

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Meeting Announcement

The Select Board started meeting every week starting July 2, 2019.

June 8, 2020

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NH RSA 91-A:3

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**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2019**

Select Board Present: Francis Muzzey, Omer Ahern, Chief Trott, Paul Manson, Tanya Vela

17:02: Appointment of

17:08: Proposal given to SB by D. Bowne – Chief Trott weighs in on ordinance ref hours of operation Track operator can request in advance 2 in Aug and 2 in Sep on Sundays Noon-4pm Chief emphasized great working relation between owner of racetrack and campground

Omer motioned to approve race track request at 17:11. FM seconded, vote yes and OA vote yes. So passed.

17:12 appointment of Beth Folsom as Trustee of the Trust Funds – FM asked how long the term is – until March 2020.

17:15: Omer Ahern approves appointment.

17:17: Stephen Tower from Woodstock, NH – working on a septic system whose design was approved 4 years ago to approve revision of design. Amended septic plan.

17:25: Francis Muzzey signs as Health Officer.

Omer Ahern is agreeing to this b/c it was looked at by a previous board. – OA a week before the meeting.

17:27: Linda Frantz needs more signatures to finish up appt.

17:29: Chief's Report

17:35: **Highway Report** – needs approval for spending on new truck before prices go up.

Purchase of snow plow. 2 diff quotes. One for central hydraulic system that truck will need for sander and one for – NEW FORD TRUCK needs this.

Line X – Fisher minute plow is \$6800 – just the plow setup for the truck. Price from Upper Valley is 6800. 6620 from Fairfield

Upper Valley is 20 min from here and the other is off Exit 5 in Bowe, NH - 6 plus hours of to go there and will be greater than 178 dollars.

1st line only. Not buying a new sander – using old sander. Plus if we ever have problems – warranty work, we're only 20 min away.

Omer Ahern: Do you have the money in the budget.

Road Agent: Yes. The \$6800 is coming out of plows /wings 4312.03 and the other \$371 out of building maintenance. FM explains the back-story. 4312.0401

Plow is electrical – Fisher minute mount.

Next one involves shuffling - for a central hydraulic system to run the sander. Asking the Board to approve Tenco out of VT. Trying to get both approved b/c the first went up over 150 dollars and the other over 200 dollars.

\$7666 Fairfield and the other is \$7283 from Tenco

4312.05 Building and Maint Repairs

Tree Trim and Removal

Road material budget – remaining \$2000

35K budget for the year covers road materials such as gravel and is the line item he's taking the culverts out of. As of last week, there was a little over \$32K in there.

Francis Muzzey: possibility that we need this.

Road Agent: Being stingy because we need a 3rd person.

Omer Ahern: there is not going to be money for a 3rd person.

Francis Muzzey: I would argue that we would.

Omer Ahern: Requested in a memo before meeting. We spoke previously about an update to the Budget. We just can't spend money that we don't have. The only way is to have a special town meeting to approve it. ---- Town has a gravel pit. I don't know the condition of it. Have you had a chance to stop and see it?

Road Agent: Well, in order to use it, we have to crush it and hire a company to crush it. Cone crusher needed – 2 needed – They'll do it by the yard so b/w 8-10.50/yard to do it 25k And we need to get a permit from the State. I believe we used to have it and then a flood came in 2013? And the embankment gone and our gravel pit is now an island and we need permission to access it. So, it's a possibility, but it's not like I can go get the gravel and get it.

Omer Ahern: looking at Profit/Loss Budget for 2019.

Omer Ahern: Also we have an obligation to get other quotes for the Townspeople.

Road Agent: Tenco is the premier dealer in the NE.

Francis Muzzey: Give it another week. Nothing against it – would just want one more for hydraulics.

Omer Ahern: For the plow?

Road Agent: No, this is a hydraulic system ... bringing it to you now because the prices keep going on... so in order to lock in price... prices going up. One vendor said "I don't have time to deal with plows. It's boat season."

Omer Ahern: Part of the problem is that we're spending more than 5K – you want us to go under the minimum of 3 votes. Also, one short and I believe you have to have a unanimous vote.

Francis Muzzey: Find at least one more quote.

Admin. Asset.: Question: Meet when?

Francis Muzzey: What about Brattleboro or Bellows Falls? 3 bids and we've done due diligence.

Omer Ahern: When we decided to go to every 2 weeks, we decided that we'd be willing to meet again.

Tuesday: 3pm

Road Agent: Will email Tanya once he gets a quote. Also, found Culvert Assessments.

Francis Muzzey: What's the date – May 2, 2017. Holden Engineering. Rowentown Rd and N. Dorchester and suggest.

Omer Ahern: no conflict of interest... as client of Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank

Mr. Houston – 18:17 Septic Plan.

18:23: Omer Ahern motion that Board accept and approve septic design from R. Houston prepared by plans dated 22 June 2019. FM: Second. OA Yes FM yes Motion carried.

18:28: Abatement.

18:30: Omer Ahern make motion to approve abatement for Ellsworths. FM : second; OA yes FM yes. Motion carried.

18:34: Motion to sign intent to cut for Bassingthwaite. FM seconded. OA yes, FM yes. Motion carried.

Letter by Dept of Environmental Services // DES has no record of receiving Annual Facility Report –

OA: make a motion that we sign the permit that the Commissioner of DES is requesting – approving the signing of it. FM: second OA yes FM yes – so passed.

