

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting
November 7, 2017

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

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Sharon Sanborn, Chip Stata,
Mike Santom, Jordan King, Kevin Gilbert, Glenn Campbell, George Morrill

Chris motioned to open the meeting at 6:01 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Payroll & Vendor Checks
- Veteran's Credit Application Approval
- Senator Giuda & Duane Brown's Letter / Storm Damage
- NHDES – King Forest – Compliance Inspection
- Yield tax on Report of Cut, OP # 17-475-09 & OP # 17-475-03

The Select Board chose to share a letter written by Senator Bob Giuda and Duane Brown. These men offered their assistance to help with the recent October 30th storm damages in the local communities.

The Selectmen mentioned that there was lots of damage to the Town roads, from the recent storm. There were many washouts, said Chris as he continued to tell of damages that he had seen and witnessed. There was a total of (7) families that were basically stranded on the opposite side of the washouts. The Road Agent worked swiftly and efficiently to resolve the situations in the Southern parts of Town. The following roads; Rowentown Road, Cross Road, and Frescoln Roads were hit the hardest. The Cross Road Bridge was washed out and needed quick repairs, as well as the immediate needs on Rowentown Road. Ms. Sharon Sanborn questioned, who worked as contractors for the Town. It was discussed that the Police Chief, Wallace Trott and Select Chairman, Chris Bassinthaite; immediately stepped up that morning and were requested by Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent to drive Town dump trucks. Mr. Noel King also helped with the assistance of retrieving downstream and placing the two washout culverts back on Cross Road Bridge. The Road Agent stated the Bridge is back working and even better than before. Mr. Paul Davis, Sr., also assisted with bringing in materials to various areas of need. More information will be reported as the paperwork makes its way to the Administrative Assistants desk.

Chief Trott was invited to give a status update. The Chief said He's been busy with the recent storm damage and with other Police stuff too. He noted that He recently received notice regarding a rescinded DVO - served on a resident. He has also assisted with a civil standby - no issues, a complaint received and resolved with a resident's dog, a MVA - car vs Fire Truck - with no injuries, an iPhone 7 Plus was found on road – run over and broken, a sex offender registration, report of unlawful activities – littering outside local Transfer Station, and a felony report taken – which is an active and ongoing investigation.

Arlene Patten, Administrative Assistant gave a status update. The recent tax information has been filed and downloaded to the DRA website and the tax rate set at 25.66. She also mentioned a discussion took place with Thomas Phiefer, FEMA Rep, about necessary paperwork and finalizing the completion process of the July Storm. He offered his assistance and said he was available to help if the Town needed it. The Administrative Assistant also made mention that it was confirmed that she would be out for surgery, which was scheduled for Nov. 30th and Deb Vlk would be covering the office to the best of her ability, helping and assisting with phones, email, meeting minutes, payroll and vendor checks.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave a status update on the roads and bridges. He mentioned that lots of material and hours have been applied to correcting the recent storm damage. He said the roads are passable, but more attention is needed to bring them back to the way they were. He went on to say that the power outages have made it difficult for many residents, and the high winds were responsible for the amount of trees and branches that took wires down, blocking roads and leaving many without power for up to a week, including the Town Offices. Gilbert said he was happy to see that the Ellsworth Hill Bridge/Culvert at Camp Victory, did as well as it did during this storm.

Glenn Campbell, Transfer Station Attendant gave a status update. Rick Alpers with Primex, stopped by the Transfer Station for the Inspection and pointed out some needs for immediate correction. He pointed out that; the C&D should have a rail or pole to block the gap between ground and containers, so no accidents of someone falling into area, need signage on Compactor, Sharps are no longer to be dropped off at the Station – they should be brought to local hospital, ambulance station or residents should check with their dr.'s offices, as to where they dispose of them. The Swap meet area needs some repairs. Glenn stated that he was looking at receiving (3) quotes for new stickers for 2018, He's working on SOP. Jpb descriptions, and there was a scheduled pickup tomorrow the 8th for electronics. He asked permission with the Board for a posting to website for a couple of fill in positions. The Board said they've heard many great things including the station is the cleanest it's ever been.

Chip Stata, Chair Trustee of Trust Funds, was invited to speak of the Plummer's Forest and what's currently happening. Mr. Stata made mention that he has been playing phone tag with the Assistant Attorney General on Charitable Trusts, Terry Knowles. He stated he has emailed Ms. Knowles and has received no replies. He shared his frustrations with this whole process. When asked where the Grant process stands, He stated the process is no longer valid, because of the litigation that is ongoing with the Plummer Trust.

The Board asked the Administrative Assistant, if in July (during the compilation process) the monies that Crane & Bell (Accountant) stated the Town needed to reimbursed the Trust, because of illegal actions had been done? The Board recalled, that they told Mr. Stata during a brief meeting that day in July that all work was to cease and desist, because it was done illegally, according to information told to Ms. Letson by Ms. Knowles. The Admin. Assistant stated she was unaware if monies had actually been moved, and would follow up with Ms. Tammy Letson, from Crane & Bell.

After further discussion, Chris made a motion that all work would stop on the Plummer's Forest from here forward, approved and seconded by Ray and Third by Tracy. It was agreed by The Board, that no monies would be moved or paid out to the Plummer Forester, until there was a decision made from Ms. Knowles. The Admin. Assistant will reach out to Ms. Knowles for some follow up.

Chris motioned to come out of the Public Meeting and go into the Non-Public at 6:50 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:50 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. Select Board / Personnel Matter. The Board asked the Administrative Assistant to contact the Town's Attorney on a legal/private matter. Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 7:05 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Ray motioned to go into another Non–Public Meeting at 7:06 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 7:06 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 Tracy and approved. Select Board / Personal Matter. The Board discussed the need for a process to be in place which would prevent a Select Board member from receiving payment for work, during a disaster. Ray motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:40 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to adjourn at 7:47 pm and seconded by Tracy 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 fluid and cursive.