

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

**Minutes February 1, 2005 Meeting
&
Budget Hearing**

Present: Francis Muzzey, Palmer Koelb, John Millican and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Bob Sanderson, Nicole Verpault, John Downing, Ellie Murray, Gini Gove
Carol Friedrich, Noel King, Chief Robert Schneiderhan, Deb Gossel, Debra
Gelsi, Juanita Farnsworth, Rich Lipman, and Louis A. Ruggiero

John moved to open the meeting at 5:03 PM. This was seconded by Francis and approved.

Bob Sanderson and Nicole Verpault, talked to Selectmen about auditing standards and what they do when conducting an audit. In addition to random testing, they review MS forms, contact attorneys, insurance companies, banks and financial institutions that confirm the records of the Town.

Chief Schneiderhan agreed to charge the hourly rate of the patrolmen for school functions. The Chief said he has an estimate for the peeling paint on the hood of the Police cruiser and the town will have to pay 50% of the cost (\$250) and Ford will pay 50%. Selectmen requested he get other quotes from Kelly in Rumney, and David Brown.

Chief Schneiderhan discussed a complaint about a school bus driver on Buffalo Rd backing up at a stop before picking up students (instead of picking the students up first and then backing up). After being notified, the bus company did not respond satisfactorily and the Chief notified the Department of Transportation. A member of the Department of Transportation viewed the area with the Chief and agreed with the recommended procedure. The Dept of Transportation will make the recommendation to the bus company. The Chief also advised that there is no contract with the bus company. Selectmen agreed a sign, slow bus turnaround, could be purchased if one didn't already exist. The Chief will check to see if there are any signs stored at the highway garage. Chief Schneiderhan told the Selectmen he will be retiring in August 2005.

Debra Gelsi had concerns about the supplemental billing she received for the well and the septic.

John Downing asked if the Selectmen know how the assessor determines the value of the well and septic. Selectmen agreed to get the information from the assessor and advise.

Francis moved to go into the Budget Hearing at 7:00 PM. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Francis went through all the Warrant Articles and reviewed the Budget amounts for each one.

After some discussion, Francis moved to increase the highway lighting budget to \$2,250. This was seconded by John and approved.

Palmer moved to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 8:45 PM and return to the regular meeting. This was seconded by Francis and approved.

Selectmen signed a Veterans Tax Credit application for Tony Cassall, M/L 08-11-26 and Intent to Cut for Bruce Pollock, M/L 12-01-04B.

John moved to accept the January 25, 2005 minutes. This was seconded by Francis and approved.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Woolner

Minutes accepted _____, _____, _____.

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

February 8, 2005 Meeting

Present: Francis Muzzey, Palmer Koelb, John Millican & Janet Woolner

Also Present: Roy Ames, Rick Vincent, Don Goodwin, Ellie Murray, Bobby Cass,
Bernie Waugh and Gini Gove

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:00 PM. This was seconded by John and approved.

Bobby Cass had the quotations to repair brakes on the 350-truck. Francis moved to accept Roy's bid of \$1,505.25 (two hundred dollars less than the next bid) and authorized the repair if the highway budget is accepted at Town Meeting. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Roy Ames questioned the well and septic supplemental billing and after lengthy discussion, with Rick Vincent, the appraiser, Selectmen agreed the supplemental billing is correct.

Don Goodwin wants to know the classification of the Old Orford Rd. Francis believes the road is a class 6, however, doesn't have proof. Selectmen agreed they would seek counsel and advise.

Atty Bernie Waugh, from Gardner, Fulton & Waugh, provided an update and answered questions relative to the 2004 Municipal Law Update.

Palmer moved to approve the A&W Auto quotation to repaint the hood on the Police Cruiser. This was seconded by Francis and approved.

Francis moved to approve the elderly exemption change for Robert Palmer. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

John moved to accept the February 1, 2005 minutes. This was seconded by Francis and approved.

Francis moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Woolner

Minutes accepted _____, _____, _____.

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

February 15, 2005 Meeting

Present: Francis Muzzey, Palmer Koelb, John Millican and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Janice and John Thompson, John Downing, John Alger and Gini Gove

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:00 pm. This was seconded by Francis and approved.

Francis moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II (c). This was seconded by John and approved. Francis moved to come out of non-public session at 6:15 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved. Francis moved to have the office call the State of NH to obtain more information on a motor vehicle registration exemption for a Town Veteran. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Francis moved to approve the elderly exemption for Joan Phillips M/L 01-02-01. This was seconded by John and approved.

