

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of August 1, 2014

Present: Stephen Davis, Pete Santom, Dave McMullen and Catherine Stover

The Board held an emergency meeting per RSA 91-A:2-II, on Friday, August 1, 2014 at 10:30 am via email regarding a town owned property. The Board decided that immediate action was required, and made a decision to request the Wentworth Police Department to assist in securing the property. The meeting ended at 12:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover
Minutes accepted by

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of August 5, 2014

Present: Pete Santom, Stephen Davis and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Chief Kay, Palmer Koelb, Craig Pasco, Francis Muzzey and Kenyon Karl
(recording the meeting)

Stephen motioned to open the public meeting at 6:02 pm, seconded by Pete and approved. The Board reviewed and/or signed Vendor payments, payroll and the following:

- Minutes of Meeting of July 29 and August 1
- LUCT for Case, Branco, and Vintage Lands
- Report of Excavation for Comeau OP #13-475-02E
- Notice of intent for repurchase, M/L 01-01-06
- Quitclaim for Foster M/L 02-05-04

Stephen stated he would like to add an agenda item; he said that the Board needs to nominate a replacement for Wayne Decotis of the Planning Board, and John Vlk resigned as the Chairman. Following a discussion, Stephen motioned to wait until the Planning Board's next meeting, seconded by Pete and approved.

Chief Kay gave a Police Department Status update. The Track went fine, there were no problems. Chief Kay stated the cruiser will go in for maintenance. Officer Lyford is up and running and putting in a hours. Selectmen Pete asked about the Mazzaglia property. Chief Kay stated that an officer did go and check on the property and spoke with some of the people that camp there. Stephen stated that the officer allotted an amount of time for the campers to remove belongings. Chief Kay also told the Board that there was a malicious spraying of paint in the town on the street, and they are in the process of finding out who is responsible.

John Emery was in attendance and spoke with the Board regarding the Beech Hill repair project, and a winter policy. John presented the Board with a draft for a Winter Maintenance policy. Stephen stated that it was his desire that John use the existing winter policy and integrate it with his input. John said he was not aware of the policy. Stephen stated he would send Pete, Catherine and John a copy of the existing policy.

John said that the east side mowing is done, the north side almost done, and the south end is yet to be done. The planks have arrived for the repair on Ellsworth Hill Road. They have done maintenance on the grader and backhoe, as it was needed. Road grading has been done, and some more will be done again soon before winter. He met with TLC he has the number of roads that he wants trimmed. He met with Dana White of DA White Construction, but will need the Boards help in finding funds. The Board discussed the amount approved in the March Warrant Article of \$40,000.00. John stated that he does not feel it can be done for this amount. Steve said to put it out for bid, and believes it could be done for \$10,000.00. John stated he has gotten bids, but they exceed this amount.

Francis asked about a sizable depression on Goves lane. He said a culvert was put in several years ago, and it is ok during the summer, but during the wintertime, it is very bad. John said he has cleaned out the ditches.

A discussion regarding a letter received from PLT, our Risk Management program followed. The Board discussed the insurance companies concerns regarding the playground equipment and

their suggestion that it be removed as it is residential use not commercial use. The Board decided that the equipment be offered to whomever would like it, first come, first serve, and a letter be written to the insurance carrier to let them know that these issues will be resolved by the end of the year. Palmer also stated that the Friends of the Parks and Recs would like to replant the trees that were removed. The Board stated they were ok with them doing so.

Stephen reviewed a letter written to a previous property owner offering them the opportunity to repurchase the property. The Board signed the letter of notice.

Stephen reviewed a Quitclaim Deed for return of property to the Fosters.

The Board noted there is a road sign missing on Currier Hill road, and requested the Highway Department be informed. Chief Kay stated he has said noticed several missing, and he is trying to get a list together of missing signs.

The Board discussed a letter that has been drafted regarding the TAP program for funding of the Town Common Bridge. The Board signed the letter and requested it be forwarded to DOT.

Pete read the Minutes of an Emergency Meeting which was held on August 1, regarding a trespassing on a town owned property.

