

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting March 06, 2012

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

Also Present: Chief Kevin Kay, Ellie Murray, Kenyon Karl, Palmer Koelb, Deborah Gelsi,
Donna King, Paul Smith

Steve motioned to open the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Steve stated that he wanted those in attendance to know that the Department of Justice (DOJ) has conducted and concluded an investigation by the Charitable Trusts Unit (CTU) regarding the Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service (WWAS). The Report states specific steps that must be taken and recommendations made by the CTU. The CTU will monitor the organization for compliance until at least March 31, 2013. The CTU findings state that WWAS must follow it's by laws and elect a qualified Treasurer. Steve stated that this finding supports the Selectmen's ongoing concerns regarding the requested, court ordered financial documents, which were to be submitted to the Town prior to the Town releasing Capital Reserve Funds that had been set aside for the purchase of a new ambulance. The DOJ report can be found at:

<http://doj.nh.gov/media-center/press-releases/2012/20120229-warren-wentworth-report.htm>. Francis stated that several issues were raised in the report including records not being kept, questionable billings, and expenses. Steve said stated that we have been contacted by 2 Board of Selectmen from the Town of Warren, wanting to be sure that Wentworth has seen the report. Steve made a motion that the Wentworth Selectmen contact Warren Selectmen and plan to meet with them to discuss the issue. Motion was seconded by Francis and approved. Selectmen discussed the possibility of modifying Warrant Article # 18 at the Town Meeting. Selectmen stated that in light of the Report, it might be a good idea to modify it from the floor.

Selectmen discussed the Pemi Baker Solid Waste District appointment of a representative. The appointment for 3 years (04/01/12 – 03/31/15). Kenyon Karl currently serves as Wentworth's representative. Kenyon stated that he was willing to be reappointed, and has spoken to Josh Thiabault, our Transfer Station Attendant, about being an alternative for this appointment. Kenyon stated that Josh stated he would. Francis made a motion, seconded by Steve and approved to appoint Kenyon Karl as Wentworth's Representative, and that the office contact Josh, so that they may ask him themselves if he is interested in accepting the appointment of being an alternate.

Steve asked Chief Kay about the Humane Society bill. Chief Kay said he has spoken with them, and they have agreed to reduce the bill by \$95.00, leaving a balance of \$600.00. Chief Kay stated that he has drafted a motion to amend the Warrant Article at the Town Meeting to include these expenses.

Chief Kay stated that the new police officer is up and running. A short discussion followed regarding recent postings on the Police Department's Facebook page. Steve stated that he feels the Chief is doing an excellent job.

Deborah Gelsi was in attendance. She stated that her mail box is missing. She stated that she believes the Road Agent wiped it out. She said she was told by Warren Davis that he saw the grader very close to the edge by her side of the road. She believes that it happened last Friday. The Selectmen asked the Administrative Assistant to contact Bobby about this. Paul Smith joined the meeting, and the Selectmen asked if he knew anything about the missing mailbox. Paul said he did not do the plowing on that road, the Road Agent did. She says she was pretty sure it was there on Friday, but gone on Saturday. Paul stated that the box has been leaning for quite some time.

Donna was in attendance and wanted to make sure all is set for Town Meeting in regards to set up and the use of laptops at the school. Steve said he will speak with school.

Francis mentioned a needed change in Warrant Article #7, regarding the Town Highway Department. It currently states that \$30,000 is to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance, and should be worded Unexpended Fund Balance.

Randy stated that King Forest Industries, Inc has submitted an Event Application. They are requesting the use of the Old Town Hall on Friday, May 4, 2012, 8 am to 3 pm, for a logger's workshop to be put on by New Hampshire Co Operative Extension and New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association. Motion by Francis to allow the event to take place, seconded by Randy and approved. All fees have been waived.

Selectmen reviewed and signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of 02/28/12
- Timber Tax for Rebel, M/L 13-06-02, OP# 11-475-27

Motion by Randy at 6:39 pm, seconded by Francis to go into a Non-Public meeting, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(a)** – Dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employees or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Selectmen discussed an employee's 1-year review. Steve noted that the Road Agent filled out the evaluation form, and he read the form and ratings aloud. Motion by Randy to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 6:55 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Motion by Steve, seconded by Francis and approved to increase Paul Smith's pay by \$1.00/hr, effective after Town Meeting by vote of the people.