Palmer moved to accept the February 8, 2005 minutes. This was seconded by John and approved.

Francis moved to go on record that he believes there has been mismanagement of the finances by the highway department.

The Selectmen agreed to recognize the layout of June 13, 1805 (possibly know as "The Old Orford Road") as a three rod, non-maintained, class VI Road.

John Alger meet with Selectmen, and Selectmen asked John if he would follow up with DOT on their concerns regarding construction plans for Rte 25 on the Wentworth/Warren town line and also asked John to follow up with DES about the delay in the landfill closure.

Selectmen signed an abatement refund request for the Selectmen's Office regarding David Richardson M/L 08-13-14.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm. This was seconded by John and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Woolner

Minutes accepted _____, _____, _____.

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

February 22, 2005 Meeting

Present: Francis Muzzey, Palmer Koelb, John Millican and Janet Woolner

Also Present: Atty. Adele Fulton, Rick Vincent, Atty. Tom Cowie, Mary Bringman, Kathleen Kastama, John Downing, Gini Gove, Paul Davis Jr., Bobby Cass, George Wilks, and Mike Wright

John moved to open the meeting at 4 pm. This was seconded by Francis and approved. Kathleen Kastama asked if she could record the meeting. Adele Fulton, legal counsel for the Town, said yes if the Town could have a copy of the tape.

Kathleen questioned why she had not received a 1099 form from the Town of Wentworth for the interest received on the abatement refund. In addition, Kathleen questioned why there was no exemption for area D and area F, and why there is no 50% exemption for the ramp on their assessment for 2004. Kathleen also asked for the photos taken by the assessor be returned to her.

Francis explained that the Town had a new reassessment (ordered by DRA) last year. Adele further explained that the BTLA decision reflected years 2002 and 2003 and the order does not apply to 2004. Francis also advised that the town made an error and doubled the \$3,050 exemption amount on the 2004 assessment. The Town does not plan to ask for this money back, however, the correction has been made on for the 2005 assessment.

Tom Cowie, counsel for KAT PAW ACRES TRUST, asked if there was proof that the multipurpose room is an in-law apartment. Mr. Vincent and others explained that, even though it may not be used as an in-law apartment now, it has the capacity to be used as such.

Rick Vincent, appraiser, explained the reassessment was necessary to make the adjustments which was fair to other taxpayers. Francis, in his opinion, said the Town would keep the photos of the interior until this issue is settled. It was agreed the town would supply an updated copy of the tax card for 2004.

Adele requested that both attorneys and Selectmen visit the residence to view the interior areas in question. Adele suggested this as a way to resolve the issues of concern by Kathleen and Mary. Both Kathleen and Mary refused to authorize the attorneys and Selectmen to visit the site.

Kathleen stated the addition was put on in 2000, and they had owned the property since 1988. It was noted that area D was built with Mary's mother in mind and also that it could be used for Kathleen at some later date. Mary's mother is now in assisted living on Concord. Kathleen stated she was diagnosed with MS in 1987.

In summery, Kathleen and Mary want:

1. A 1099 for the interest on the abatement
2. Exemption for area D
3. 50% exemption for areas E and F and a 50% exemption for plumbing in area F
4. Signature on the tax card for 2002 and 2003.

Kathleen said they are due a \$10,000 exemption.

It was agreed that an updated assessment card for 2004 would be sent. Selectmen will make a copy of the tape and return the original.

Francis moved to go into non-public session for the purpose of discussing legal issues with Town counsel at 5:10 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved. Palmer moved to come out of non-public session at 5:55 pm. This was seconded by Francis and approved.

Francis moved to deny the 2004 abatement request for KAT PAW ACRES TRUST. The reason is the Selectmen and the attorneys were denied access to the areas in question and the assessor believes strongly that the property was fairly assessed for 2004. The town has approved the handicap exemption for the air conditioning and the paved driveway. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Bobby updated Selectmen on highway issues and truck repairs. Selectmen said they are still concerned about the amount of overtime hours and requested the highway department do what they can to reduce the amount of overtime hours especially when it is not storming.

Francis moved to approve the minutes for February 15, 2005. This was seconded by John and approved.

Selectmen need more information on the driveway permit for Heal on Frescoln Rd. They requested the Heals come in next week with the road agent to discuss the permit.

Francis moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. This was seconded by Palmer & approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Woolner

Minutes accepted _____, _____, _____.