replaced with the help of the Town's Highway Crew. Kevin Gilbert and Adrian Smith also assisted the Chief with attaching brackets to the speed limit sign post, which will hold the new radar units. Certainly, other things have kept our Police Dept. very busy such as; a reported & investigated criminal trespass complaint, phone harassment / phone scam, a hurt animal complaint & taken to shelter, Vt. sex offender travel permit x's 2, a civil matter, campers at Hamilton park – unfounded, VIN verification, Rowentown Rd. loose donkeys and horses, 911 address, and a department assist on a theft.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave a status update. Mr. Gilbert mentioned that there were a couple of people, he's spoke with that are interested in filling in part time when the Transfer Station needs help. Two names were given and the Administrative Assistant will contact NRRA for upcoming classes. This makes a total of three interested. Signup sheets will be given to each named person to complete and return for processing.

Mr. Gilbert went on to discuss the FEMA work that was recently done on Ellsworth Hill Rd. He said that they replaced the 9" x 30' culvert by Camp Victory, built the headwall differently, graded the road differently all to support and re direct the water from heavy rains or flooding in the future. Mr. Gilbert estimated \$133,500 damages, and feels that might have been a little over guessed, but there is still much more trucking of material needed, and he's sure it will add up fast. His Crew will be busy repairing and cleaning silt out from ditches and culverts on various roadways in Town. Gilbert also mentioned that the twisted, torn and destroyed culverts that were washed down the streams, brooks, and river ways needed to be removed. He said there was a gentleman in the Town of Rumney that collected salvage metals, which offered to remove the debris, but needed permission. The Select Board members, Ray motioned to allow this man permission, seconded by Tracy and approved.

The Administrative Assistant was invited to give a status update to The Board. She was asked to by Chief Ames to mention that He would like a debriefing on the EMD procedures and Town Disaster/Flooding. The Chief felt it would be great to discuss, assess, praise the good work, and make necessary changes, for future Emergency Operations. The Board conferred their pleasure with the entire operation and outcome. The meeting / debriefing will take place in the near future. The Administrative Assistant mentioned that after checking into the Webster Library receiving two payments in June (same check) it was correct, that an error had occurred. The Webster Library will not receive appropriations in the Month of August, because of this. September will be the next pay out to the Webster Memorial Library. The Administrative Assistant was notified that the 2nd set of water testing had been done and now awaiting the results.

Dan and Joyce Noseworthy were invited to speak. Dan mentioned he was told that there was no reimbursement on an individual basis for residents with personal property damage, which led into his next questions. He wanted the Board to be aware that he roughly lost $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre in the river. This now jeopardizes his well supply, which is now approx. 6 ft. away from riverbed. The NHDES said the Noseworthy's did not need a permit to move a dug well. They were also told that they could not move rocks into the riverbed, to divert water from washing out more of the bank.

Ms. Kay Bailey questioned if she could contact the Fire Extinguisher Co. because of dates on the tagged extinguishers. She was asked to wait for Chris Bassingthwaite to review the estimate/quote for new/repairs to the current extinguishers. Ms. Bailey went on to speak about the petition in Town making the parks and swim holes available to residents only. She mentioned the Library Trustees didn't have a problem with people using the swim hole, it's the parking she said. Either way it doesn't affect them at the Library.

Mr. George Morrill mentioned that Eric Hiltz completed the sign banners that have been attached to the Welcome to Wentworth signs. He addressed Market Day on August 5th, and said there was still space available for vendors. He also mentioned that Ruth Tatham received the Boston Cane as the oldest resident in Town.

Ms. Morgan Currier spoke about her love and desire to start a 4H Club here in Wentworth. She would like to begin the club in September and is planning on finalizing the details. There will be flyers and posters around Town soon and the Administrative Assistant will post an update on the Website blog.

Mr. Noseworthy thanked The Board for selling the piece of property at the end of Bullseye Curve. The Noseworthy's said that the new owner has been cleaning the around the property. He went on to ask the question again, "has things changed with what it takes to be qualified as a Town maintained road"? The Select Board replied that it has to be a minimum of 5 full time residents living there. At this time, there are only 3, and therefore does not qualify for consideration.

Non-Public Meeting #1

Tim Brown – Cancelled / No Show

Non-Public Meeting #2

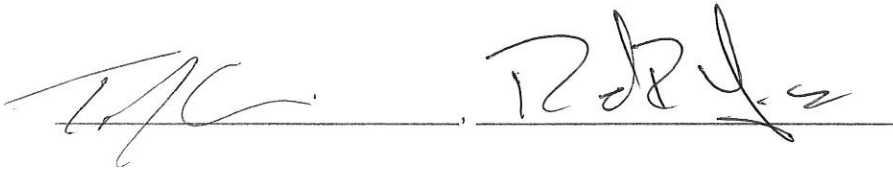
At 6:54 pm, Ray motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting - per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting, seconded by

Tracy and approved. Arlene Patten / FEMA. The Board listened to the concerns that the Administrative Assistant had with paying FEMA through the account payables & the payroll finances. The Board made recommendations to review with the accountant. Ray motioned to come out of the Non- Public, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 7:02 pm and seconded by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Non-Public Minutes (1) of July 19, 2017

Present: Ray Youngs, Tracy Currier and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Tim Brown

Non-Public Meeting #1

Cancelled – No Show

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OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
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Also Present:

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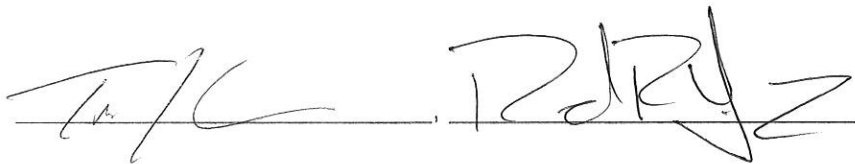
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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Working Meeting
of July 26, 2017

Present:

Also Present:

No Meeting was Held

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten