

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

**Minutes
January 2, 2007 Meeting**

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

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Francis Muzzey, Randy Comsteller, Donald & Zoe Ehresmann, Deb Koelb, Bobby & Stacy Cass, John Comeau, Chief Warren Davis, Patrolman Don Jones, Carol Freidrich, Chip Stata, Steve Welch, and Bruce Welch

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

Chief Warren Davis advised that Don Jones will start Standards and Training on Saturday for part time certification.

Selectmen discussed the Town Cover for the Town Report. It was agreed to go with the color mosaic.

Palmer moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) to discuss charges against a public employee. There was no second. Bobby Cass objected and stated he wanted an open meeting.

Bobby asked why he wasn't told by the Selectmen that they were going to deduct the unauthorized overtime when the Selectmen questioned him on it at the December 19, 2006 meeting. John stated it was an over site. Randy explained why the adjustment in his pay check took place. Randy explained that the overtime was not authorized and would not be paid. John stated that the Selectmen have talked to Bobby about unauthorized overtime in the past. Randy asked Bobby if he had gone back to the five, eight hour days when the time changed in the fall. Bobby said he did advise that he was back on eight hour days.

Bobby agreed this was a learning experience and understood, unless there is a winter storm emergency, future overtime would need pre-approval by at least two Selectmen.

Selectmen requested a clarification to the Agenda on the RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) to discuss charges against a public employee. There were no charges against this employee.

Bobby discussed chains needed for 2007.

Selectmen agreed to have Meridian pick up the Tires at the Transfer Station. Selectmen approved a septic design for R. Borger M/L 11-05-18.

Zoe asked if there were policies regarding the road agent. Zoe talked about a flowerbed on her property near the road. She said the highway employee plowed with two blades into the flower bed and she believes the road could be plowed less on her side and more on the other side. Francis said there was no layout for Frescoln Road near the Ehresmann property. It is believed the road is a two rod road. Zoe asked that the town not continue to widen the road. Don said the stakes are still where the town placed them. Selectmen will visit the site and advise more.

Palmer moved to approve the December 19, 2006 minutes. This was seconded by Randy and approved.

Palmer moved to go into non-public session at 7:30 pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to discuss the hiring of a public employee. This was seconded by John and approved by Randy. John moved to come out of non-public session at 7:50 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved by Palmer. A decision was made to re-extend the conditional offer to the candidate for Police Chief.

John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Minute's accepted _____, _____, _____.

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

**Minutes
January 9, 2007 Meeting**

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

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Francis Muzzey, Randy Comsteller, Mary Davis, Chip Stata, and Jeff Ames

John moved to open the meeting at 6:10 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Mary Davis talked to the Selectmen about electing Cemetery Trustees per RSA 289:6 and putting the Trustees of the Cemetery on the March Ballot this year. Selectmen agreed to do this and will request one, one year term; one, two year term; and one, three year term.

Jeff Ames talked to Selectmen about requirements needed for purchasing a new computer for the Fire Department. It is needed for their State & National filings. John asked why the Town does not plow the fire hydrants (there is a subcontractor currently doing it). Jeff stated some of the hydrants are on private property. Jeff will review this with the Fire Dept and advise more.

Selectmen agreed to put a color mosaic photo on the front Cover for the Town Report.

Selectmen signed a Timber Tax Warrant for Scheller M/L 04-08-04, Intent to cut for Winsor M/L 11-05-05, Stuart M/L 08-11-23 & 08-11-22, and a letter to Clough.

Palmer moved to approve the January 2, 2007 minutes. This was seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen approved a veteran's tax credit for Mello M/L 05-04-06 and also signed a Property Lien.

Selectmen agreed to have the Budge Hearing 2/6/07, with an alternate date of 2/13/07, if there is inclement weather.

Palmer moved to go into non-public session at 7:31 pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) to discuss the hiring of a public employee. This was seconded by John and approved by Randy. Palmer moved to come out of non public session at 8:20 pm. This was second by John and approved by Randy. No decisions were made.