Francis Muzzey: I'm on the record of wanting to meet every week regardless of whether it's a business or a working meeting.

Admin. Asset: I will scan and send a copy to Mark Stetson and ask if he has any of the information.

Omer Ahern: I will take this memorandum and I will call him tomorrow and explain that we've had a complete changeover of the Town Administration and did not intend to ignore the state of NH.

If they need a memorandum – we can provide it.

No information to make a decision. Attorney's letter says "may" be duplicate lien.

Omer Ahern: Institutional Memory – Lien for assistance (old age) RSA 165: 28 Lien on Real Property – Aid to Assisted Persons, Liability for Recovery.

Selectmen may weigh such interest...

Kay: May also be in the minutes of that time period. What was the year? Those minutes should be online.

Information might be in the Tax Collector's files or call Ray – attorney.

Admin. Asset: Would you like to call him?

Omer Ahern: No

Francis: I don't like him

Admin. Asset: Well that shouldn't affect your job as SB Member.

Omer Ahern: Sometime after Dec 2016 – payment to Town of Wentworth. Town financial records should have them.

Kay: Prior to lady in Rumney (Health Officer),

Omer Ahern: I'll call Brian Ray.

Francis Muzzey: Secretary of the Interior – letter stating we received \$10,659 – Check with Deb Vlk that we received that money. Payment in lieu of taxes by the USG for ...

19:24 – Letter from Duane Brown read out loud by OA. Check for \$50 to give to Friends of Wentworth Park & Rec.

Thomson: Have you gotten the report on the river testing that should've been done in June?

Omer Ahern: There may be something on the website, but I will personally check into that .

19:41 Omer Ahern motion so moved to support migration to Office 365

19:55 **Omer Ahern:** Would like SB and AA take a tour with Palmer of various sites of concern and the Town Hall, Tennis Court area and Gravel Pit. Also, George Hill brought to our attention Thurs. Aug 29 from 6-9pm Floodplain Manager Training Workshop put on by Submara Ebener... Charge? And we need to do something about Cyber Security

Francis Muzzey: The most significant area is Riverside Park. We need to address that on a more widespread gathering of info by many people – State, FEMA...

Omer Ahern: Motion to adjourn FM second OA yes FM yes – 20:01

Respectfully submitted by Tanya Vela, Road Agent to the Select Board

Approved by Selectmen on

Chairperson, Morgan Currier

Board Member, Francis Muzzey

Board Member, Omer C. Ahern, Jr.

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**Minutes of Wentworth Select Board Meeting
July 10, 2019**

Attendees: Omer Ahern, Francis Muzzey, Chief Wallace Trott, Road Agent-Paul Manson.

1:05 P.M. The Chairperson, Morgan Currier called the meeting into session for the purpose of signing vendor checks and discussing the 3 quotes for the purchase of highway equipment.

Paul Manson received three quotes for the purchase of a Central Hydraulic System for the new truck and began discussing the first quote from Donovan Springs for \$6900 stating that it is about \$383 cheaper than Tenco.

Morgan Currier asked if they had the lowest bid. Paul Manson said they had the lowest price and provided the **Select Board** with copies of all the quotes (Tenco, Donovan Spring and H.P. Fairfield). Morgan Currier asked Paul Manson if he had used Tenco or any of the other companies before. Paul Manson said he had used Tenco before and they stand behind their products and then shared a personal account of business he had with them in the past adding the caveat that he doesn't how they work with municipalities.

Paul Manson said that Donovan Spring (DS) is located at the Londonberry/Salem border – Exit 2 – and Tenco is in VT, 50 miles away and takes about 1hr 10-15 to get there.

Paul Manson stated that if the **Select Board** wanted him to use If you want me to use DS, he has no problem, but added that he has no experience with them. Paul Manson said he called three people to ask their opinion about the company and none had any experience with DS. Paul Manson said he read reviews (implying that they were good), but said you never know. He also add that he couldn't say how much the Town would be saving in money because DS is close to two hours from Wentworth, so with two guys, that's four hours. He said the other one (H.P. Fairfield) is too high, so he's not considering it. \$7600 is significantly higher. Paul Manson also said that the quote DS gave him didn't seem very professional, showing the **Select Board** that they merely emailed him the quote while Tenco provided a professional estimate.

The **Select Board** reviewed the quotes from all three companies:

Tenco: \$7283 Tenco
Donovan Springs: \$6900 DSprings
H.P. Fairfield: \$7600 (1hr, 10 min away)

Francis Muzzey asked if the **Select Board** could rule out H.P. Fairfield. Morgan Currier said she agrees unless Omer Ahern objects.

Francis Muzzey asked Paul Manson if he had used H.P. Fairfield (HPF). Paul Manson said he would put Tenco and FF in the same category.

Morgan Currier stated that her vote would be for Tenco, just looking at the quote. One is professional and one was done in an email. She stated that there seems to be no knowledge on HPF and the issue with the other (DS) is the distance. It's several hours away and would take ½ day. Morgan Currier then added that since she has no knowledge of either, she is willing to listen to everyone else's thoughts.

Omer Ahern asked Paul Manson if he had spoken to other road agents. Paul Manson said he had spoken to three other road agents and neither had heard of HPF.

Francis Muzzey asked Paul Manson if all three companies quoted the same price, which would he use?

Paul Manson replied Tenco or HPF because DS is a spring company and explained what their primary job is.

Omer Ahern discussed the figures and confirmed with Paul Manson that this was for hydraulics for the truck we just bought. Paul Manson stated that it's also to run our sander.

Omer Ahern voiced his reservations about money running out and needing to look ahead as it's July. He said emphasized that the Town is not a private company and how upset he is that the previous **Select Board** cut us so close. He asked if the others were familiar with surplus equipment in Concord and then said once a motion is made, he'll vote on it accordingly, but is just concerned about the money being spent.

Paul Manson reminded the **Select Board** that he was up front about what would be needed when the Town bought the truck.

Francis Muzzey said that based on reasoning, distance and the basis of Paul Manson's evaluations, he's tending toward Tenco.

Morgan Currier said if the **Select Board** would like to vote for Tenco, she's fine with it.

Francis Muzzey said he's with Tenco for the savings of a known entity based on Paul Manson's advice.

Morgan Currier made a motion of going with Tenco for adding hydraulics for \$7283.

Omer Ahern asked Paul Manson to confirm that this includes all the equipment.

Paul Manson said it includes 100% of everything needed to run it - EVERYTHING – stating that he can put it on the sander on and run it.

FM seconded the motion.

OA called to question.

MC voted yes

FM voted yes

OA voted yes

Paul Manson said that the next set of quotes is for a new plow for new truck, the Ford F-150: Lynex upper valley, Dyers Welding out of Canaan (\$6800), H.P. Fairfield – Bowe, NH (\$6622) and Snow Plow Sales Incorporated. Gelson, NH \$6735.

Francis Muzzey asked questions about how the plow operates – hydraulics? Paul Manson said it's an electric motor.

Paul Manson said he'd never used any three of these people of all the trucks that he's bought. He used Riveredge Marina but said that as much as he's used them, they won't give him a quote because they're in boat season.

Paul Manson said he thinks it's in the best interest to the Town to use Dyers Welding (DW) even though they're the most expensive because they really close – 15-20 min tops – and it would take 30 min to get there if anything ever broke on it, especially in a snowstorm. It would be much easier.

Morgan Currier asked if they any offer any warranty. Paul Manson answered for parts of it. Morgan Currier brought up Omer Ahern's comment earlier about the auction in Concord and asked if it would be possible to find the part.

Paul Manson said he doesn't know how often you'll find an HC (Heavy Commercial) and explained the difference between Heavy Duty (HD) and HC – made of heavy steel.

Francis Muzzey asked if the truck is capable of operating a HC plow.

Paul Manson said absolutely and that you won't find a better one. He said he doesn't plan on using it for all roads, mainly Ellsworth, Beach Hill, the Town Common and the school. He's not plowing roads unless another truck breaks down.

Omer Ahern asked, "We plow the school parking lot??? Do you know how much we pay them? One gets \$120,000 and another \$40,000."

Francis Muzzey said, "It doesn't make sense because if you're plowing the parking lot, who plows the roads where the school buses go?"

Paul Manson replied, "This is the problem with only having two people plowing."

1:38 P.M. The Chair acknowledged the need to talk about the snow, but redirected the **Select Board** back to the topic for why the meeting was called.

Omer Ahern asked where the money coming from and Paul Manson referenced the documentation he provided the **Select Board** at the last meeting and recalled Omer Ahern asking if he could keep it.

Paul Manson reviewed the budget with the **Select Board**: funds from 4312.05, 4312.07B (\$4000) and 4312.09A – Road Materials (\$1700) and they discussed the different line numbers and amounts of money.

Paul Manson informed the **Select Board** that he expects the prices to go up \$100-\$150 dollars by the end of July, stating that as long as he orders it right now, we're ok at this price. We don't even need to pay for it right now, just order before the price increase.

Morgan Currier asked the **Select Board** what their thoughts were.

Omer Ahern stated that he's concerned about buying new equipment, but they could educate him. He'd like to see what's available at the State place in Concord or any other Towns. He'd prefer to go with used equipment first. **MC** agreed. Omer Ahern emphasized his concerned about all the money being spent.

Paul Manson explained his reasoning for wanting to buy a new plow because once different parts start failing, it would cost more to replace them than if you had bought a new plow. He added that buying a used plow would still mean we need to add electronics and a plate.

Francis Muzzey discussed the carbine edge on the bottom of the plow/road edge which costs about \$600.

The **Select Board** agreed to look at other options for a plow. Paul Manson said he will look on line at the Concord action to see what's available and to see who else he can find.

Paul Manson informed the **Select Board** that the International truck is broken – issue with the exhaust manifold. Kevin had called a few places to have it looked at. Kevin Napp should be coming in to take a look and it would cost at least \$1000 to transport it to International Liberty. Paul Manson will provide the **Select Board** with the information on what they say.

2:10 P.M. Chair makes a motion to adjourn. OA seconds the motion. All vote yes.

Minutes compiled by Tanya Vela, edited by Selectmen

Approved by Selectmen on

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Francis Muzzey Omer C. Ahern Jr. Morgan Currier

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SELECT BOARD MEETING – 07.16.19

July 16, 2019

Attendees: Morgan Currier, Francis Muzzey, Omer Ahern Jr., Paul Manson, Tanya Vela, Steve Welch, Chief Trot, George Morrill

Opening of Meeting (5:02 P.M.): Select Board Chairperson, Morgan Currier opened meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Morgan Currier began by explaining to the public that the Select Board is presently reviewing meeting minutes from their public meeting last week (07.10.16) to discuss Highway Dept. quotes and adds that they won't get approved tonight because they will be making changes to it.