Randy discussed with Steve and Francis the Road Agent's request to approve a shaker vibrator to be added to specs of the new Dump Truck. Randy stated that the shaker would prolong the life of the truck. Motion by Steve, seconded by Francis and approved to add the shaker not to exceed \$690.00.

Motion by Randy motioned, seconded by Francis and approved, to go into 2nd 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 at 7:05 pm. Selectmen discussed a Welfare Application for assistance of an electric bill. No decisions were made. Randy

motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:15 p.m. seconded by Francis and approved.

Selectmen approved the request for assistance.

The Selectmen then discussed canceling next week's Selectmen's Meeting. Motion by Steve, seconded by Randy and approved that there be no meeting held next week due to the Town Meeting. Selectmen's regularly scheduled meetings will resume Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 6 pm. Selectmen discussed coverage times during Town Election Day, March 13, 2012. Randy will be at the school from 11 am to 2 pm, Francis will be at the school from 2 pm to 4 pm and Steve will be at the school from 4 pm until 7 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Francis at 7:41 pm seconded by Steve and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (1) of March 06, 2012 Meeting

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

Also Present: Paul Smith

Motion by Randy at 6:39 pm, seconded by Francis to go into a Non-Public meeting, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(a)** – Dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employees or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Selectmen discussed an employee’s 1-year review. Steve noted that the Road Agent filled out the evaluation form, and he read the form and ratings aloud. Motion by Randy to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 6:55 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

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

Non- Public Minutes (2) of March 06, 2012 Meeting

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

Motion by Randy motioned, seconded by Francis and approved, to go into 2nd 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 at 7:05 pm. Selectmen discussed a Welfare Application for assistance of an electric bill. No decisions were made. Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:15 p.m. seconded by Francis and approved.

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Catherine Stover

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting March 13, 2012

Per Motion at Selectmen's Meeting on March, 6, 2012

"The Selectmen then discussed canceling next week's Selectmen's Meeting. Motion by Steve, seconded by Randy and approved that there be no meeting held next week due to the Town Meeting. Selectmen's regularly scheduled meetings will resume Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 6 pm".

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting March 20, 2012

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

Also Present: Chief Kevin Kay, Ellie Murray, Kenyon Karl, Palmer Koelb, Randy Rugar

Francis motioned to open the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:02 pm, seconded by Randy and approved. Steve was not present for the opening of the Meeting.

Francis motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:05 pm per **RSA 91-A:3, II(a)** – Dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employees or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted, seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen discussed transfer station attendants rate of pay, the new gate lock, status of oil removal, entry sign for the gate, filling in for days off for the regularly scheduled attendant including the first Sunday of each month. Also discussed additional clean up jobs such as the brush pile.

Randy motioned, seconded by Francis to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:16 pm.

Selectmen made the following decisions:

- The attendants will all have the same rate of pay of \$11.00 per hour.
- The attendants may work out between themselves who will cover scheduled days off that the regular attendant may need off (the first being Easter), but no more than one attendant is needed per shift, unless authorized by Selectmen.
- Randy is approved to tend to the brush pile at the Transfer Station (approx 2-3 hours of work) and to complete the transport of used oil to Whitcher's.

The Board discussed the outcome of the 2 Non-Public Meetings which were held on March 6, 2012:

1. Welfare assistance request for assistance with an electric bill, Selectmen granted the request.
2. Employee one year review. Selectmen gave a \$1.00 per hour rate increase (\$16.00 to \$17.00) to Highway Department employee.

The Selectmen also stated that per a phone call with the Administrative Assistant, they discussed and agreed that the new increases which were voted on at Town Meeting, would take effect on the first payroll following the meeting, which was to be Friday, March 23, 2012.

The Administrative Assistant informed the Selectmen that she has begun to contact outside contractors and has requested quotes regarding the clean-up effort of Riverside Park and Hamilton Fields.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of 03/06/12
- A Highway requisition
- Timber Tax for Mack, M/L 08-02-07, OP# 11-475-28
- Timber Tax for King, OP#11-475-19 & 20 & 21
- MS2 report
- WB Mason contract (copier)
- Appointment of Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District Representative (Kenyon Karl) & Alternate (Josh Thibault)
- Review quote for boiler replacement.