Privilege of the Floor. Francis again brought the subject of the Rumney perambulation to the Board. The Board stated they would be more than happy to have Francis appointed as a rep for the town of Wentworth to work with Rumney in doing the perambulation. Stephen asked Francis to bring a proposal next week and they will discuss it again when Select Board member Dave McMullen is present.

Chief Kay also brought to the Boards attention that one of the security cameras are not functioning correctly. The Administrative Assistant stated that John Francis is scheduled to come the week of August 18 to look at the cameras.

Chief Kay discussed making Francis the town historian. Stephen said he has no problem with it, but would like the nomination to come from the Historical Society.

Stephen motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 7:05 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) – Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled, seconded by Pete and approved. The Board discussed input from legal regarding Deeded Properties. Stephen motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:18 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

After returning to the public meeting, George Morrill joined the meeting and Stephen made motion that effective immediately the Board will include the 15% penalty on all redeemed town owned properties that are repurchased by previous owners. Pete stated that per RSA 80:90, it states that the Town SHALL apply the 15% fee. The motion was seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover
Minutes accepted by

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Non- Public Minutes (1) of August 5, 2014 Meeting

Present: Stephen Davis, Pete Santom and Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting (1)

Stephen motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 7:05 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) – Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled, seconded by Pete and approved.

The Board discussed input from legal regarding Deeded Properties.

Stephen motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:18 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of August 12, 2014

Present: Pete Santom, Stephen Davis, David McMullen and Deborah Vlk

Also Present: Chief Kay, Ellie Murray, Jeff Ames and Kenyon Karl (recording the meeting)

Peter motioned to open the public meeting at 6:02 pm, seconded by David and approved. The Board reviewed and/or signed Vendor payments and the following:

- Minutes of Meeting on August 5, 2014
- Review Mark Richardson e-mail regarding Town Common Bridge.
- Review Request for Reimbursement of Payment from Emergency Mngmnt-Received 7/23/14
- Review/Stamp & Sign Septic System Plan for Peter Blewett M/L 08-01-05
- Review and sign requisitions from Highway Dept.
- Review and sign proposal from D A White Excavating for Beech Hill Rd Project
- Review Highway Dept Status Update

Steve stated that he would like to add the following item to the agenda for review – Septic System Design for Peter and Mary Blewett. Peter and David agreed to add item to the agenda. BOS reviewed the plan and Steve motioned to sign & stamp all plans, approved by Peter and David.

Peter motioned to have Randy Morrison come to the next meeting to discuss the Health Officer position. Steve and David approved.

Steve stated that an update on the Town Common Bridge came from Mark Richardson of the DOT. Steve quoted that there has been considerable progress on calculating the capacity of the bridge in its present condition, but the analysis has not been completed. Steve mentioned his grant letter of interest that he submitted to the DOT and it was accepted. Kenyon asked if the letter was forwarded to the North Country Council, which Steven had not. Kenyon will send an e-mail reminder to have this done.

Steve stated that the Emergency Operations Plan Request for Reimbursement for \$2400 was received on July 23rd.

Steve asked if any nominations had come forth for Chairman and alternate of the Planning Board. Following a discussion, it was brought up in last week's meeting to wait until the Planning Board's next meeting on their decision.

Chief Kay gave a Police Department Status update. They have received the radar cable for the radar dolly and it will be installed in the next few days. Chief Kay addressed the DOT on the RT 25 improvements of the speed limit changes in regards to moving line positions. The DOT will be back to move the lines to their original positions. There is a group in Concord doing all of the States signage as opposed to leaving it up the Districts. Chief Kay noted the speed limits on RT 25A to one of the members and they will be meeting to discuss recommendations. Chief Kay is still researching prices for batteries and tazars, etc. Chief Kay will be meeting with Fire Chief Ames to finalize a date to reprogram radios. Chief Kay reported that the Dog Warrant done by Wayne Godfrey should be done this week. Chief Kay reported that there have been issues in the pit area at the race track and there has been discussion and cooperation with management to resolve the problems otherwise we would have to discuss their permit with the Board.

Steve motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:26 pm 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 Peter and approved. The Board discussed input from the Fire Dept. Steve motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:40 pm, seconded by Peter and approved.