Chair looked over Agenda and suggested that Agenda be switched around to hear the Reports from Town Officials first. All agreed.

Police Department (5:05 P.M.) Police Chief, Wallace Trott gave a brief summary of the highlights from the previous two weeks and provided a written copy to the Administrative Assistant to the Select Board. Chief Trott emphasized some administrative details that the Police Dept does behind the scenes that were worth mentioning, stating the following example:

The Wentworth Police Dept takes part in an Assessment Program, which is a data collection done by the NH Attorney General's Office. The program is referred to as ...assessment and is a program adopted by the NH Attorney General's Office and is currently considered the best program in documenting Domestic Violence cases. As a result of this select program, the Police Dept is able to give or direct people towards service that they may not be aware is available to them. The program requires specific and individualized training and Wentworth is fortunate in the sense that all the members of the Wentworth Police Dept are trained in this select program. Chief felt it was worth mentioning because he updates the program quarterly and the information is sent to the Grafton County Attorney, as well as the AG's ? Office.

Stone Sculpture/Structure Outside of Town Office. Chief Trott also brought up the topic of the stone sculpture/structure outside the Town Office and said that he was approached by an individual interested in removing the sculpture but is not sure what the status is for its removal. Morgan Currier asked Chief to elaborate.

Chief stated that an individual who has a tree service and a crane, apparently made an agreement with the previous Road Agent (Kevin Gilbert), prior to his leaving, to trade a piece of equipment for the sculpture. Chief added that he didn't think the Select Board was aware of the agreement nor did he (Chief Trott) know what the agreement consisted of, but explained to the individual that if he was interested in the rock sculpture, Chief would bring it up to the Select Board.

Chief was told that there was someone else interested in it (later identified as Nate Myles), so he attempted to contact that person three times. He left a message on Myles' cell phone, another message with his wife and a message with one of Myles' co-workers but has not received a response in 13 days.

Morgan Currier said she remembers that Ray Youngs contacted Myles in early Spring and that Myles said he was interested and would come remove it as soon as mud season was over.

The Administrative Assistant added that last week, right before the meeting, she spoke to Youngs about the removal of the sculpture and he immediately called Myles and told him it needed to be removed as soon as possible. The Administrative Assistant said she is not sure what transpired between her phone call with Youngs and Chief's phone calls with Myles.

The Select Board discussed the history of the sculpture and about the Town's vote during the last Town Meeting to have it removed, but at no expense to the Town.

Omer C. Ahern, Jr. asked whether any of the agreements discussed were in writing and MC explained that the topic was discussed numerous times during public meetings, of which there are published minutes. Omer expressed concern about not knowing whether there was a prior written agreement about the removal of the sculpture or not.

Steve Welch suggested that the Select Board call Kevin Gilbert, leave a message and then call Nate Myles one more time, leave a message and then wait a week showing that the Select Board made one final attempt to give them the opportunity to come remove the sculpture.

Morgan Currier says she has no problem with contacting those two individuals and giving them a date for them to respond and if neither respond, we can contact the individual interested and let him come and take the sculpture.

Chief Trott offered, with the Select Board's permission to help out the Administrative Assistant and said he was willing to contact both individuals since he has the contact information for them.

Highway Department (5:15 P.M.)

International Truck: Road Agent, Paul Manson, informed the Select Board that he has an update on the International truck that broke down last week. The problem was identified as an EGR valve pipe and a sensor. Road Agent ordered parts and the truck should be back up and running by the end of the week. The cost was around \$800. Morgan Currier commented that the cost was a lot less than the Select Board expected. Road Agent agreed and said that was a good thing.

Backhoe. Road Agent informed the Select Board that they had an issue with the backhoe yesterday. He said it is okay and running again, but it is "getting tired", has "8500 hours on it and it's almost 10 years old". Road Agent explained that it had a little fire in it and said it appears that the battery shorted out from dirt in the battery box. Road Agent said he cleaned it all off, put a new battery cable on it and it ran fine today with no issues.

Warranty for New Fisher Plow. In response to the Select Board's question about the warranty on a new Fisher plow, Road Agent said he had the warranty information and gave the Select Board a copy.

Search for Used Plow. Road Agent informed the Select Board that he's exhausted all my options for a used plow and wasn't able to find a 10' used plow, only a 9' plow. Road Agent contacted Tenco to go with a hydraulic plow instead of an electrical hydraulic for the truck, but it's out of the question because it's between \$7,000 and \$9,000 for one. Road Agent emphasized that he's really exhausted all means possible. He's searched on Craig's List, Rock and Dirt, marketplaces and all kinds of websites across the country looking and has not found one 10-foot HC, Minute Mount plow. He informed the Select Board that he called xx to find out what their schedule is and was told that right now the wait time is 5-6 weeks, so the earliest we can expect a plow is September. So, Road Agent asked the Select Board to review the quote he gave them last week for the new plow. Francis Muzzey asked if Road Agent had checked with Concord and Road Agent said that Concord only has auctions in the middle of May and the middle of October adding that by the middle October would be "way too late". I've exhausted my options. If you have any ideas - .

Morgan Currier asked attendees at meeting.

Welch says if you're looking to buy a used plow, you're buying someone's headaches. But if you start looking at used equipment, you have to compensate Paul if he goes to an auction for his time – his on town business. I honestly feel

Road Agent: I've only found 2500-3500 HD, not HC... at least another 1500+ to add to

Muzzey: What's the cheapest price?

