

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

Minutes December 07, 2010 Meeting

Present: Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison, Steve Davis and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Eric Merluzzi, Richard Slocum, Larry King, Bobby Cass, Craig Pasco, Larry Walker, Palmer Koelb, Chief Kevin Kay, Jeff Ames, Patricia Whiteneck , John Sargent DOT, Bob Juliano DOT, John Vlk, Mark Gallagher, Tony Burgess, Nick Casali

Francis motioned to open the meeting at 6 pm seconded by Steve and approved.

Bobby stated that the Highway Department was busy last week dealing with the wind and mud. On Thursday Randy Rugar and Larry Walker went out and smoothed out roads before they froze over. The major roads were very muddy. Steve asked about finish up work: culverts, plowing etc. Bobby stated the sand pile is all set. Bobby stated that he has gotten the signs for Atwell regarding the blind drive and children, and will post as soon as he can.

In regards to the Highway Department work hours, Bobby requested that the winter hours remain as they always have, from 5:30 am to 2:00 pm. Steve requested that Bobby continue to do his diligence to control hours. Steve stated that he appreciates what Bobby has done, and requests that Bobby continues to do as he has in keeping hours down. Although Francis stated he is opposed to the start time of 5:30 am, The Board has decided to keep the hours as they have been in the past; 5:30 am to 2:00 pm.

The Board discussed the long hours worked on Monday by the Highway Department. Chief Kay stated that he had spoken with Bobby the need to maintain roads due to snow. Chief Kay reported that the snow tires are now on the cruiser. He reported that their department responded to domestic dispute last week involving a shooting. There have also been a couple burglaries recently, 2 that were similar. He stated that they are entering unlocked homes, and he urged residents to be more diligent in keeping their homes locked. The Department is also dealing with associated paperwork due to cases. Chief Kay also mentioned an email he received from Dispatch regarding 2011 bill. Dispatch has not yet decided what the costs will be, and will be billing for only the first 6 months of the year. Chief Kay stated that he anticipates that costs will rise this year, but without knowing, this may impact his 2011 budget.

The Board reviewed and signed a Septic design presented by Eric Merluzzi regarding Maria Young on the Deutsch Residence property, M/L 05-01-10.

The Board also reviewed and signed requisitions submitted by the Highway Department to have Larry Walker work 19 hours, and for parts to rebuild the spare sander.

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes of the Meeting of November 30, 2010, and the Minutes of the Non-public Meeting held on November 30, 2010.

John Vlk was present and submitted an Abatement request for his property, M/L 13-06-07. Francis stated that he could have an assessor look at it.

DOT attended the meeting, represented by Bob Juliano, and John Sargent. DOT presented plans regarding the Bridge Rehabilitation Project of Bridge No 146/090, NH 25 & NH 118 over the Baker River. In addition to this Bridge, there are 2 other bridges that have recently been added to the list of upcoming projects on Rt 25. The DOT will obtain all permits needed. There was some discussion regarding the ability to add some walkway area on the bridge located by the Riverside Park, as well as issues related to lumber trucks accessing the road by Shawnee's. DOT will keep the town informed, and other public meetings will be scheduled.

The Board reviewed and signed the Policies & Procedures, Compensatory Time document. This document had previously been created, but had not been signed.

The Selectmen discussed the letter the town received from the snowmobile club. A motion was made by Francis, seconded by Randy and approved to give the club permission to travel/cross class 6 roads, until such time as it is revoked.

In regards to last weeks discussion of the Highway Garage Addition, the Board decided to revisit this issue next week.

Francis again asked the Board about the old outdated law books that were recently updated by Lexis. The Board stated that we should check with the library to see if they may be interested in them first, and if not, Francis may have them.

The Board has agreed to schedule the law firm, Gardner Fulton & Waugh to come and speak to the Board regarding Town owned Deeded Properties. The office will schedule.

Selectmen noted that the 2010 Christmas Potluck is scheduled for next Tuesday, 5 pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Supplemental Intent to Cut for Coursey, M/L 14-01-01, OP# 10-475-17
- Request from Rumney that Wentworth contribute \$200.00 to the associated costs of replacing parts on their glass crusher
- Payment Application No. 6 regarding Saunders Hill Bridge submitted by Dubois & King
- Septic design presented by Eric Merluzzi regarding Maria Young on the Deutsch Residence property, M/L 05-01-10
- Requisitions submitted by the Highway Department to have Larry Walker work 19 hours, and for parts to rebuild the spare sander
- Waldron Quick Claim Deed re: M/L 11-04-16

Francis moved to go into Non-Public (1) session, seconded by Randy at 7:35 pm, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Francis moved to come out of the non-public session at 7:43 pm.

