

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

**Minutes
December 4, 2007 Meeting**

Present: Palmer Koelb, John Millican, Randy Morrison and Deb Koelb

Also Present: Randy Comsteller, Mary Davis, Paul Davis, Carol Freidrich, Kenyon Karl, Acting Chief Kevin Kay, Phillip Kendall, John Martin, Ellie Murray,

Palmer moved to open the meeting at 6:06 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen want Bobby to attend the next Selectmen's meeting in two weeks. Debbie will be contacting him.

Eugene wants to know when his "shack" will be torn down. His shed is cleaned out, stove is out of there per the Labor Dept., and Eugene is bringing in his own drinking water. An issue with used fluorescent bulbs was discussed. We missed the deadline to remove the bulbs to Plymouth, so they'll be held until the next drop-off date.

Per Kevin, all officers qualified in Firearms this past Saturday. He also mentioned that dispatch fees from Grafton County are up more than expected, so a budget increase will be requested in a warrant article for 2008. Kevin will check with Grafton County Dispatch on an acceptable pay date, hopefully the first week of January '08. Plymouth Dispatch is an alternative for us and Kevin will follow up on this, but he doesn't think it will make much of a difference in the budget.

Randy Morrison told Kevin that he will be finished reviewing the Rules & Regs Handbook the first of next week. Kevin asked for a "formal" hand-off from the Board back to the Police Department, which was agreed to by the Selectmen.

Plymouth Regional Clinic is requesting funding. We have not given them money in the past, and request is denied.

Mt. Moosilauke Health Center is looking for funding, and another \$2,500 request will be put on the 2008 Warrant. Tri-County Community Action is looking for funding, and another \$1,800 request will be put on the 2008 Warrant. Court Appointed Special Advocates [for children] (CASA) is requesting funding. This agency has not requested money from us in the past, the Selectmen think it's a favorable charity, and a \$500 request will be put on the 2008 Warrant.

Mary Davis received a \$1.00 raise in April, 2007. She was told at that time that her request for an additional .50/hour raise would be reviewed in 90 days. This is December and Mary wants her additional .50 raise. A decision will be made at the next Selectmen's meeting. Her raise will be retroactive if she is correct. (Note: Per Mary's request, this was not held in a non-public forum.)

Phillip Kendall, Wentworth resident, came in to discuss the penalty on his Inventory of Taxable Property. It is his opinion that the census (step #5) should not be tied into the property issues. He stated that a penalty on incomplete inventories puts "a bad taste" in peoples' mouths. Carol Freidrich will look up the RSA on these penalties and will get back to Mr. Kendall and to the Town with her findings.

The FEMA flood plain maps issue will be rescheduled to the next meeting. We need to look for the letter from the Town to FEMA from September, 2007.

"Reverse 9-1-1" bill is being sponsored by Carol Freidrich. Additionally, public meetings are being held across the county to discuss the Grafton County Jail expansion. Expansion costs are still much too high, and Carol would like townspeople present at the next meeting down in Bristol.

The Selectmen brought to Carol's attention the safety issues highlighted by the Labor Dept when they inspected the Town. Palmer gave examples of some safety violations that seem to be a waste of the Town's time and money to address.

A re-appointment form for Roy Ames as Forest Fire Warden from NH Forest & Lands (DRED) was signed by the Selectmen. The Department of Safety's Mapping Liaison form was filled out as well.

Minutes and Non-Public Minutes of November 20, 2007, and Special/Emergency Non-Public Minutes of November 29, 2007 were approved by Randy, seconded by John.

Paul Davis spoke to the Selectmen. He wanted to know who is plowing the fire hydrant, the Town or him. The Selectmen will let Paul know.

The Selectmen signed Refunds for Jarvis (M/L# 05-03-03); Rebele (M/L# 13-06-02); DeWolf (M/L# 11-07-26); Childers (M/L# 12-02-05); Morse (M/L# 11-06-03), and Abatements for Gentile (M/L# 05-02-06); Devine (M/L# 05-02-03); Crossman (M/L# 08-02-02). Selectmen signed an Intent to Cut for Sherwood (M/L# 05-03-20). Driveway permits were signed for: Palumbo (M/L# 05-03-17); Green Acre Woodlands (M/L# 04-03-07); and Pollock (M/L# 12-01-04B). Penalty reimbursements were denied for Kendall (M/L# 11-04-55) and Thomas (M/L# 02-02-01).