Road Agent: HPF. I asked the Board last Wednesday \$178 most expensive – in Canaan, just up the road 20 min.

Select Board reviews prices. Lynex is so close that if anything happens, it's best. You could spend \$1800 fast just traveling.

Welch: A trip to Bow is is a couple of hours.

Road Agent: you're looking at 4 hours.

Welch: Minimum

Road Agent: if we order it – we will get it at this price and pay him only when complete.

Muzzey: what is your knowledge of Linex

Road Agent: I've only used River Edge Marina

Welch if I may, on a different note, my son has a Linex liner and had a problem and they handled it.

Morgan Currier: Good to note

Welch: I haven't heard anything bad about them and I would take that as a good note.

Omer: I apologize for showing ignorance. I haven't heard this size plow mentioned until the other day. You mentioned a 9' plow and 10' plow.

Morgan Currier clarifies it was the only plow he found

Muzzey: Why extra foot.

Road Agent: makes a huge difference plowing the school, town common, beech hill, smaller roads.

Difference between 9' and 10'? **Road Agent:** About \$1000

Road Agent: Both need the same hook-ups.

Omer: In terms of efficiency, the 10' plow is in the better interest of the Town.

Muzzey: I'm okay with Linex

Omer: Madame Chair ready for a motion

Kay: Cost of everything?

Road Agent: Hydraulics \$7,283.00 Plow: \$6,800 and I believe in April I told you this was coming.

Chief Ames: Did we get money for the other truck? 17k

Chief Ames: It's an off-setting figure

Morgan Currier: Any further discussion from the floor –

Chief: Total price – truck sander ... Under 70K

Road Agent: A lot of extras on the previous

Muzzey: Made a motion that we go with Linex for \$6,800. **Omer:** seconded. **Morgan Currier** agreed. Call to question. MC voted "yes", OA "yes", FM "yes". Motion carried.

17:31: Road Agent reported that we're in the middle of July and I know it's winter and we need to put a 3rd person for the winter but there are going to be some upset people in town – 2 of us trying to get bus routes open school routes... 52 miles of route could take 4 hrs to plow and sand – one time. We really, really need to think about a 3rd guy in the winter. I'm putting in front of all

Chief Ames: Shed info your way – Paul Smith who worked for the Town had some interest in part time and well-versed in plowing.

Steve Welch: From as far back as I can remember – '84 – always 2 trucks ...asking 2 people to do that job – they're not going to be able to get done and whatever you think you're going to save, you're going to pay in overtime. I live 3 miles off and pay taxes and expect my roads to be plowed in a timely fashion.

Muzzey: Noel got it done.

When Bobby ran – before Noel 2 trucks

Chief: appreciate them weighing in. Last year I was the 3rd guy. When we had one truck down. We made it a priority and started at 330-4am to get routes safe for school. I think taking one person and one truck out we're setting him out for failure.

Muzzey: We don't have the right to spend.

Kay: Special town meeting

CHIEF I think we're still going to have a problem.

Road Agent: Ellsworth Hill roads that will suffer people will be upset

Omer: So we had 4 working.

Steve Welch: private contractors – town owned one truck road agent supplied second dump truck.

Scheller: Road agent has gotten in trouble... We weren't charging – just doing a favor.

Morgan Currier: How many times?

Scheller – what I'm saying is that people are volunteering – not looking for pat on the back. This is critical for safety and 911 – we have schools.

Kay: for the money, have you checked and discussed this issue with the DRA and what we can do?

Morgan Currier: NO, but that's a good option.

Chief Ames: do you know how many hours we'll need?

Road Agent: Typically just plowing time in Campton is 30-40 hours in winter

Chief Ames: where is money in budget?

Road Agent: Trying to salvage money now.

Muzzey: Where are you anticipating that the money will come from?

Road Agent: Road materials budget. Hoping to have excess to 15-17k

Morgan Currier: So on the discussion, what is the opinion on having a 3rd person –

Muzzey: I'm on the opinion that 2 road crew is adequate

Scheller: it depends on the storms.

Chief Ames: yes, agree. It's based on per storm, but they had people lined up. If you look at that, there are people

Road Agent: Can I weigh in really quick.

Muzzey: Just want to know what we're looking at.

Scheller: Town has frowned upon volunteers

Morgan Currier: Insurance

Steve Welch: You've got 3 town trucks and if you're looking to hire someone with a CDL.

Muzzey: What Mr Scheller's done in the past is down hill.

Road Agent: If you want to get a sub-contractor instead of hiring. Mechanically -wise / Advantage to having 3 guys

Morgan Currier: So part-time seasonal is what you're looking at

Omer: There's too much speculation. I make a motion that the Road Agent make a proposal (A, B, C) whether effective Nov 1, Dec 1st for how he wants to deal with this issues – put together 3 written proposals to the Select Board or 2 on how to handle snowplowing

situation, where money comes from, you put together plan of action and submit to Select Board.

Muzzey: One thing to consider ...

Chief Trott: I'm sure the weigh in. You might have one lane and you have a vehicle coming down and you've created a single lane road.

Morgan Currier: Let's move past speculation on how to plow roads and go back to motion OA made.

Road Agent: How do we determine on paper how much we pay per hour.

Omer: My intent is for you to name what you need to do the job for the safety of this community. Proposal must be in writing so that we can make a knowledgeable decision that it's in the best interest for the people of the Town of Wentworth. Ultimately you dictate.