Selectmen signed the 2012 contract for WB Mason (for our copier). Francis motioned that Randy sign on behalf of the Selectmen, seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen noted the receipt of the Charitable Exemption form from the Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club.

Selectmen discussed replacing the Boiler in the Town Office building. Francis stated he felt we might want to wait until Fall to address the issue. Randy stated he felt they had already visited this and were in agreement to place a small hot water tank along with the boiler replacement. Francis read an email and quote from Ken Savage. Palmer Koelb stated that he felt a tankless on demand water heater mounted under the sink would be best. Selectmen would like to find out the cost for a tankless water heater. Chief Kay was able to print a cost estimate off line of an example of a small tankless water heater. Randy motioned to repair the boiler, seconded by Francis and approved.

Selectmen discussed the Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service contract. Francis stated that he is not opposed to paying the billing, but prefers to do so quarterly. Both Randy and Francis agreed to wait until Steve was present to discuss further.

Steve joined the Meeting at 6:45 pm. The discussion regarding the WWAS continued. Francis reiterated that his desire would be to pay the bill quarterly. Steve stated that he would be willing to pay quarterly as well. After further discussion, Selectmen decided to pay WWAS the contracted amount of \$19,500 in monthly payments of \$1,625. They also requested the office to send a copy of the minutes with the first payment as way of explanation until such time as they are legally constituted. Motioned by Steve, seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen then revisited the issue of replacing the Boiler. Steve stated that this is his expertise, and he would like to research the specs. Steve asked if the quoted boiler is 95 % efficient and stated that he wants 3 quotes first before proceeding. Randy removed his previous motion. Francis removed his previous second motion.

Chief Kay gave the Selectmen an update of Police Department activities. He said he spoke with Bobby regarding road repair of Rowentown road. Also, they have had another report of a break in. They are working with state police. Chief Kay discussed the fact that he will be removing the snow tires from the cruiser after this coming weekend. Steve discussed with Chief Kay the option of having summer and winter tires

mounted on their own rims, removing the time, cost and expense of having to switch them out between seasonal and snow tires. Chief Kay will look into the costs. They also discussed the remaining warranty on the cruiser. The cruiser currently has approximately 60k miles on it of the 70k mile warranty.

Steve thanked Chief Kay for his presentation at Town Meeting regarding the race track ordinance.

Francis asked Ellie Murray what is needed to transfer the Bridge funds. Ellie stated just a written request.

Selectmen discussed the received Request for Qualifications received from engineering firms in regards to Dufour Bridge. They were unable to read through the documents at the meeting. Steve stated that he will take the time to read through them this weekend. Francis stated that his copies will be left in the meeting room if anyone should desire to read through them. They will revisit the subject in 2 weeks.

In regards to the removal of trees on East Side/Red Oak Hill that are noted on the ongoing business on the agenda, Randy stated that he anticipates this to be taken care of by end of April, after mud season.

Selectmen noted that we have received quotes from several assessing companies. Steve stated that he would also like to review these this weekend.

Steve discussed the new lock for the Transfer station. He requested that the combination be stored in the key lock box in the office.

Selectmen discussed selecting a chairman for this year. Randy stated that he did not want to do it. Francis stated that he did not want to do it either. Steve suggested a coin toss. A coin was tossed, Randy called it, and per the toss, Steve is chairman. Francis stated that he is opposed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Francis at 7:41 pm seconded by Steve and approved

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (1) of March 20, 2012 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey, and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Randy Rugar

Francis motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:05 pm per **RSA 91-A:3, II(a)** – Dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employees or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted, seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen discussed transfer station attendants rate of pay, the new gate lock, status of oil removal, entry sign for the gate, filling in for days off for the regularly scheduled attendant including the first Sunday of each month. Also discussed additional clean up jobs such as the brush pile.

Randy motioned, seconded by Francis to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:16 pm.

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TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting March 27, 2012

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

Also Present: Chief Kevin Kay, Ellie Murray, Kenyon Karl, Palmer Koelb, Paul Davis Jr., Bobby Cass, Paul Smith, Bernie Waugh, Jeff Ames, Quentin Mack, Helen Downing

Francis motioned to open the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Randy and approved. Steve was not present for the opening of the Meeting.