John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner
Minute's accepted _____, _____, _____.

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Non-Public Minutes
January 9, 2007 Meeting**

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

Palmer moved to go into non-public session at 7:31 pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) to discuss the hiring of a public employee. This was seconded by John and approved by Randy. Palmer moved to come out of non public session at 8:20 pm. This was second by John and approved by Randy. Selectmen discussed options if the present candidate for Police Chief changes her mind and withdraws the job acceptance. No decisions were made.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Minute's accepted _____, _____, _____.

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

**Minutes
January 16, 2007 Meeting**

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

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Francis Muzzey, Carol Freidrich, Kevin Kay, Gini Gove, Chip Stata,
Linda Brown, Steve Welch and Atty Bernie Waugh

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

Steve Welch talked about some of the exterior requirements needed to use the Old Town Hall for voting and Town Meeting. He provided a copy of RSA 658:9 for review. Steve mentioned some of the changes needed: Ramp needs to be a minimum of 36 inches wide (the state would like to see 48 inches). Hand rails should be round. The balusters need to be replaced and/or moved. The current $\frac{3}{4}$ inch step up from the ramp to the door can only be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. There needs to be a 15# pusher to close the door. If the modifications are done, the rules suggest that this handy-cap entrance be the Main Entrance to the building. The parking lot would need to be brought up to level, with no more than a one inch adjustment.

In the building, the stage can't be used for voting, Steve estimated the number of people the room would accommodate per fire code at approximately 90 to 115 people (includes seating on the stage). There needs to be a phone line, internet access, improved lighting especially in the booths and the building must have an indoor bathroom.

Carol Freidrich said she talked with Terry Knowles in the Attorney General's Office and we do not need to elect Cemetery Trustees. She further said since the Associations own the Cemetery's; there is no need to have Trustees. Carol suggested the Town drop the issue. John Millican reviewed RSA 289.6 and believes, as does Francis that the Trustees are required and are to negotiate with the Associations to insure that there is a place for burial. Francis stated the Town owns, by deed, the Village Cemetery, part of the East Side Cemetery, and the Foster Cemetery may be privately owned.

Bernie Waugh, Town Attorney, stated his interpretation of the RSA was that the Town does need Cemetery Trustees. Selectmen agreed to continue the discussion next week.

Bernie provided an update in the meeting on the 2006 Municipal Law changes.

Selectmen signed an Event Application for Wentworth Congregation Church for August 12, 2007, signed Supplemental Tax Warrants for Carpenter M/L 11-05-18 and Morrison M/L 11-05-17.

Palmer read a letter from a candidate rejecting the position of Police Chief.

Selectmen approved the Exemption for the American Legion M/L 13-04-12, 13-04-13 and a partial Exemption for M/L 13-04-08. Selectmen signed an Abatement for DeCotis M/L 08-12-05, and signed a letter to Patrolman Don Jones.

Carol Freidrich later talked about the bridge and possible sidewalk near the ball field on Rte 25 and also supplied literature on state grants. Carol will advise more on the turn from East Side Rd.

Kevin inquired if we could ask the state why they aren't taking better care of Dorchester Road. He also asked why Wentworth is plowing the state portion of the road.

Palmer moved to approve the January 9, 2007 minutes and the non-public minutes. This was seconded by Randy and approved by John.

John moved to approve the Policy to mail paychecks and payroll stubs effective March 30, 2007. This was seconded by Palmer and approved by Randy.

Palmer moved to go into non-public session at 8:30 pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) to discuss the hiring of a public employee. This was seconded by John and approved by Randy. Palmer moved to come out of non-public session at 8:55 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved by John. Selectmen discussed options available in the search for a Police Chief. No decisions were made.

John moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Minute's accepted _____, _____, _____.

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Non-public Minutes
January 16, 2007 Meeting**

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

Also Present: Kevin Kay

Palmer moved to go into non-public session at 8:30 pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) to discuss the hiring of a public employee. This was seconded by John and approved by Randy. Palmer moved to come out of non-public session at 8:55 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved by John. Selectmen discussed options available in the search for a Police Chief. No decisions were made.

John moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner

Minute's accepted _____, _____, _____.

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

**Minutes
January 23, 2007 Meeting**

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

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Francis Muzzey, Carol Freidrich, Gini Gove, Chip Stata, Carol Cole, Steve Davis, Randy Comsteller, Favor Jenkins and Deb Koelb

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:09 pm. This was seconded by John and approved by Randy.

There was more discussion regarding the Cemetery Trustees and ownership of the cemeteries. Steve Davis, talked with Selectmen about the Cemetery Trustees and is in agreement that they will work with the current association members. He suggested that they all work together with funding and have a long term plan in place and asked if the Selectmen will provide leadership. Steve said there will also be legal costs involved.

Carol Freidrich said she still believes we don't need to elect Cemetery Trustees. John Millican suggested the Trustees be left on the ballot.

Selectmen signed Event Applications for a concert fund raiser scheduled for February 11, 2007, to raise money for John Millican's daughters trip to Japan. Palmer moved to waive the \$20 fee. This was seconded by Randy and approved. Selectmen approved two other Event Applications for a concert 9/1/07 and Promenade concerts 7/4, 7/25 & 8/15/07.

Selectmen signed Land Use Change forms for Carpenter M/L 11-05-18 and Morrison M/L 11-05-17; a Timber Tax Warrant for Michaud M/L 11-03-06 & 13-06-01, and Intent to Cut for Hill/Mack M/L 08-02-06 and 08-02-07.

Favor Jenkins asked, if the Legion could have an ice race at the Legion Race Track, tentatively, scheduled for Sunday, March 3, 2007 (Favor said the fast squad will be present)? Selectmen advised he needs a permit from the Fire Chief. Favor also mentioned Memorial weekend will be an event, Beat the Hummer and Toyota has contributed \$10,000. In addition, there may be a doodle bug race also this year.

John moved to approve the January 16, 2007 minutes and the non-public minutes. This was seconded by Palmer and approved by Randy.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner
Minute's accepted _____, _____, _____.

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

**Minutes
January 30, 2007 Meeting**

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

Also Present: Francis Muzzey, Gini Gove, Chip Stata, State Representative Carol Freidrich
Randy Comsteller, Ellie Murray, Dan Nelson, Tabitha and Scott Coykendall, and
State Senator Deb Reynolds

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:02 pm. This was seconded by John and approved by Randy.

State Senator Deb Reynolds from district 2, talked with the group about things she is working on. She said Educational funding is an issue and she said she is concerned about the lack of high-speed telecommunications, and the cost of health care. She invited anyone to contact her regarding town concerns.

Palmer requested she investigate the possibility of having a sidewalk on Rte 25, and the turn at East Side Road which needs to be corrected. He also said it is wrong for an attorney to be a judge presiding in the area he has a law practice. Francis asked if she would support Governor Lynch on a Constitutional Amendment. Francis also asked her to support a bill for ATV's to be used as tractors.

Carol Freidrich presented a Warrant Article and asked the Selectmen to consider putting this on the Wentworth Warrant in Support of the NH climate change resolution. Selectmen agreed to put the resolution on the Warrant and have the voters decide.

Representatives from Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice requested the town consider an appropriation this year. Selectmen will consider giving a percentage to Pemi-Baker Health & Hospice and reducing the amount appropriated to VNA of Vermont & New Hampshire.

Selectmen signed Intent to Cut for Mack M/L 08-13-05 & 08-13-06, Septic design for Morrison M/L 05-01-14, and a letter to NH Fish and Game. Selectmen also reviewed and signed the DRA Assessment sheet Certification.

John moved to approve the January 23, 2007 minutes. This was seconded by Palmer and approved by Randy.

Selectmen reviewed and denied an abatement for Jennifer Mead M/L 08-07-10.

John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Woolner
Minute's accepted _____, _____, _____.