Steve Welch: I don't think Paul can come up with a figure – Christmas day 60 day or a cost per hour.

Morgan Currier: That's all we're looking for. So we're just looking at what path to go

Road Agent: I want to be fair too. With a subcontractor, they have to have a special insurance- \$3200

Chief Ames: They will know what they need for profit/margin

Omer: ELABORATES

Morgan Currier: either chief – can you think of

Road Agent: I sent in a proposal two months ago – some changes were going to be made – never got back

Steve Welch: We may have to have a special Town meeting.

George: "Governing Body..

Morgan Currier: Going back to motion proposed by Omer.

Road Agent: I will try to by next week

Morgan Currier: Second motion at 18:02.

Morgan Currier Vote yes, OA yes, FM: abstain
Question from Kay's mom about chemical

Road Agent: Said I would use the 8000 gal leftover cape moonshine –
-not on pond brook rd.
It's costing money putting down.

Road Agent: What to do with magnesium?

Morgan Currier: Noted that you weren't

Steve Welch: Road agent posting on FB never before – where he's going to be – we're going to deal with it one way or another – I'm pleased with the highway department.

Omer to follow up on Mr. Welch's comments. Our town is doing a great job. On NH Public Radio – every town mentioned except WW on road problems. SO, I'm not complaining, just asking the tough questions. So, thank you, Paul. I just want to say that in public.

Steve Welch: May have to have a special town meeting.

Morgan Currier: So we'll look into the process of holding a special town meeting 18:09:
Budget meetings are public meetings and lesson from this is that when we post –

Muzzey: Your opinion is valued and even if not followed.

Scheller: One more thing on roads. Nickels rd used to connect with Ellsworth Hill Road and it's probably still on Google Earth and they get stuck – it's a safety issue and we can put sign – "No Outlet" or "Dead-End Road".

JKing: I'm going to be addressing issue.

Chief Trott: Correct me if I'm wrong, but it's actually posted that it's a Class VI Road.

Road Agent: I don't know what we can post. On Class VI roads – Nickels Rd is a Class V road
Whatever you want.

Scheller: " the bottom of the road is the problem

Muzzey: 11 Mar 1924 in absence to gates and bars

JKing: This Spring I'm going to get a Warrant article together to get roads discontinued.

Morgan Currier: I think that sounds fantastic.

Morgan Currier: Paul will look into sign for Schellers.

Trustees: Got our largest account in our control.

Muzzey: Planning Board book is most current.

Administrative Assistant – issue with Town Page and Webmail

Omer: Moves to take the advice of the Cyber experts. – I so move

Morgan Currier: Any concerns from floor?

JKing: I'm concern

Muzzey: second

Morgan Currier: Yes

Briefing

Omer: Town has a lien for property for \$750 and paperwork may
2nd lien was a corrected

Omer: we need a vote from the Select Board to sign another lien discharge and record.

Muzzey: I move that we sign such lien MC second. MC yes OA yes FM yes. Motion carried.

Omer: Need to apply for extension from DES for Annual Facility Report –

Morgan Currier: How do we file request for extension

Omer: The town is now under administrative orders from DES. – Basically new administration – something to say.

18:44 **Morgan Currier** Move on to public comments – Jordan

JKing: passed out documents. So, I came to the wrong meeting to discuss putting work into a road. As discussed earlier, discontinue roads that have no town benefit. Hooper Hill Rd is a Class VI and has had a Town benefit when bridge replaced. Massive amounts of public use. Given to Selectmen is the Emergency Lane statute and how to vote on it – public hearing – and direct Road Agent – doesn't change classification. If not, I'll include this in list to have it discontinued. It has Town benefit – no crown in road and it would be gone, I've gone and put

v-bar. One culvert that the beavers plug up – the only way it's passable is b/c Bill Melanson maintains one side and I, the other. It gets a ton of use.

Muzzey: what would you prefer to see?

JKing:: It's unsustainable. I don't care either way. Class VI is subject to gates and bars – Select Board can control access. I can put a gate, but no lock to Mica mine road.

Omer: Who owns either side.

Answer: Downing, Bill Melanson, JK, State (DES) – small section, and guy with camper. I'm speaking for the group w/o them being there. I bring this up because this has been used for Emergency.

James: If the Bridge goes out

Muzzey: I retract statement about discontinuing but give us a solution

Chief Trott: There is a lot of activity.

Muzzey: Open to suggestions – protect residents in that area, provide town with emergency access.

Road Agent: So, JK called me last week and advised me of what he was going to talk about. – It needs some work, it's not awful, I came up with an idea, if the residents buy the culverts and we put them in or the residents match it – in 3 years, you'd have a passable road. As far as a crown no JK: You'd have a hard time collecting money from abutters but maybe a little here and there

Road Agent: My opinion is it benefits Town.

Muzzey: What would declaring it an Emergency lane do?

JK: it stays class VI and you declare it to the town and put money but decide how much.

Omer: There are 7 other RSAs mentioned and DOT map – My question is how many families /land owners affected?

JKing: Emergencies if bridge goes out? 3 houses beyond

19:08: Morgan Currier: At this point, we'd like to take some time and do research , talk to Orford.

JKing: I'll drive you out if anyone wants to come out.

Omer: From my point of me, there's a common law and then the other 7 statutes.