Selectmen discussed the transfer of monies referred to in WA 11 & WA 12. Francis stated that it was his belief, based on direction of DRA, that monies cannot be transferred from one Capital Reserve to another, even if they serve the same purpose. The office will contact DRA and get feedback. Francis stated he would wait to sign the check.

Bobby Cass and Paul Smith from the Highway Department were in attendance and addressed the issue of damages, which occurred to a resident's siding on their home last week. The Board reviewed and approved a quote from Paul Davis Jr. for the repairs. Bobby stated that they have been putting gravel out, have used quite a bit, wants direction on whether to continue or to hold off. The Board authorized an additional 20 loads of gravel. Bobby said he will pick up tomorrow. Selectmen discussed delivery of the new leased Plow Truck. Bobby stated it would be ready for pick up on Friday. Bobby said he would donate his time to go and pick up. Request the office make sure we have the truck properly insured and papers in order for pickup.

Bobby requested to have Adrian Smith do some occasional fill-in work for the Highway Dept. when needed. He asked if Selectmen would approve to move forward with drug testing. Randy and Francis decided to wait until Steve is present to decide. Bobby also inquired about the Highway Department returning to summer hours (10 hour days). Francis stated he is not in favor. Randy and Francis stated they will revisit this issue when Steve is present.

Steve joined the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Randy and Francis informed Steve of the discussion regarding Highway summer hrs of 4/10 hr days. Steve asked the argument for having 4 day weeks. Bobby said it has always been set up this way, and is one of the fringe benefits. Francis stated he is not in favor of 4-10 hour days, he is in favor of 5/8 hr days. Steve stated that he would support summer hours from May 1 - September 1. Motion by Randy for the Highway Dept to begin summer hrs (Monday through Friday, 10 hr days) beginning May 1 - September 1, seconded by Steve and approved.

Bobby asked about hiring Adrian Smith. The selectmen requested the office to contact Adrian and schedule an interview.

Fire Chief Jeff Ames spoke to the Board regarding the update of the Town's Hazardous Mitigation Plan, in the year 2013. He stated that the state has grants available for the costs of the update. Jeff stated that the last update was done in 2009. Francis noted that we have 2 companies scheduled to come and speak to the Selectmen on the April 3 & 10. Jeff stated he could come if the Selectmen would like. Francis made a motion that we accept the state grant for the Hazardous Mitigation Plan, seconded by Randy and approved. Selectmen requested the office contact Paul Hatch and invite him to attend a Selectmen's meeting later in April.

Chief Kay stated he will be taking the tires off of the cruiser, working ongoing investigations, and Transfer Station issues. He told the Selectmen that items have been left on off hours such as a couch and trash. Chief Kay suggested we post a “no dumping” sign. He is trying to have officers more visible to deter people from dumping on off hours.

Francis made a motion that Steve sign the Provan Lorber 2012 Groundwater Sampling & Reporting Agreement on behalf of the board, seconded by Randy and approved.

Steve informed the Administrative Assistant that he is unprepared to have a Non-Public Meeting tonight that had been scheduled per his request.

Selectmen discussed the repair of the Town office boiler. They would like the office to contact Ryezak and ask for a quote.

Selectmen discussed selection of assessing firm. Selectmen selected Avitar. Motion by Randy to retain Avitar, seconded by Francis and approved.

Selectmen have requested that we revisit the review and selection of an Engineering Firm regarding the Dufour Bridge next week.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of 03/20/12
- Timber Tax for Crane, M/L 08-02-05, OP# 11-475-24
- Abatement request for Kinder, M/L 01-03-06

Bernie Waugh of Gardner, Fulton and Waugh was in attendance and gave a presentation of 2011Municipal Law Update, which included major statute and case law changes. This is a yearly presentation that Bernie gives to the Town.

Chief Kay requested a Non-Public Meeting with Selectmen and Jeff Ames. Motion by Steve at 8:10 pm, seconded Francis and approved 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. Selectmen discussed the proposed 2012 Warren Wentworth Ambulance contract/agreement. No decisions were made. Motion by Steve to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 8:40 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Administrative Assistant inquired as to Selectmen’s intention regarding properties owned by the Town (deeded properties) in which there are still occupants. Selectmen indicated that they wish to move forward.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Francis at 8:43 pm seconded by Steve and approved

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (1) of March 27, 2012 Meeting

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

Also Present: Fire Chief Jeff Ames, Police Chief Kevin Kay

Chief Kay requested a Non-Public Meeting with the Selectmen and Jeff Ames. Motion by Steve at 8:10 pm, seconded Francis and approved 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.

