

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN  
Selectmen's Business Meeting  
Sept. 13, 2017

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Tracy Currier and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Kevin Gilbert, Morgan Currier, George Morrill, Joseph Vaughn, Jr., Patrice Sevigny, Tim Minear, Glenn Campbell, Pam Gerlich, Christine Crane

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

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Payroll & Vendor Checks
- Glenn Campbell, Application Review, Transfer Station Attendant
- Statement Approval for Rock Transportation
- Review of Budget for Transfer Station
- 2017 MS1 \* Summary Inventory of Valuation
- NHDRA Reimbursement to Town & Cities (Fed. & State Forest land is situated)
- Primex - NH Dept. of Labor Notices
- Declaration of Disaster
- Baker River Water Test Results
- Complaint 8/26/17 about Transfer Station
- Holden Engineering

Chief Trott was invited to give a status update. The Chief said things are going fairly well. The Chief went on to mention to The Board that his during the last couple of weeks, he's been quite busy with; (2) VT Sex Offender Travel Permits, Investigate possible squatters/unfounded, Racetrack Detail-no issues, Request to speak with officer x's (2), Landlord Tenant issue, Reported Violation of Protective Order, Criminal Threatening Report- report taken, Service of Civil paperwork, School opening and school patrols. Tom Corliss-plea & sentencing hearing took place at Grafton Co. Superior Court. He received 15-30 yrs.- stand committed on the Todd Downing Homicide, from 2<sup>nd</sup> degree to Negligent Homicide. Chief Trott also shared concern with phone scams and cautioned the public about donating to help those with the aftermath of recent Hurricanes. There was a disorderly conduct complaint at the Town Office, a service of final order of protection with Plymouth Family Court, Assisted the Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service x's (2), Illegal dumping-under investigation, Animal cruelty report-unfounded, citizen assist-WPD office, an email Scam involving NH Dept. of Health and Human Services, and a Civil Standby- power shut off with NH Electric Coop.

Arlene Patten, Administrative Assistant gave a status update. She mentioned that she had a follow up phone call with NRRA about pricing for Electronic and a recent bill received. The Select Board and administrative Assistant had minimal information and therefore, it was thought the costs were too high to continue. After a discussion, it was told to her that the NRRA charges buy weight at .14 cents a pound, and that last pick up there was roughly (50) electronics, including TV's, CPU's, Microwaves, and etc. of (4) gaylords full. This is great news and a savings compared to the alternative disposal with Whitcher's, of which would cost the Town \$25.00 for each. The information was taken back to the Select Board. The Select Board withdrew their choice to

discontinue, on basis of not having enough information. Chris made a motion to continue with the NRRRA, seconded and approved by Tracy. Another note of interest; The Town has an appt. scheduled with Interstate Fire Protection, to replace fire extinguishers as stated in proposal, on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave a status update on the roads and bridges. He mentioned that ditching, reshaping of roads, along with flushing of culverts, continue to be done from the storm damage in July. Kevin said that a grader training with UNH1 took place at the Town Office and at the Highway Shed. UNH trained and used Bullseye Curve Rd. for grader training purposes. The Town Highway also rented equipment to mow sides of the roads. Calcium has also been spread on the dirt roads.

Mr. Minear questioned the Road Agent about the manhole cover/drainage grate in front of the Post Office and if something could be done with it, such as; possibly raising it up instead of the almost two foot drop. He also mentioned that in the winter months, ice builds there and it's dangerous. Mr. Minear asked about some piles of dirt on 72 Ellsworth Hill Rd. that are piled near the driveway. The Road Agent said he was not aware of any piles of dirt and said while looking into the drainage at the Post Office he would also look into this. Mr. Minear then gave a status update on the Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service as a member of the Board of Directors. He said the ambulance has totally turned itself around, and they are now seriously running in the black financially. There are rumors of (2) of EMT's that are being reprimanded with extra schooling, and a year of probation, said Minear, for a recent incident. No further details were given.

Glenn Campbell, (Fill in) for Transfer Station gave a status update. Things are going well at the Transfer Station, and we have seen a rise with income for the disposal of items. After several complaints of other Town's dumping here illegally, a series of questions, verification and proof are being required to filter out the errors. Dump Stickers are being issued after proof is made. The grounds are clean, materials organized and people are happy with the outcome. Christine Crane spoke up on behalf of Sara & Tim Brown. She said that she was there because of some rumors said in Town about a new employee who's taking over, and Tim was in jeopardy of not getting his job back. The Select Board stated that Glenn is there helping and no decisions have been made to replace Tim. George Morrill and Glenn Campbell will be attending the Pemi Baker Solid Waste upcoming meeting/training. There are training credits for attending, said George.

Ms. Pam Gerlich questioned a logging job that's been going on for some time and wondered when they would be wrapping it up off of Frescoln Road. The Chief and Road Agent recently went out to confirm and check in on this. They reported back that indeed there is a logging job in the works, and they should be finishing up in the next couple of weeks. The job was originally put for a logging job on Ellsworth Hill Road which extends to Frescoln, which is quite a large area of approx. 250+ acres. Ms. Gerlich also mentioned she was pleased with the road conditions in her neighborhood.

Water Testing has recently been done and we are awaiting the results.

Chris motioned to come out of the Public Meeting and go into the Non-Public at 7:20 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

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

At 7:30 pm, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting - per **RSA 91-A:3, II(d)** Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would

likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community, seconded by Tracy and approved. Joseph Vaughn, Jr. / Repurchase of Deeded Property. The Board discussed the lien paperwork on the property (M/L 12-2-1) that was taken by deed, at #8 Hurricane Dr. The Board listened to the couple and the hardships they've endured. The Board asked Mr. Vaughn and Ms. Sevigny to please step out while they had a discussion and came up with a plan. The Board invited Mr. Vaughn back to the discussion and agreed to allow Him the ability to repurchase his property for the sum of \$7000.00, to cover back taxes and the penalties associated with the deeding process. Mr. Vaughn agreed to the said amount by bank certified check and timeframe deadline set for Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 8:05 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to return to Public session at 8:06, seconded by Tracy and approved. There were no further needs at that time. Chris motioned to go into next Non-Public at 8:07 pm.

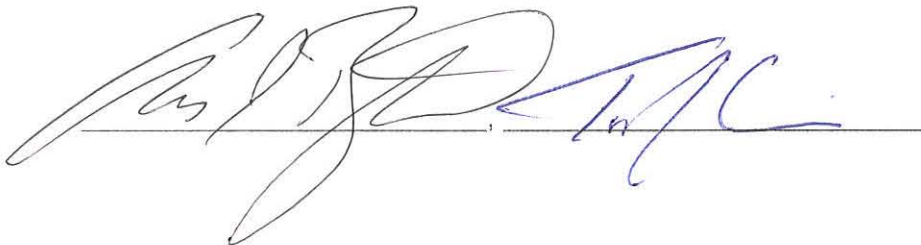
### **Non-Public Meeting #2**

At 8:10 pm, Chris 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 Tracy and approved. Arlene Patten / Personnel Matter. The Board listened to the concerns the Administrative Assistant had and reviewed the recent work performed with NH Primex Insurance. Primex had assisted with the necessary paperwork, regarding FMLA and the illness of an employee. Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 8:15pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to be 'Arlene Patten'.