JKing: In long-term interests, it makes sense to keep up

Chief Ames: It's imp for us to turn it into an emergency lane – if we have to get people out

JKing:: or if there's a fire.

Morgan Currier: Chief Trott any thoughts

Chief Trott: I agree with Chief A it would be in the best interest of the town

Morgan Currier: 19:14 – So the Board would like more time to research, but if you JK can give us a list of all the abutters, t

Muzzey: We ought to be able to make a decision within a month

Morgan Currier: We're looking at later August.

19:15

Mrs. Thompson: Still looking for water reports on River Baker River Watershed.

19:23: Mr. Mclver Septic

Muzzey: Mr. Mclver.

Road Agent: 27st – Start vacation. Best way to reach me is email – no cell service. John will be around. He'll be hauling winter sand. /

Morgan Currier: There was discussion on vacation – I spoke to Primex – to see what we can allow you to do. Primex doesn't give any advice on fringe benefits and recommended look into NH laws and as far as I can tell NH has no labor laws. So, it's our decision and there is nothing that says they cannot make up in a pay period.

Morgan Currier Right now the personnel policy handbook which is grossly outdated and says must be working 6 months is ridiculous – the military says healthy happy employees – esp in a high demanding profession – says must be employed for 6 months –

Road Agent: So since 3 people - I specifically asked if I would get 2 weeks of vacation and Steve Davis said yes you'll get all benefits.

Muzzey: I'm not as opposed to vacation now as I am to opposing handbook.

Morgan Currier: Deb Vlk says there's a way to track as we have in the past Paid.

Administrative Assistant: Honor what was said.

Morgan Currier: So, regardless the policy needs to be looked out – and not allowing him a week, would be an incredibly negative thing to do and to ask an employee to work your butt off and not let him.

Morgan Currier –I have it in my notes.

Morgan Currier: What about comp time? All comp time used by end of the year – Cap is 40 hours

Muzzey: Not sure how to do comp time with salaried.

Omer: My concern is – I am perfectly honest with you – I am shocked with the lack of paperwork in this Town – to ask a Selectman to do legal work. If the prior Board made a representation to you, I feel that we are bound to that. But is that a vote of the Board or something by one. Memories are fallible. I'd like to see the contract again. It's not good business sense. Vacation time matters to people.

Chief Trott: I'm going to weigh in b/c ...

Omer: I'm not opposed to you taking a vacation in 2 weeks

Muzzey: Made the motion that Paul have one week's vacation on July 29th – August 2nd. **Omer:** Second motion. **Morgan Currier:** Abstain, replying "I wholeheartedly disagree". **Muzzey:** voted "yes", **Omer** voted: "yes". **Morgan Currier** abstained. Motion carried.

Muzzey: 2nd part is that he not get a 2nd week.

Omer: I don't want to take part in that. I want to look at what the previous Select Board said.

Chief Ames: Just food for thought. Between now and December do you plan on addressing – to possibly change.

Muzzey: Until these rules are changed.

Chief: Is he entitled to another week of vacation after April 1st?

Morgan Currier – PP 15, 16 and first paragraph of page 17 - have suggested by 30 July, 2019.

Road Agent: How many employees do you have full time as employees of Wentworth? John, Paul, Tanya, Debbie Z

Deb: "We'll go to church together. What do you say, Francis?" "I'll pray for anything now."

20:27

Omer: Madam Chair, this has got to change. I have a full-time law practice.

20:36

Omer motion to Morgan Currier 2nd motion Call to question OA yes MC yes. Motion carried.

20:43: FM made motion to authorize Chair to sign – OA seconds sign agreement with Primex not to exceed 3 years. Motion carried.

Morgan Currier: Motion to adjourn meeting FM Second OA yes MC yes FM yes

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June 8, 2020

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**Minutes of Wentworth Board of Selectmen
July 30, 2019**

Attendees: Morgan Currier, Omer Ahern Jr., J. Meade, Mr. Foster, Deb Vlk

Time: 17:00

Highway Dept Emails – J. Meade: Class VI road. Driveway
Omer Ahern brought up concern about if the SB has the authority to approve driveways. We have a driveway permit – fill it out and turn it in. RSA 41:8 and RSA 47.

Time: 17:17 / Chief Trott's Report + Made contact with party involved with rock sculpture – spoken w/ wife and left messages – 5 weeks now and will reach out to other party to gauge interest.

MC Time: 17:20 makes motion to reach out to individual – all other efforts exhausted.

Omer Ahern at 17:

Omer Ahern: Did individual receive anything in writing? No.

Morgan Currier: also there was never a written agreement with that individual.

Resident: Does whoever wants to move it have to provide proof of insurance in case he/she drops it on the building. TLC Tree Service – yes and on file.

Morgan Currier: Motion to let second individual come get sculpture

Omer Ahern: based on report from police chief and based on no response – individual has no claim – so no representations made, so second motion

Morgan Currier at 5:24 P.M. vote yes OA vote yes

Time: 5:25 under impression that any \$ from Tree cuts should be invested under Trustees of the Trust Fund – Plummer and Van Deusen

Morgan Currier: Thought VD goes to Town and Plummer goes to TTFund

Deb Vlk: stated she had no idea and just deposited money

Let Andy know to write checks to Trustee of the Trust Funds, Town of WW.

Money is in NH Deposit Investment Pool. Deb Vlk will give TTF check.

George M. "Vacancies will be made by the SB for remainder of the term."