Selectmen discussed the proposed 2012 Warren Wentworth Ambulance contract/agreement. No decisions were made.

Motion by Steve to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 8:40 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by _____, _____

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting March 29, 2012

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

Also Present: Charlie Chandler

Francis motioned to open the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Randy and approved. Charlie Chandler was present and inquired about the nature of the meeting. Selectmen stated they would be discussing the Warren Wentworth Ambulance Contract, and because they would be discussing specific issues that may involve or lead to a legal advice, they have decided to go into a Non-Public meeting. Mr. Chandler stated that he would like to know of any decisions that might be made as a result of the meeting. The Board invited Mr. Chandler to wait outside the meeting room during the Non-Public Meeting and told him they would invite him in afterwards to hear if any decisions had been made.

Steve motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:03 pm per **RSA 91-A:3, II(e)** – Discussion of pending or threatened (in writing) litigation against the Town or Town Officials, Board Members or employees and 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. Selectmen discussed the 2012 Warren Wentworth Ambulance Agreement and its terms and conditions.

Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:25 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

The Selectmen invited Charlie Chandler to come into the Meeting. Steve Davis made a motion to ask Brian Clark, of the Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service to meet with the Selectmen, to set an emergency meeting to negotiate the contract, seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen discussed with Charlie Chandler the recent documents they received from the WWAS. The documents were a copy of a written response from WWAS's legal firm, addressed to the CTU of the Dept of Justice. Selectmen briefly discussed their concerns regarding WWAS coming into compliance with the recent DOJ/CTU report. Selectmen also stated that this has nothing to do with the EMT of WWAS; that they very much respect and appreciate the efforts of the responders.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Francis at 6:32 pm seconded by Steve and approved

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (1) of March 29, 2012 Meeting

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

Steve motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 6:03 pm per **RSA 91-A:3, II(e)** – Discussion of pending or threatened (in writing) litigation against the Town or Town Officials, Board Members or employees and 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.

Selectmen discussed the 2012 Warren Wentworth Ambulance Agreement and its terms and conditions.

Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:25 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by _____, _____, _____

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting March 30, 2012

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

Also Present: Chief Kevin Kay, Chief Jeffery Ames, Kenyon Karl, Ellie Murray, Palmer Koelb, Brian W. Clark, Charlie Chandler, Paula Davis, Paul Davis Jr., Randy Comstellar, Claudia Anderson, Steve Albaugh, Vicki Swan, Richard Farrell, Lynn Clogston, Casey Huff, Rebecca Bordonaro, Albert Bryant, Brian D. Clark, Bob Anderson, Debbie Gelsi, Dan Bixby, Edward Crane, Steve Erickson, Amy Enderson

Steve motioned to open the Meeting at 6:30 pm, seconded by Randy and approved. Steve stated the purpose of the Meeting and the goal of signing the 2012 Agreement/Contract. Steve thanked everyone for coming, and gave a brief history of the ambulance services and referenced the Fast Squad - 30 yrs. He stated that they are the best and provide a good service, and that he appreciated their service and commitment.

Steve stated that he regrets anything past that was said that may have been negative and wants to move forward with a fresh start. Steve briefly mentioned the DOJ report, which he stated he has read. He said that he believes that WWAS was ill served by the documents. He felt that they had an excellent plan of action in place. Steve stated that the Board has some concerns until the bylaws have been voted in. In regards to the contract, the Board requested to make upfront, in advance quarterly payments. WWAS stated they would not accept quarterly payments. Steve stated that he is going to sign the contract.

Brian Clark stated it should have been done sooner, it is 30 days late. Brian stated that if the DOJ report had not occurred, we would not be here. Brian spoke of past relationship, and stated that at the March town meeting they voted on this.

Albert Bryant stated that Brian doesn't pull info out of the air. Although Brian Clark is the one that says this is what we've agreed on, the decisions are not just by Brian, these decisions are put before all of the WWAS.