Deborah Vlk motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:40 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) – Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled, seconded by Steve and approved. The Board discussed input from legal regarding deeded properties. Steve motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:50 pm, seconded by Peter and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Vlk
Minutes accepted by

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Non- Public Minutes (1) of August 12, 2014 Meeting

Present: Stephen Davis, Pete Santom, David McMullen, Jeff Ames and
Deborah Vlk

Non-Public Meeting (1)

Stephen motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:25 pm 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.

The Fire Dept. has been granted 2 acres of land from a resident on Beech Hill Road.

The Board made a motion to accept and approve this request.

Stephen motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:40 pm, seconded by
Dave and Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Vlk

Minutes accepted,

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Non- Public Minutes (2) of August 12, 2014 Meeting

Present: Stephen Davis, Pete Santom, David McMullen and Deborah Vlk

Non-Public Meeting (2)

Stephen motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:40 pm 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.

The Board was brought up to date on the Mazzaglia case.

The Board approved of the decisions made.

Stephen motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:47 pm, seconded by Dave and Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Vlk

Minutes accepted,

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of August 19, 2014

Present: Pete Santom, Stephen Davis, David McMullen and Catherine Stover

Also Present: John Emery, Barbara Emery, Bob Durfee (Dubois & King), Ellie Murray, Jeff Ames, Francis Muzzey, Paul Ducharme, Richard Borger, Wayne Decotis and Kenyon Karl (recording the meeting)

Stephen motioned to open the public meeting at 6:02 pm, seconded by Pete and approved. The Board reviewed and/or signed Vendor and Payroll payments and the following:

- Minutes of Meeting of August 12
- Intent to Cut for Anderson and Conkey
- Banking Authorization signatory Form, removing Randy Morriuson's name and authorizing Stephen Davis' name
- Letter regarding tree removal on No. Dorchester
- Town of Rumney's response regarding perambulating

Steve stated that he would like to add the following item to the agenda for review – discussion of acknowledgements for last Wednesday's, weather emergency that occurred.

Steve asked to add an additional agenda item regarding Selectmen's meetings, schedule and topic going forward, Pete and Dave approved adding both additional agenda items.

Steve asked John Emery if he asked TLC to trim trees on East Side Road. John said no, the Highway crew did the trimming on East Side Road, but TLC did do the trimming on Buffalo Road.

Kenyon asked to commend John's crew for the work done involving removal of a fallen tree on his road. He stated he had spoken with Randy Morrison regarding a tree that was down, and wanted to thank John for responding so quickly.

Steve stated he is aware of about 6 people that helped the Highway Department clear trees, lent generators, brought food to neighbors, etc., and that he would like to accumulate a number of names so that the Board can give letters of appreciation. He would like to have a public acknowledgement. Steve stated it is indicative of what makes Wentworth, Wentworth. Francis suggested it be in the newspaper. Steve said they will try.

Steve stated the Board discussed briefly last week, scheduling Selectmen's meetings every other week, and in-between the meeting weeks, they handle such things as the policy, budgeting, and department work sessions. Motion by Steve, seconded by Pete and approved. Bi-weekly Selectmen's Meeting to begin 09/02/14, to coincide with payroll week. On 08/26/14 the Board will hold a meeting to work on the town policy. As this is a public meeting, the public is invited, but Steve stated they do not anticipate having public comments.

John Emery gave a Highway Department status update. He stated the storm came through and they began clearing immediately, and have nearly finished as of today. He stated that Jeff Ames and his crew helped tremendously. John discussed with the Board a fallen tree by the old Post Office/Doll House building next to the Congregational Church on the common. Stated that TLC has removed the large broken limb that fell on the roof, and noted that it also fell on the abutters property. There was some discussion between the Board, Francis audience members regarding who owns the building that is used by the Congregational Church. Francis stated it was owned by

the Meeting House Association, and is allowed to be used by the Church and is owned by the Wentworth Meeting House Association. Steve clarified that the immediate danger has been removed, John agreed. The Board discussed possibly removing the tree.

Steve asked John if the grading has been done. John stated grading will happen in the next week. He stated the planks have been repaired on Ellsworth Hill Bridge. Paul Ducharme inquired about ditching on Cross Road. Stephen stated it is needed throughout the town.

