

TOWN OF WENTWORTH OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

**Minutes
Tuesday, May 2, 2006 Meeting**

Present: John Millican, Randy Morrison, Palmer Koelb and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Gini Gove, Francis Muzzey, Aryann & Alan Hamilton, and Chief Warren Davis

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:00 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Chief Davis advised work was needed on the rear end of the Police cruiser.

There was discussion about the lower access of the Library and Selectmen will consider putting signs up to discourage anyone from hanging around the rear of the building.

Selectmen signed a letter to Jamie Goudreault M/L 11-01-16, Septic Design for Andrews/Vacca M/L 02-01-03, and Intent to Cut for Sheila Thomson M/L 04-05-05.

Randy moved to accept the April 25, 2006 minutes. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Aryann Hamilton will obtain more information about a theatre group, New England Educational Theatre Tours, Inc (NEETT) which was founded in 2005 as a not-for-profit organization offering to perform locally and will advise her findings at a later meeting. Coordinating this program with other local towns was discussed as a possibility.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Janet E. Woolner
Minutes accepted _____, _____, _____.

TOWN OF WENTWORTH OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes Tuesday, May 9, 2006 Meeting

Present: John Millican, Randy Morrison, Palmer Koelb and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Gini Gove, Aryann & Alan Hamilton, Carol Cole, Kevin Kay, Randy Comsteller, Kenyon Karl, Ed Robbins, Pete Chierichetti, and Chief Warren Davis

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:00 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved.

Chief Davis advised he turned down the job at the Warren School. He wants to order some uniforms and would like to advertise for part-time workers.

Palmer moved to go into nonpublic session at 6:15 pm per RSA 91-A:3,II (a) to discuss setting compensation for a public employee. This was seconded by John and approved.

John moved to come out of non-public session at 6:25 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved. John stated the Selectmen agreed not to give a town employee an increase at this time.

Carol Cole talked to the Selectmen about Junk cars in Town. There are at least 45 properties that have at least two or more junk cars. She said Haverhill has been successful in cleaning up properties in their town by posting notices that the town was going to do a town wide cleanup and then identified the properties needing attention. There was cooperation and even more cooperation after the properties were identified. She stated the RSA requires a public hearing for a new Junk Yard. Carol asked the Selectmen to consider doing something here with possible enforcement by the town. Kevin Kay suggested a compromise and asked if the town would send out a notice.

Ed Robbins, former Selectmen in Vermont, spoke in favor of doing something to eliminate the junk from properties. The notice could identify businesses that will pick up junk cars for free. It was agreed to have Carol draft a letter, to be reviewed by the Selectmen, to be sent from the town. A newsletter was also suggested.

Selectmen approved a revised septic design for John King, M/L 11-07-06, signed Intent to Cut for Rackis, M/L 11-07-06, letter to Ducheneau, M/L 07-02-06, and a Petition and Pole License for New Hampshire Co-op.

Selectmen agreed to continue the discussion on Driveway Permits at a later meeting.

Randy moved to accept the May 2, 2006 minutes. This was seconded by John and approved.

Kevin Kay inquired about the next thought in hiring a Police Chief. He suggested a different type of insurance or a different type of plan 80/20 or 50/50 to attract a qualified candidate. The search committee has asked the Selectmen what they want them to do. Options might include adding a co-pay, deductible, or reduce the working hours (possibly 32 hours), and/or place an ad outlining salary, benefits, etc.

Palmer moved to appoint Kevin Kay as Trustee of the Trust Funds. This was seconded by John and approved.

Selectmen agreed to continue to have the transfer station attendant recycle the cans at the Transfer Station.

Palmer moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (e) at 7:45 pm to discuss two pending litigations against the Town. This was seconded by Randy and approved. Palmer moved to come out of non-public session 8:35 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved. No decisions were made.

John moved to go back into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) to discuss the hiring of a public employee at 8:37 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved. John moved to come out of non-public session at 9:07 pm. No decisions were made.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Janet E. Woolner
Minutes accepted _____, _____, _____.

TOWN OF WENTWORTH OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes Tuesday, May 16, 2006 Meeting

Present: John Millican, Randy Morrison, Palmer Koelb and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Gini Gove, Aryann & Alan Hamilton, Carol Cole, Kevin Kay, Randy Comsteller, Eugene Garrett, Zoë Ehresman, Kate & Rick Adam, Chief Warren Davis, Nancy Masterson, Donna Herlihy, Helen Ray, and Bobby Cass

John moved to open the meeting at 6:00 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Chief Davis advised residents to call Grafton Country Dispatch, 787-2003 for Police business.

Linda Brown talked to the Selectmen about property tax liens.

John moved to go into non-public session at 6:10 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) to discuss matters, which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

John moved to come out of non-public session at 6:12 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved. Selectmen discussed how to handle the pending liens.

