

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN  
Selectmen's Business Meeting  
Sept. 26, 2017

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Ray Youngs, Tracy Currier and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Kevin Gilbert, Morgan Currier,  
George Morrill, Sharon Sanborn.

Chris motioned to open the meeting at 6:04 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Payroll & Vendor Checks
- Repurchase of Deeded Property - Done
- MS-535 Financial Report
- MS-60 Compilation Report by Crane & Bell
- Yield Tax on Timber Cut, 17-475-01
- Notice of Intent OP #17-475-11
- Oath of Office Form / Redo
- Privilege of the Floor Rules (Backside of Agenda)
- Meeting Minutes needing Signatures 6/14/17, 6/21/17, 6/28/17,  
7/2/17, 7/5/17, 7/19/17, 7/26/17, 8/02/17, 8/09/17, 8/16/17, 8/23/17,  
8/31/17, 9/06/17, 9/20/17

Chief Trott was invited to give a status update. The Chief said He's been busy and things are going fairly well. The Chief went on to mention to The Board that during the last couple of weeks, he's taken care of; (2) VT Sex Offender Travel Permits, Domestic call-one taken to jail-one taken to hospital-both parties have since moved out of Wentworth, Safety Meeting and drill at WES-a continuation and fine tuning the EOP for the school-as the school year progresses-future drills will be exercised-some planned-some not, Race Track details (2) there was only one issue which is currently being addressed by Chief Trott and the involved driver, WPD conducted a dept. assist for another agency regarding a bad check investigation, WPD followed up on a criminal threatening report which turned out to be a mental health issue-Family members have taken care of the issue, M/V complaint taken and addressed and documented for future reference, WPD took a report of a stolen dog from a Wentworth resident-the dog was located in Bradford VT by the Wentworth Animal Control Officer and reunited with owners. The Chief also mentioned that EverSource will be conducting fly over inspections of their power lines and equipment on Sept. 27 between 8-16:00 hours. The helicopter will be blue and yellow in color. The Chief also spoke of needing an additional key for his part time police officer. Chief was unable to have more keys made. George Morrill relinquished his key to the doors of the Town Office, so that the Chief would temporarily have on for Officer Eck. The Chief handed a proposal to The Select Board from JS Adams Lock and Key to have (2) new locks and additional keys made for the building. He said, its unknown who has keys and/or access to the building, over the last several years. It was discussed that a sign out sheet should be established for the occasional needs of access to the building when doors are closed to public. The Select Board agreed with the Chief.

Arlene Patten, Administrative Assistant gave a status update. Arlene attended a training in the Town of Canaan for the "new" web portal to download FEMA projects and updates. The class was quite detailed and very informative. FEMA paperwork and bills are being dealt with and updates to the Excel spreadsheets are being done. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> the FEMA team and Field Specialists will be out to make sure we are doing well with updates and to answer any questions we might have.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave a status update on the roads and bridges. All road work is basically complete for FEMA, with some last minute fine tuning of Cross Road, and Rowentown Roads. Kevin mentioned he went up Ellsworth Hill Road and found no piles of dirt that were mentioned at the last meeting by Tim Minear. Things are looking good and they are replenishing the stock piles of materials that were used during the storm.

Glenn Campbell, (Fill in) gave a status update on the Transfer Station. He said things are going very well.

Sharon Sanborn and Kay Bailey discussed concerns and needs for the Webster Memorial Library Trustees and them having an alternate Trustee, whereas one member just stepped down. The Selectmen asked them to invite the alternate candidate, Christine Santom to the next meeting to be sworn in and take an Oath of Office.

Ray questioned a substantial amount of money in check form of (\$2600.00) written to DeSorbo Builders, LLC from the Highway Dept. for an Inv. #246 for Material & Labor, and the Installation of two exhaust fans (no wiring included). They also sintered trusses at Transfer Station C&D and the Highway Salt Shed.

The Selectmen asked the Administrative Assistant to look into doing a silent bidding process on a piece of land owned by the Town, taken by tax deed. Chris motioned to start the process, seconded and approved by Ray.

The Selectmen decided that they would put on hold looking for an Engineering Firm at this time for the Frescoln Bridge. They decided, and did not want to go with Dubois & King.

There was a brief discussion on the large rock statue out front of the Town Offices and how this made it to the location. Originally, it was offered to Palmer Koelb for the Veteran's Memorial but it was thought that it symbolized a cross and wasn't a good fit for the Town Common. Because it was donated to the Town, it was agreed to place it at the Town Offices. There has been many mixed feelings about the location, and it was stated that it would be discussed at the Town Meeting in March 2018,

Chris motioned to come out of the Public Meeting and go into the Non-Public at 7:13 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

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

At 7:22 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. The Board listened to the concerns of inappropriate accusations, slander and personal threats that have been made toward an employee. The Selectmen wanted it noted (with Chief Trott present) that if any further incidents took place, there would be record of such.

The Board also decided that if any complaints were phoned in or told verbally, they would not be accepted. They must all be filed and in a written, formal complaint letter (available on website or at Town Offices). Ray motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 7:33 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 7:33 pm and seconded by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:



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