Deb Vlk: Linda Franz is now signer for checks. Pay for Bookkeeper – 4150.12: Outside service. And 4130.02B

Time: 17:45 – Jordan King decision needed - Hooper Hill Rd. – Hope is for SB to vote to move forward.

SB will get a list from JK and we will get a list of abutters to do due diligence.

1. Put to Town vote this Spring to shut down or
2. Emergency Lane

It's possible, but not likely that the abutters are against an Emergency lane.

Omer Ahern: Need written memo from you. These verbal presentations.

JK: Just looking for discussion and decision

Omer Ahern: Move that we 5:52 proceed to notify abutters to have discussion about what we're going to do with Hooper Hill Rd about whether to make it an Emergency lane and strongly suggested by Emergency police

Morgan Currier: 2nd motion

Omer Ahern call to question. MC yes OA yes.

10 days is for

Time: 5:54 Other Public Comments. Mrs. Thompson – Results not received in a timely manner. July results arrived Friday, July 26 at 5:15

Time: 18:02 – Tom Bobbit: Permission requested to post signs - using 4x4 post to keep \$12 signs in place. OA: you're right to be concerned about 4x4 posts being hit by kids.

Time: 18:13 – Currently we have a trail - Section of Cape Moonshine road – Warren SB ecstatic about what we've done on Class VI roads. I've gotten \$176K in grants. Asking – yes's from landowners – Class V road, What do we need to do to get use of that to get to the greenhouse.

Morgan Currier: IDK. We'd have to do some research.

Omer Ahern: Yes, I'd like to get a memo approved for requests such as this w/ RSAs and substantiating info.

Mrs. Thompson: Be careful. There have been some wild meetings (public). I'm not objecting.

T. Babbit: The location we're looking at is a small section going into Piermont.

Time: 18:25 – Morgan Currier: please let Tanya know

Time: 18:26 Morgan Currier proposes a working meeting next meeting next Tuesday – no expectation of privilege of the floor – only to take care of several administrative things.

Morgan Currier to Omer Ahern: Ok for 1700? Okay for working meeting for Tuesday, Aug 6th.

T. Babbit will send Case Law to Town.

Morgan Currier: Any other public comments? No 18:29 Move on to Mail/E-Mail/Other

Chris Fournier – Tues Aug 6 at 5pm

M. Stetson – either 13th or 27th AUG

Time: 18:58 - Needed action or Town funding – Memo for Requested Action

Time: 19:00 Omer Ahern make motion to implement new Memo policy MC yes Yes

Time: 19:02 Morgan Currier will follow up with Spectrum

Time: 19:03: Main objectives for working meeting will be Handbook

Time: 19:04 Omer Ahern will follow up with Commissioner Lauer on getting tour of Dept of Corrections.

Time: 19:05: 100% of votes from SB 12 years ago said NO to OHRVs on public road. Palmer – Mr. Babbit – 2 landowners with personal property who gave permission – There's a chunk of Cape Moonshine that belongs to WW- Mr. Babbit will get info together, but it's a public vote for ATVs on public roads.

Palmer: I'm usually available Wed nights.

Time: 7:16 p.m. OA make motion to go into non-public MC second OA yes MC yes

Time: 7:19 p.m. MC make motion to go out of non-public. OA second. Yes yes

Time: 7:19 MC make motion to enter into non-public. Morgan Currier vote yes

Last year SB made a contract with Mr. Foster ready to be deeded, 2015 – last 3 months actually given \$400

So, 2016 came up to be deeded, but old contract was for a year and that ends tomorrow on 31 July so we can do a new payment project.

What's needed to finish out 2015 - \$850.

TC: took a year's worth of taxes divided by 12 and .. Mr. Foster is a bus driver but

Morgan Currier: Can you do \$500/month?

Foster: I'm 72 and had a HA a year ago, but enough to put me on a shelf. Had EEG to get OSHA, but insurance only paid \$300 and on hook for \$1200 , but if I had to go back for another one, but I'm not the kind who doesn't work. We're on semi-fixed income – Wife works at Walmart.

Omer Ahern: How many acres

F: 9 +/-

Omer Ahern: I don't want anyone to lose their house

F: I'll try to do \$500. If I run into any problems, I'll come up and tell you.

Morgan Currier: Ok?

Omer Ahern: Thank you for coming in. I don't want to take anyone's house away from them.

4 retired race horses in the barn

Omer Ahern: Whatever you work out with Deb, is fine with us.

Morgan Currier: Talk to Debbie. If you run into an issue, let us know. We're not concerned.

Time: 19:28 – "My Deputy just purchased a house in Dorchester. She still has a house in WW Darlene is having her hip replaced on 27 AUG. I need someone to work with me. I can't work alone. So, I'm going to let Andrea be the assistant while Darlene is gone and I'll post for the Deputy now, but I'd like her (Darlene) to still come in for 4 hrs.

Omer Ahern: Why don't we get the law changed to get law changed.

Morgan Currier: So, your plan is...

To use Andrea as Assistant while Darlene is in surgery and advertise for Deputy – take a long time to train.

Do you have anyone in mind from Plymouth State University

Omer Ahern: What's the pay. I started her at \$14/hour and brought her up to \$15/hour as a Deputy. Pay stinks.

Make motion to come out of non-public 7:36. OA second vote yes MC yes

For working meeting: "phenomenal job" MC food for thought. FB postings. Only 1 year contract.

Time: 19:42 Morgan Currier made motion to adjourn, OA second MC yes OA yes

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