Carol Cole talked to the Selectmen again about cleanup in the Town of Wentworth and submitted a letter for review. Kate Rick said she was against the Town sending a letter; she would rather live free than live beautiful.

Zoë said the cleanup was not an all or nothing issue. She said that there are more junk cars now than a couple years ago. Kevin Kay suggested a letter (not from the Town) that would request a cleanup on a voluntary basis. Kate agreed that a committee could offer to help their neighbors with the cleanup. Carol referenced enforcement per RSA's pertaining to junk cars, and John Millican said we have the right to disagree with the law. Zoë said wells can be polluted and it is a health issue if oils & fluids seep into the wells. Ellie suggested the letter be put in the newspaper. Selectmen agreed the committee should put the letter in the paper and post it and then see what happens.

Bobby said he needs another part time person. He wants to hire a couple people to haul the gravel. Bobby also said if the Selectmen want him to come to Selectmen's Meeting each week, he wants to be paid for his time. Palmer said a rubber-tired vehicle would be donated to the town.

Palmer stated Bixby can deliver the gravel to the site and the Town will get a quote for gravel & hauling. Bobby will cancel the rental for the excavator and rubber tired vehicle. Bobby said he needs ears for the rock bucket.

The Library Trustees talked to the Selectmen about repairs on their building. They would like to install an overhang that would be handicap accessible and if they can do this, the previously discussed sealing would not be necessary. Should the Library pursue the overhang idea, Selectmen suggested they talk to local contractors and get quotations.

Selectmen authorized and signed Event Applications for T. Muzzey, and for concerts on the bandstand 7/12 and 8/2/06, and waived the fees. They also signed a petition and pole license, for NHEC and signed a revised septic design for Andrews/Vacca M/L 02-01-03

Selectmen discussed charging fees for driveway permits, building and renovation permits. John moved not to impose fees at this time. This was seconded by Randy and approved.

Palmer moved to go into non-public session at 8:35 pm per RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) to discuss hiring a public employee. This was seconded by Randy and approved.

John moved to come back into non-public at 9:12 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved. No decisions were made.

Francis asked if the Selectmen want him to use Pratt and Lambert paint on the old Historical Society building in the Center and Selectmen agreed.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Janet E. Woolner
Minutes accepted _____, _____, _____.

TOWN OF WENTWORTH OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes Tuesday, May 23, 2006 Meeting

Present: John Millican, Randy Morrison, Palmer Koelb and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Gini Gove, Aryann & Alan Hamilton, Kevin Kay, Gary Roberge, Francis Muzzey, Chief Warren Davis, Bobby Cass, Mr. & Mrs. Brenton Johnson, Allen Crossman, Richard & Marguerite Burne

John moved to open the meeting at 5:00 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved. John moved to go into non-public session at 5:03 per RSA 91-A:3,II (c) to discuss matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of a person. This was seconded by Palmer and approved. Palmer moved to come out of non-public session at 6:00 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved. Selectmen agreed to require the Road Agent to submit project lists on Tuesdays for the following weeks work.

Chief Davis advised the work on the police cruiser would be about \$400. Selectmen talked with the Chief about the cost of the liability insurance for each person in the police department.

Selectmen talked with the road agent about organizing the road projects. They requested the Road Agent submit a list of specific projects each week to be reviewed. It was agreed that the gravel will be supplied by Bixby at this time. It was agreed to purchase a pump for cleaning culverts. It was also agreed the project on East Side Rd is on hold. Selectmen advised Bobby to take a half hour lunch and to attend the Selectmen's meeting when needed.

Gary Roberge talked to the Board and explained the updated assessments. The equalization overall average is about 95%, which is within the +/- 10 % of 100. Selectmen asked Avitar to provide a quotation for assessing.

Allan Crossman talked with Selectmen about the trailers and he wants to use the original trailer for the recycling and thinks the new trailer would be dangerous for his purposes. Selectmen agreed the new trailer would be used for the lawn mower.

Brenton Johnson asked if he could cut young saplings outside his stonewall near the roadway and Selectmen agreed he could do so.

Richard Burne said the Historical Society is planning to install a septic system on the East Side Road building across from the old Town Hall. They are in the design stage and could make the design to accommodate the Town Hall if desirable. Randy suggested both buildings would need a tank, but could share the same leach fields. Francis suggested the town raise money to pay for approximately half the cost.

Richard also asked if the Town wanted to access their well and he believes there are seven tiles and has plenty of water. Selectmen agreed they would like access to the water, which includes a second pipe when they dig. Palmer said a third pipe would also be required for electricity. Selectmen agreed the Town would pay for the two additional pipes.