The Board discussed with John the Beech Hill repair project. John stated that spoke with Dana White regarding the quote the Town received from him. Mr. White cannot hold the quote for \$55K until next year. There was a discussion regarding encumbering the funds for next year. Steve said we can put it off and put this on next year's budget. Francis asked why it was not being done in house. John stated we do not have the manpower.

John told the Board that there is a large tree down at Riverside Park. Francis and Ellie stated that it was Library property.

Jeff Ames presented the Board with NH Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) extension paperwork for the Emergency Operations Plan update, which Jeff stated he believed was last updated in 1996. The Board reviewed and signed the request for extension and the Administrative Assistant notarized the signatures.

Bob Durfee of Dubois and King was in attendance and addressed the Board regarding the repairs needed at Evans Bridge caused by the Spring flooding. Mr. Durfee spoke about the one year correction period, regarding the erosion/damage which occurred. He stated that the south east quadrant, where the contractor had stored their equipment, and they planted/reseed and reloamed to bring it back to its preproject state had not taken. There was also some erosion that occurred during the spring causing run off, and took off some rip rap as well. as some of area that had been previously seeded and loamed. Bob shared pictures of before and after the spring runoff. The contractor has agreed to reloam and reseed. Mr. Durfee also discussed the rip rap, the upper and lower stone area. He stated the water got behind the stone, and the contractor has agreed to do fix the area, but proposes to do additional work. Rather than just reloam and reseed, he suggests putting stone rip rap back in the area. This contractor is willing to do the repair work based on his original costs at a total cost of \$824.00. Francis stated he feels it is either engineering or construction fault. Steve stated that he felt it was up to the Engineering company to fix the problem. Mr. Durfee stated that he does not want any ill will, and his firm will pay for the additional costs of the stone. Kenyon asked Mr. Durfee if he would forward electronically, the pictures that were presented at the meeting. Mr. Durfee said he would do so.

Richard Borger stated he was in attendance as a Trustee of the Congregational Church in regards to the tree damage that occurred during the recent wind storm. The Board stated that the tree limb was removed today. Mr. Borger said he didn't realize it had already been taken care of.

Wayne Decotis also spoke to the Board regarding the small triangle of grass at the town common in front of the doll house. He asked if the town would consider deeding it to the church. Steve stated that they should present paperwork to the Town and they would discuss it.

Francis asked about the perambulation. The Board reviewed the letter received from the Town of Rumney. The Town of Rumney asked about time frame for the work to be done, whether Wentworth is seeking bid or planning on doing it in-house, and the anticipated cost of the project. The Board asked the office to draft a letter of response to review at their next meeting.

The Board discussed and approved locking a property taken by deed on NH Rte 25a.

Francis asked if there is a problem with getting metals to the dump. The Board stated they are not aware of a problem. Paul Ducharme stated that it was his belief that the person that collects the metal had had a truck break down, and a container should be back on site soon.

The Board approved a request from the Administrative Assistant to attend a QuickBooks training to be held September 16, 2014.

Pete Santom motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:32 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) – Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled, seconded by David McMullen and approved. The Board discussed assessing the 15% penalty regarding deeded properties, and again reiterated their previous decision made on August 5, 2014, that all properties taken by deed and repurchased by a previous owner shall be charged the State required 15% penalty. The Board also discussed sealing/locking a property that was taken by deed on Rte 25a. Steve motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:48 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

David McMullen announced that Board was back in Public Meeting and had made the decision to continue to apply the 15% penalty to all repurchased deeded properties. The Board also made a decision to seal off town deeded property located on Rte 25a.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by David and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover
Minutes accepted by

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of August 20, 2014

Present: Pete Santom, Stephen Davis, David McMullen and Catherine Stover

The Board discussed, via email, a request received to access a town owned property located on Rowentown Road. No decisions were made, as the Board is awaiting direction from legal on the matter.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover
Minutes accepted by

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting August 26, 2014

Present: Steve Davis and Catherine Stover

Also Present:

NO QUORUM OF SELECTMEN, NO MEETING HELD.