Francis moved to go into Non-Public (2) session, seconded by Randy at 7:46 pm, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person.
Francis moved to come out of the non-public session at 7:55 pm.

Francis moved to go into Non-Public (3) session, seconded by Randy at 7:55 pm, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person.
Francis moved to come out of the non-public session at 8:10 pm.

Francis motioned to close the public meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Steve and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by _____, _____, and _____

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Non- Public Minutes (1) of December 07, 2010 Meeting

Present: Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison, Steve Davis and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Stephen Travers

Francis moved to go into a Non-Public session, seconded by Randy and approved at 7:35 pm, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Selectmen discussed an employment application for the Transfer Station. Francis moved to come out of the non-public session at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

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Non- Public Minutes (2) of December 07, 2010 Meeting

Present: Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison, Steve Davis and Catherine Stover

Also Present: George Evirs Jr.

Francis moved to go into a Non-Public session, seconded by Randy and approved at 7:46 pm, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Selectmen discussed an employment application for the Transfer Station. Francis moved to come out of the non-public session at 7:55 pm.

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Non- Public Minutes (3) of December 07, 2010 Meeting

Present: Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison, Steve Davis and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Richard Slocum

Francis moved to go into a Non-Public session, seconded by Randy and approved at 7:55 pm, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Selectmen discussed an employment application for the Transfer Station. Francis moved to come out of the non-public session at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Minutes December 14, 2010 Meeting

Present: Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison, Steve Davis and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Ellie Murray, Richard Slocum, Randy Rugar, Eugene Garrett, Allan Crossman, Palmer Koelb, Chief Kevin Kay, Jeff Ames, Sam Greene, DRA, Ken Goduti

Francis motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm seconded by Steve and approved.

The Board reviewed and signed:

- Highway Requisitions
- Meeting Minutes of December 07, 2010 including NP 1, 2 & 3
- Transfer Station applicant letters
- LUCT for Convex M/L 12-02-10 & 12-02-11 (these are corrected copies previously filed)
- NH Electric Co-Op Pole Location Plan re: John Desorbo, M/L 13-03-31

The Board reviewed an Abatement Application regarding Robbins, M/L11-04-08. The Selectmen will hold this application until the review date after March 1, to be included with other residents who have submitted abatement applications.

In regards to the driveway permit for Todd Downing M/L 05-01-22; The Selectmen have decided to wait until the subdivision has been approved by the planning board.

Chief Kay stated that he is working on the department's budget. Says they will be close, but does not anticipate going over the bottom line.

The Board discussed the Time Warner Cable contract. Francis stated that the contract was signed by the Town in 2003. The contract states that it expires April 4, 2019. Steve stated that we need to notify TWC prior to 04/04/19.

Allan Crossman discussing recycling issues at the transfer station. He stated that he brought back an entire box of unacceptable plastics that are unacceptable; Rumney does not accept "mixed plastics", such as lids on milk containers. The Board discussed options of sorting vs. no sort. Steve would like to speak with Casella regarding sorting vs. non-sorting options.

Sam Greene of the DRA discussed several issues including incorrect field assessment data, Data entry errors, and Religious/charitable exemptions inaccurately coded. The Board agreed to revisit these issues and would like to have Cross Country attend the meeting. Motioned by Steve, seconded and approved. Sam suggests the town petition the State to allow the town to move our next Assessment Review from 2014 to 2011, motioned by Steve, seconded and approved. Moving the Assessment Review year will serve two purposes. It would align the Town's Assessment Review year with its next

update of values and will help train the Administrative Assistant in assessing procedures and filing requirements.

Sam discussed the Blind exemption. He says per the RSA, a vote of the town is needed. Francis says he believes that you can allow/give the exemption without the vote, but is perfectly agreeable to do the vote at Town Meeting. Francis stated that we would put it on the warrant for next year.

Ken Goduti, M/L 04-03-11 asked about property M/L 04-03-10, in which the property owner is listed as the Town of Wentworth. He is interested possibly buying this property. Stated that it is currently unmanaged, grown over. Frances stated that he believes that this property is actually co-owned by 7 pieces of property that share access to this property as stated in the Deed. Francis stated that he would be willing to assist Ken in doing research at the Registry of Deeds to find out if this property is co-owned by these properties. in finding out abt the property that belongs to 7 properties.

In regards to the Highway Addition, The board will talk with Bobby during the week to discuss, and will revisit this issue again.

The Board granted the Administrative Assistant's request to take vacation January 13 -22. Steve motioned, Francis seconded and approved to close the office during this time.

Francis moved, seconded by Steve to go into a Non-Public per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person at 7:17 pm . Francis moved to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:37 pm.