Richard asked if he could borrow the key to the old Historical Society building (doll house) to take the sensors out to be used in the new Historical Society building.

Aryann said there might not be an interest in Wentworth for Shakespeare plays, but she will contact someone in Plymouth to see if there is an interest there.

Selectmen approved and signed the PA-29 form for the renewal of an elderly exemption and tax credit for Stover M/L 08-02-14. They signed Timber Tax Warrants for R. Comeau M/L 13-08-01 D. Evans M/L 13-02-03, Cormiea M/L 13-02-01, Green Woodlands North M/L 09-01-01, Rocco DiFillipo M/L 01-02-24,23, S. Jackson M/L 12-02-02, S. Thomson M/L 04-05-05, N. Borger M/L 11-05-16, Dovenio M/L 11-01-22, and J. Morrison M/L 05-01-14.

Selectmen agreed to go with the revised quotation from Scott Anderson in the amount of \$13,590 to make the repairs to the old Town Hall.

The Selectman stated they have no objection to the State of NH, DRED, entering into a twenty-five year old lease with the Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club on the Foster & Colburn State Forest in Wentworth.

Selectmen requested someone come to a meeting to provide more information regarding the Pandemic Memorandum of Understanding for Pandemic Planning.

Palmer moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) at 8:30 pm to discuss hiring of a public employee. This was seconded by Randy and approved. John moved to come out of non-public session at 9:05 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved. Selectmen unanimously agreed to appoint Chief Warren Davis as a permanent part-time Police Chief.

John moved to go into non-public session again at 9:12 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II (e) to discuss pending litigation. This was seconded by Randy and approved. Palmer moved to come out of non-public session at 9:20 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved. Selectmen discussed how to handle the pending litigation.

Palmer moved to go into non-public session again at 9:35 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) to discuss matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. This was seconded by Palmer and approved. John moved to come out on non-public session at 10:07 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved. Selectmen requested the Timber Tax Warden attend a Selectmen's meeting to clarify a state law regarding amount of timber cut for personal use.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Janet E. Woolner
Minutes accepted _____, _____, _____.

TOWN OF WENTWORTH OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes Tuesday, May 30, 2006 Meeting

Present: John Millican, Randy Morrison, Palmer Koelb and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Gini Gove, Francis Muzzey, Bobby Cass, Kate Rick, Janice & John Thompson, Dave Caverhill, and Brian Clark

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:00 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved.

Bobby reviewed pump quotations with the Selectmen. Selectmen authorized Bobby to purchase the pump from Hawkensen. Bobby talked about replacing two culverts and ditching on Sanders Hill Road. Bobby said he put a turn around in on Saunders Hill Rd. Francis Muzzey advised he reserves the right to eliminate this if necessary in the future.

Bobby advised the fence that was being stored at the school is gone. Palmer said he might have some fence available for the town.

Bobby asked if the Selectmen would donate a catch basin (approx \$160) and 60 ft of culvert (approx \$360) from the Town of Wentworth for installation at the Warren/ Wentworth EMS building in Warren. Bobby said he would donate his time to the project. Selectmen said they will visit the site and advise.

Jeanne Erickson discussed the Pandemic Memorandum of Understanding for Pandemic Planning. She stated it may be necessary in the future to immunize people should an epidemic occur. This agreement would provide information when needed in the future. Selectmen suggested we invite Ann Graves and Jeff Ames to come and talk at a future meeting.

Dennis Thorell from DRA, called in and discussed with the Selectmen the criteria and requirements for cutting timber less than 10,000 bf for personal use.

Francis stated he was against the Selectmen taking any action against Junk cars.

Selectmen had a request for additional tutoring here at the town office and Selectmen agreed the tutoring needs to be done at the school.

Selectmen read a letter from an East Side Rd resident regarding deeded rights near the cemetery. It was determined this is a civil matter.

Selectmen read a letter from a resident questioning the amount of acreage being taxed. They said a survey would be required to make any changes.

Palmer moved to approve the minutes for May 16 and May 23, 2006. This was seconded by John and approved.

John moved to do the first issue taxes by the Avitar way. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Palmer asked if the power company can blow wood chips on the banks if they do not allow the chips to go into the ditches, which in the past have clogged the culverts. Selectmen agreed and it was suggested that the chips be blown on the downhill side when possible.

Ellie advised the Selectmen of new rules regarding water access and presented new signs to be posted.

John moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 8:47 pm to discuss setting compensation for a public employee. This was seconded by Randy and approved. John moved to come out of non-public session at 8:55 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved. John moved to give a town employee an increase. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Selectmen agreed to supply a catch basin and three 20 ft pieces of pipe for the EMS building if the Town of Warren will pay half the cost, which is \$260.00.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Janet E. Woolner
Minutes accepted _____, _____, _____.