

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN  
Selectmen's Working Meeting  
of April 04, 2017

Present: Ray Youngs, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Donna King, Kevin Gilbert

Ray motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Pete and approved. The Board reviewed the Agenda and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Reviewed and Signed two Vendor Checks
- Racetrack Contract – Dean Hansen
- DOT Fuel Distribution Agreement
- Transfer Station signage & pricing
- State of NH DRA – Appraisal Report
- NHDES M/L 1-4-8 Expired Construction Approval for Septic
- NH Preservation Alliance / Town Hall 2017 project

Chief Trott was welcomed to speak and present a status update. The Chief mentioned that Dean Hanson with the Legion Speedway (Racetrack) stopped in with his Contract. Mr. Hanson paid his \$25.00 fee for the permit license, and discussed a wage increase that Chief Trott had in place for the new season. Mr. Hanson received a copy of the contract, and ordinance, along with a receipt for his payment. The Board questioned if there had been any request of change in the hours or days, that the races were being held. The Chief denied any changes being agreed upon, but stated that Mr. Hanson did request, the Racetrack to be granted an additional 15 minutes ending at 10:15 pm. This request was made because at times the races are postponed due to the waiting of another ambulance or provider to show up, so that the racing event can continue. The Board was **NOT** in favor of extending the hours. The hours of operation must end by 10:00 pm., as stated in the Contract Ordinance.

Ms. Kay Bailey discussed with The Board, a couple of issues that she felt strongly about as a Trustee of the Webster Memorial Library, including matters with an Oath of Office taken by Sharon Sanborn. The Board prodded for reasons, trying to understand why this sensitive topic became a heated discussion with Ms. Bailey. The Board offered to contact "free" Municipal Legal Services and try to get some answers. The Board stated they would be in contact with Ms. Bailey with their findings, after the legal discussion. This heated discussion left Ms. Bailey frustrated, stating she "knows where she stands", as she chose to leave the meeting.

The Board stated they would be making some changes in the Policies and Procedures Handbook somewhere in the next few weeks. This will include performance reviews, evaluations by peers, Department Heads, and The Select Board. More to come in the near future.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave a status update. He said, "Plowing is finally done", as we all chuckled, knowing this is New England. He mentioned that Brown's Lane is a bit chewed up from plowing this winter, and the asphalt is broken apart and a mess. Kevin questioned what constitutes this as a Town Road for maintenance? The Administrative Assistant was asked by The Board to

look into the requirements and guidelines with Legal Services, for maintaining a road with only two houses. Kevin continued to inform The Board that he recently dumped (2) loads of stone on Atwell and Saunders Hill Roads to help with the dips and ruts. In the springtime he will grade the roads and use the vibratory roller.

Ms. Donna King spoke about a couple of Lien's/Redemptions that were stumbled upon and need to be handled on the Municipal side for the Pease/Blodgett property, M/L 08-01-09. The Board asked the Administrative Assistant to look into this. Ms. King stated she gave the paperwork to Ms. Deb Vlk, Treasurer to look into the municipal side of it.

The Board asked for The Administrative Assistant to provide them with contact information in order to reach the Towns Legal Services and Free Municipal Legal Services.

### **The Board DID NOT extend an invitation to Privilege of the Floor**

#### **Non-Public Meeting #1**

At 6:50 pm, Ray motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting - per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting, seconded by Pete and approved. Donna King / Personal Matter.

The Board listened, and accepted the Letter of Resignation provided by Ms. King. The Board thanked her for her service to the Town of Wentworth. Donna agreed to stay on as a name only Deputy, for the time being.

Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:25 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

#### **Non-Public Meeting #2**

At 7:30 pm, Pete motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting - per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting, seconded by Ray and approved. Kevin Gilbert / Personal Matter.

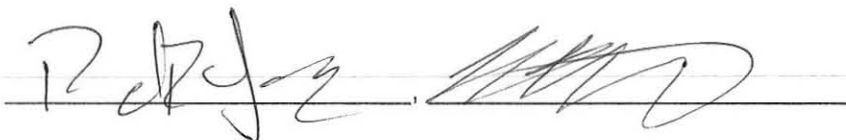
The Board discussed a couple of complaints with the plowing. They also address the priority of shoveling (both) walkways at the Town Office, prior to the Office opening @ 9:00 am.

Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public @ 7:50 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 8:05 pm and seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

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