Francis motioned to close the public meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Steve and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

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Non-Public Minutes December 14, 2010 Meeting

Present: Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison, Steve Davis and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Eugene Garrett

Francis moved, seconded by Steve to go into a Non-Public per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person at 7:17 pm . No decisions were made. Francis moved to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Minutes December 21, 2010 Meeting

Present: Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Randy Rugar

Francis motioned to open the meeting at 5:20 pm seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen Steve Davis was unable to attend, and Randy Morrison was only available for a short period. In order to sign the vouchers, and other necessary documents that could not wait until the next Board of Selectmen meeting, Francis directed that we open the meeting early Per RSA 91-A:2 (b) Except in an emergency, a quorum of the public body shall be physically present at the location specified in the meeting notice as the location of the meeting. For purposes of this subparagraph, an "emergency" means that immediate action is imperative and the physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action. The determination that an emergency exists shall be made by the chairman or presiding officer of the public body, and the facts upon which that determination is based shall be included in the minutes of the meeting.

The Board reviewed and signed:

- A Highway Requisition
- Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2010 including NP 1
- QuitClaim Deed regarding, Toomey M/L 04/05/08
- Timber Warrant for Lagueux, M/L 12-01-09, OP# 10-475-14
- A letter to DRA requesting we move our Assessment Review year
- Updated Transfer Station Fees

Randy Rugar gave a brief status update on the Transfer Station new hire.

Francis motioned to close the meeting at 5:45 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

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**TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Minutes December 28, 2010 Meeting

Present: Francis Muzzey, Randy Morrison, Steve Davis and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Jeff Ames, Paul Davis Jr., Ellie Murray, Steve Welch, Eugene Garrett,
Palmer Koelb

Francis Muzzey moved to open the meeting 6:00 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Francis stated that informational budget meetings were held at 5 pm for the Fire Department (Paul Davis Jr. and Jeff Ames attended) and the Conservation Committee, Trustees Budget, Planning Board Budget (Ellie Murray attended)

Selectman signed Payroll checks and vendor checks. Selectmen also signed Minutes of Meeting December 21, 2010.

Paul Davis Jr. stated that it has come to his attention that the Town Highway Department has been sanding and plowing Chief Kevin Kay's home driveway for emergency reasons. Jr. Davis gave a letter to the Selectmen containing a list of other emergency workers that he believes should receive the same service. The Board stated that they are unaware of this practice. Steve stated that he will go down to the Highway Garage.

Chief Kay stated that in the past he did come to the Board, and it was approved (approximately 2 years ago). He stated that in the last 2 yrs, on a few occasions, when extremely icy, he has had difficulty getting the cruiser out. The Chief said the Highway Department has not plowed his drive, but for emergency, as agreed to by the Board of Selectmen, his driveway has been sanded.

The Selectmen approved of the occasional sanding and/or plowing of Chief Kay's drive to allow access the police cruiser in emergency weather in which he is unable to access the cruiser on his own.

Chief Kay gave department status update. He had to purchase a battery for the cruiser and has also installed an onboard charger that will keep the battery charged especially during cold weather. Chief Kay said that they had an accident in the cruiser yesterday, due to bad weather and white out conditions affecting visibility. The cruiser damage is minimal and appears to be cosmetic. He will get a quote on the repair.

Eugene Garrett asked the Selectmen if he could be paid for the Christmas holiday which fell on a Saturday, his regular day of work. The Board stated that they do not pay part time employees for holidays.

Discussion regarding changing payroll period. Francis would like to change the payroll period to run from Saturday to Friday to avoid overtime for the highway department. The Selectmen would like to get input from the DOL regarding the changing of pay period week.

Discussion regarding the proposed Northern Pass Transmission Project. The towers would be bigger than what is currently existing and would run from White Mountain area to Canada. The alternate route runs through Wentworth.

Palmer brought several issues:

- He wondered why there are now 3 workers at the transfer station. The selectmen told him that Randy Rugar is training a new worker who replaced Frank Karcher. Training should be complete as of this week, and there are now only 2 workers at the transfer station.
- He inquired as to whether the town had set up offsite backup in the case of onsite fire/damage. The board stated that this has been done.
- Palmer asked about funds that were garnered (abt \$1,800.00) from the sale of the old grader and whether these funds have been set aside for future backup grader. Discussion followed regarding the creation of a WA to create a trust acct fund to secure these funds to have for this purpose.

Palmer also stated that he feels that Chief Kay is doing an exceptional job. Chief Kay said he appreciated the note and that his entire department is working hard.

Chief Kay mentioned that the security monitor in Town Clerk's office is not working properly. He has looked at it, and suspects it is the monitor rather than the security system. He said if he gets time he will swap it and see if it's a monitor issue.

Steve motioned to close, seconded and approved to close the meeting at 7:15 pm,

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

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