

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting
June 07, 2017

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Ray Youngs, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Donny Adams, Kevin Gilbert, Jordan King, Omer Ahern, Jr., Kevin Kay, Paul Ducharme

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

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Timber Intent OP #17-475-08
- Reviewed Credentials for Palmer Koelb
- Letter for OHRV Connector Trails & Crossings
- Meeting Minutes, 4/4/17 Non-Publics
- Travelers, John Neis vs Primex (email of warnings)

Chief Trott was welcomed to speak and told of normal complaints in Town which happen to be Domestic Violence. The Chief shared the races are going well. There's been a total of 5 races, 3 actually held, and 2 cancelations due to rain. "Each of the races ended by or at the scheduled hours of 22:00 (10:00pm)", said Chief Trott.

Omer Ahern, Jr., Grafton County Commissioner of District 3 was invited to speak. Mr. Ahern spoke of his accomplishments and credibility since being in office, over the last 5 months. He shared information on recent projects and ones he's presently undertaking. He expressed his thoughts and concerns on the Grafton County Nursing Home and its Employees, The Dept. of Corrections and the Inmates, along with The County Farm, having the Best Dairy Cows and one of the best working Herdsmen. It didn't matter what Mr. Ahern spoke of, you could feel his compassion, desire to thrive, and the willingness to make changes and succeed at it. The Board thanked him for his service and courtesy call.

Jordan King was invited to speak with the Select Board. The Board asked Mr. King how soon and when he thought that a Timber Cut could be done on the Town owned property (Van Deusen, and Turner Rd lots). The Board felt the monies collected from the timber cut could help compensate Mr. King for his management plan proposal and estimate. The Board asked Mr. King for his feedback, and help in prepping for the cut. They asked him to come back in two weeks for a decision.

Kevin Kay was invited to speak to the public. Mr. Kay said he understands that there's a petition in Town being passed around. This petition is to allow Residents Only at the Hamilton Field and Riverside Park. Mr. Kay spoke of a committee formed some time ago, that wanted the public to have the ability to use this resource. He felt it was necessary to share his experience with this and as former Police Chief this will be an enormous can of worms this would be to open. He said it would cause an increase in parking tickets, patrolling the area, and a revision of ordinances. Mr. Kay did mention and suggest that if the Town was in favor of this, maybe they could create a placard for each household to use. Paul Ducharme also spoke of his feelings and the liabilities with parking in these areas that are crowded.

Kay Bailey was invited to speak. Ms. Bailey shared that there will be brush/trees cut and removed from around the Fire Station/Library areas. This will allow painting to be done to the backside of the Fire Station. Jeff Ames and Craig Scheller will look at the lot lines of the property. Ms. Bailey specified that Mr. Ames would be happy to speak to The Board if they had any questions or concerns. Ray Youngs mentioned there was a lot of poison ivy behind the buildings and people should be aware. Ms. Bailey said she was aware of Bamboo, but not ivy.

The Board extended an invitation to Privilege of the Floor

The Administrative Assistant spoke of a recent estimated cost for NH Primex insurance of roughly \$28,000.00. The current insurance that the Town holds is with Travelers. for property liability and Zurich for Workers Comp. costs roughly \$60,000.00. Rick Alpers, with NH Primex met with Ms. Patten, Administrative Assistant and collected the necessary paperwork for the proposals, and addressed necessary questions and concerns she had. Mr. Alpers felt confident they could work with the Town and deliver a competitive price.

Mr. Ahern mentioned a company called NEEBCo. New England Employee Benefits Company (NEEBCo) is a leading employee benefits and insurance firm that combines advanced technology and responsive, personalized service to provide tailored market analysis and custom funding solutions for employers and employees. The Administrative Assistant was asked by The Board to check it out. Mr. Ahern gave her a contact name of Julie Libby, from the County Administrative Office who could offer some assistance with NEEBCo. New England Employee Benefits Company (NEEBCo) is a leading employee benefits and insurance firm that combines advanced technology and responsive, personalized service to provide tailored market analysis and custom funding solutions for employers and employees. Don Adams mentioned that he has seen the Town Highway trucks in the North Haverhill area. Mr. Gilbert, Road Agent quickly addressed the situation as the Town is purchasing product (5/8 Staymat and 3/4 Crushed Gravel) from Chief Crushing & Excavation, Inc. Mr. Adams shared his feelings which were neither yay nor nay on the subject.

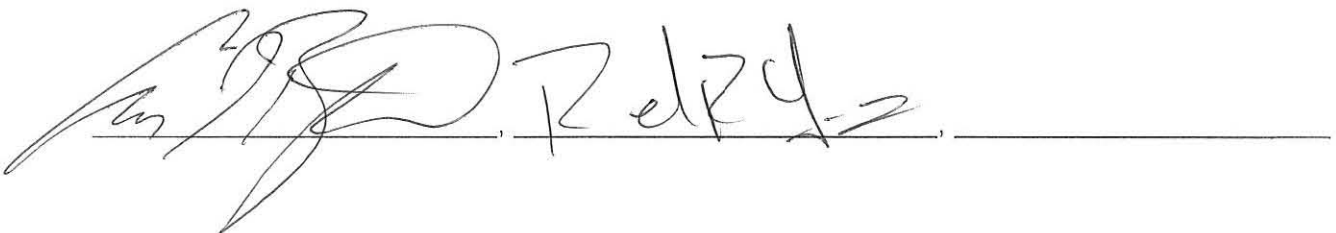
Non-Public Meeting #1

At 7:02 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. Kevin Gilbert & Chris Bassingthwaite / Complaint on Cross Rd. The Board discussed this matter with Chief Trott. Two Select Board members drove out to the site of complaint for an inspection, which was not conclusive. The investigation was followed up by Chief Trott, who recorded the incident. The complaint made was unfounded.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 7:07 pm and seconded by Chris and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arlene Patten', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.