John Martin from Foreco came in and met with the Selectmen. He had requested a driveway permit for his client on Nichols Road, which the Selectmen signed.

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 7:52 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) to discuss matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of a person. This was seconded by John and approved. John moved to come out of non-public session at 8:12 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved.

No decision has been made yet on the waste oil issue.

A formal letter to Scott Anderson on the handicap ramp modifications will be written.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved by John.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah E. Koelb

Minutes accepted _____, _____, _____.

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**Minutes
December 18, 2007 Meeting**

Present: Palmer Koelb, John Millican, Randy Morrison and Debbie Koelb
Also Present: Carol Friedrich, Gini Gove, Acting Chief Kevin Kay, Kenyon Karl, Ellie Murray, Carl and Mary Saras, Cale Weeks, and William Melanson

John moved to open the meeting at 5:32 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Bobby Cass talked about repairs to his broken truck. Wants Andy Moglia to do a half-day of welding to the backhoe, and the Selectmen gave their permission for Bobby to contact Andy. Bobby brought in Cale Weeks to speak with the Selectmen about a possible part-time job with the Highway Department on a Work Release Program while still in high school. The Selectmen authorized Bobby to hire Cale once all the paperwork is complete. Cale will take Warren Davis' place in the one-ton truck. After a 90-day probationary period, a pay raise will be entertained. Cale will be working towards his CDL with Bobby's help.

John brought up the issue of Bobby's visibility in the Selectmen's meetings and wants Bobby here for the first meeting of each month. Grading of the roads needs improvement. Large rocks are left on many of the town roads. Bobby has told his men to pick up the rocks as they follow with the rake and will keep a closer watch on them to make sure this is done. Road speed of the plow trucks during town plowing was also discussed. John also questioned Bobby about his use of overtime for the week ending December 21. Palmer asked Bobby about the sander and the Cohen Steel bill. Hazard Mitigation Team Plan ideas were discussed – For example, there are culverts around town that wash out every year. John asked Bobby to make up a list of problems around town in the event that FEMA might help out financially. Randy asked for an update on the Highway Department's budget, which he will get to us.

The Selectmen reviewed the Homeland Security Grant Program letter with Kevin Kay. The Selectmen and Treasurer signed the letter. Jeff Ames' signature is needed and he will be called. Deadline for the Grant request for a base radio at the Fire Department is December 19, 2007.

The Selectmen signed a letter to have Scott Anderson complete the ramp at the old Town Hall.

The Event Application was signed for the King Lumber Christmas party on December 21 at the old Town Hall. The fee was waived.

The Intent to Cut for Patrick O'Donnell was signed (M/L# 01-02-15) and for Noel King (M/L# 05-07-08). A septic design was signed and stamped (Godfrey, M/L# 05-07-09).

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice requested a donation. Deb will call them and NH-VT Visiting Nurses Association and find out how many calls they each receive from Wentworth residents.

The Selectmen still need to work on a Safety Committee Handbook. Debbie will speak to Janet about this.

The Selectmen talked about combining the Selectmen's Meeting Room and Administrative Assistant's office. The Selectmen will discuss options with Janet upon her return from medical leave.

Palmer mentioned that the gates should be locked at Riverside Park and Hamilton Field for the winter. Both John and Randy agreed. A combination lock will be placed on both gates.

Carl and Sandy Salas came in to talk about the Wetlands Permit obtained for the property on Beech Hill Road (M/L# 05-01-04). The driveway permit was reviewed and signed by the Selectmen. Permission

has been given by the present owners to allow the Salas's to proceed with a driveway and wetlands permit. There was some issue with road access to the property, but the Salas' are "good to go".

Randy moved to go into non-public session at 7:15 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) to discuss matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of a person. This was seconded by John and approved. John moved to come out of non-public session at 7:52 pm. This was seconded by Randy and approved.

John moved to approve the Minutes and Non-public Minutes for December 4, 2007, as well as the Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Fair Hearing Board of November 29, 2007. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Carol Friedrich thanked residents for attending the final meeting relating to the planned Grafton County Jail. Carol would still like to see costs lowered, voiced her concerns including uses of alternate energy sources, and asked for letters to support a reduction in jail costs. Palmer will write a letter from the Selectmen. Palmer noted that he and Randy visited the current Grafton County Jail last week to prepare them for the meeting in Bristol and agreed that it was a very informative tour.

John moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. This was seconded by Palmer and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah E. Koelb

Minutes accepted by _____, _____, _____.