Francis Muzzey stated that as a Selectmen, he has a responsibility to the people. We have a report from the DOJ and until the report comes back with a green light, he will not sign any documents that puts an amount in a lump sum. He is willing to do quarterly, a 3 month payment in advance, as soon as next week. Francis stated that as soon as charitable trust gives positive feedback, he would reconsider. He stated that he had a phone conversation with Valerie Hall of the CTU, and until a report is back he is unwilling to pay the full amount.

Steve stated that he felt it was not the Town of Wentworth's job to monitor the WWAS. He stated that the State of NH is set up to monitor, not us. Francis stated he felt it was wise to use the input from the state. Francis stated again, that he will do no lump payment without a green light from the CTU.

Randy Morrison stated that he agrees to do the same as Francis, and make quarterly payments.

Steve Davis stated that he will resign as Chairmen, and left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Deb Gelsi stated that she places no blame of those doing day to day work; she blames the in the upper echelons for the information contained in the DOJ report. She stated that she is concerned if

paid in a lump sum and it does not work out. She asked why they can't accept ¼ then after their April meeting to update the bylaws, come back to the Town. Brian Clark said no, the problem is the by laws which are old.

Fire Chief Jeff Ames stated he feels it is the best time to give the monies while under the watch of the CTU. Jeff stated there are some issues, but stated the main issue is in regards to their treasurer.

Dan Bixby wanted to know how the Board can not give money that was voted and appropriated at the Town Meeting. He says they have not faltered, and that the people will want to see the ambulance remain running.

Randy Comstellar stated that if you are so concerned about money, why no concern about the legal fees.

Deb Gelsi the stated she'd had a change of mind. She said these Issues were not raised at the Town meeting, and none of the Selectmen stood up and spoke.

Ed Crane stated that he understands both sides; and if we can't come to an agreement, both sides lose.

Chief Kevin Kay asked if we could go half and half?

Brian Clark responded and said the big thing, the report, there was no criminal finding. The main issue regarding the treasurer. He stated that the report should have come out in January, and it did not come out until February. Said the CTU states in the report, that the update will not come out for a year.

Lyn Clogston stated that most of the WWAS, with very few exceptions are residents of the 2 towns. Says part of the problem is when WWAS stopped being a municipal entity under the power of the town, and became a private company and they no longer fall under a municipal governance. She stated they are a private non private company.

Ellie Murray stated that the reason the Board wants to pay as such is that they wait for taxes to come in and don't always have money to pay out earlier.

Lyn Clogston said that's why it allows the Boards to borrow in anticipation of tax receipts.

Paul Davis Jr. asked what would happens if WWAS doesn't serve us, what are the options, what are the costs involved. Says he has spoken with Plymouth and there is a call fee and mileage.

Chief Jeff Ames stated that one of the concern is that other ambulance services are not in our back pocket and there is a time response issue.

Francis Muzzey spoke about issuing out money in quarterly fashion.

Amy Enderson stated she lives in north Haverhill and drives/commutes to volunteer. She says in order to save people, it costs a lot of money. They don't want to have someone die because someone has to drive a long ways. She said she works for free, volunteers.

Chief Jeff Ames said he doesn't believe you will see the "green light" for a long while.

Brian Clark said they ask for the small amounts to render service, and spoke of WWAS recent purchase of 2 new deliberators.

Lyn Clogston. Says we as a whole service (referring to WWAS) voted that these are the terms of contract, and that even if Brian wanted, he could not change the terms of the contract.

Francis Muzzey asked if anyone wanted to speak against paying the WWAS.

Chief Kevin Kay said we need to stop this.

Francis stated he would sign the contract agreement. Francis signed the contract and asked if Brian Clark could do something to finalize the court action related to the Capital Reserve funds. Brian stated he would like to let this settle first and then to sit down without attorneys. Francis agreed. Randy Morrison signed the contract agreement .

The Administrative Assistant asked Chief Kay to make copies of the signed contract. One copy to be given to WWAS, one for the Town.

Chief Jeff Ames thanked the Board of Selectmen for coming to terms.

Randy Morrison asked Brian to contact the Administrative Assistant to schedule the meeting to discuss the Capital Reserve.

Francis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm seconded by Randy and approved

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by
