

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting January 08, 2013

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

Also Present: Chief Kevin Kay, Bobby Cass, Peter Holden, Ellie Murray, Donna King, Craig Pasco and Kenyon Karl (recording the meeting)

Francis motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, second by Steve and approved. Selectmen reviewed and signed vendor payments and payroll.

Francis stated that 2 budget workshops were held: Library department, present was, Francis, Steve, Catherine Stover, Nance Masterson, Helen Ray, and Sharon Sanborn. Also Police department workshop was held, present was Francis, Steve, Catherine Stover and Chief Kevin Kay. Francis inquired as to when the Budget hearing is scheduled. Discussion followed. (The last day to hold a Budget Hearing is February 15)

Francis stated that Noel and Jordan King met with Selectmen and signed the Purchase and Sale and Quitclaim deed for the property on Hooper Hill. Francis will take the Quitclaim and tax check to the Grafton Registry later this week.

Randy joined the meeting at 6:11 pm.

Ellie Murray submitted and Event application for the Baker River Grange, requesting to use the Selectmen's meeting room to hold meetings on Jan 11 & 25 and Feb 8 & 22 from 7 – 9 pm. Francis motioned to accept application, signed by Randy and approved.

The Board reviewed and signed refund requests from the Town Clerks/Tax Collector for Hutchins M/L 10-04-09, Carlisle M/L 08-04-10, and Accurate Title (Blodgett) M/L 08-03-07A.

Bobby Cass gave the Board a status update. He said that the 450 truck was going into Meredith Ford next week for a new oil pan replacement. He said that Paul is doing better, but not back at work yet. Steve discussed lessons learned such as safety issues with Bobby.

Kenyon thanked Bobby for the road work that he did on Ephraim page road.

Steve stated that he will be out of the office next week and unable to attend Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday.

The Board reviewed a letter of resignation from Quentin Mack regarding the position of Trustee of the Trust Funds. Quentin stated that per RSA 673:7, elected officials may serve on other local boards provided that multiple membership do not result in 2 Board members serving on the same board. Because both he and Ellie Murray serve on the Planning Board and the Trustee of the Trust Funds, he is resigning. This position is to be put on the ballot for March 2013 meeting.

Chief Kay gave the Selectmen a status update. The lights on the cruiser lights are not working and the rear tail gate pops open on its own. They have a very busy case load right now, 6 or 8 cases. They had some training last weekend at the Scheller Farm. A Dart helicopter was there, they had a safety review, landing/training etc. The Fire department also participated. Chief Kay said it was very good.

Peter Holden of Holden Engineering was in attendance and gave the Board a status update regarding the Dufour Bridge. He said that DOT has reviewed the Engineering Study, and has requested some wording changes. They also discussed 2 letters drafted to be sent to Nancy Mayville of the DOT; one regarding the

Town's acceptance of Responsibility for the one lane bridge and River Hydraulics and one letter regarding the Town's approval of Scope and Fees for Phases 2, 3 and 4. Selectmen signed both letters.

Non-Public Meeting (1)

Randy motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 7:00 pm, **RSA 91-A:3, II(b)** – The hiring of any person as a public employee, seconded by Frances and approved. Steve motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:15 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Francis made a motion that they appoint George Morrill on January 22 until the March meeting to fill the vacated position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector, seconded by Randy and approved. Francis amended the motion to include the pay rate to remain at the current hourly rate, seconded by Randy and approved.

Non-Public Meeting (2)

Randy motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 7:17 pm, **RSA 91-A:3, II(b)** – The hiring of any person as a public employee, seconded by Frances and approved. George requested to speak with the Selectmen. Steve motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:25 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Motion by Steve to increase George Morrill's pay rate, effective January 21, 2013 from the current rate of \$10.50 per hour to \$15.00 per hour, seconded by Francis and approved.

Steve left the Meeting following this Non-Public Meeting.

Non-Public Meeting (3)

Francis motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting 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, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant seconded by Randy and approved. Selectmen discussed a welfare application, and determined that there is no urgent need at this time. Request denied.

Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Non-Public Meeting (4)

Francis motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting at 7:47 pm 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and discussed a welfare application.

Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Randy motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

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Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (1) of January 08, 2013 Meeting

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

Non-Public Meeting (1)

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Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (2) of January 08, 2013 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey, Steve Davis, George Morrill,
Donna King and Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting (2)

Randy motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting at 7:17 pm, **RSA 91-A:3, II(b)** – The hiring of any person as a public employee, seconded by Frances and approved. George requested to speak with the Selectmen. Steve motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:25 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Motion by Steve to increase George Morrill's pay rate, effective January 21, 2013 from the current rate of \$10.50 per hour to \$15.00 per hour, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (3) of January 08, 2013 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey, Justin Chase, Jacqueline Malloy
and Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting (3)

Francis motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting 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, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant seconded by Randy and approved. Selectmen discussed a welfare application, and determined that there is no urgent need at this time. Request denied.

Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (4) of January 08, 2013 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey, Robert Gaulin and Catherine Stover

Non-Public Meeting (4)

Francis motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting at 7:47 pm 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and discussed a welfare application.

Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 8:00 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 January 15, 2013

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey, and Deborah Vlk

Also Present: Chief Kevin Kay, Bobby Cass, Ellie Murray, Palmer & Deb Koelb and Kenyon Karl
(recording the meeting)

Randy motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, second by Francis and approved. Selectmen reviewed and signed vendor payments and payroll.

Francis stated that budget workshops were held: Fire Dept., present were, Jeff Ames, Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey and Deb Vlk. Jeff Ames presented the BOS with a operating budget of \$29,000.00, of that amount the remaining \$2000 turned back monies from the 2012 operating budget, to come from the unexpended fund balance and \$27,000 to come from 2013 general taxation. In addition they are looking for a fire truck which will come out of the fire truck capital reserve, this will be a separate warrant article. Also in addition they are asking for \$15,000 to be placed in the fire truck capital reserve and \$15,000 to be placed in the fire department building site capital reserve. These capital reserves already exist and the amounts are the same from last year.

Francis stated that at last week's Selectmen's Meeting there were several Non-Public sessions that decisions were made and one of will be brought back up for reconsideration after tonight's meeting. Of those Non-Public sessions one was denied and one is pending. Selectmen appointed George Morrill as the interim Town Clerk/Tax Collector and increased this pay accordingly.

Randy stated that they approved the road agents requisition and the Selectmen's meeting minutes from last week.

Francis mentioned that on January 22nd at 6:15PM, Bernie Waugh of Gardner, Fulton & Waugh will present the 2012 Municipal Law Update.

Randy made a motion and seconded by Francis to put the 1997 350 Ford up for bid and to place the ad in the North Country News.

Randy stated the selectmen reviewed a letter from Ossipee Mountain Electronics and a copy has been given to Chief Kay.

Board of Selectmen approved Ray Welch's request regarding the transfer station gate combination to dispose of his refuse.

Francis brought up an e-mail from Kenyon Karl in regards to the PBTv cost for 2013. Francis stated that at last year's town meeting, the Warrant Article presented was approved. Francis motioned to continue for 2013, Randy seconded the motion and to include the cost of \$161.00 within the town budget, does not need to be a separate warrant article. Kenyon stated that this is for channel 3 and 20 and also asked if PBTv turned in an annual report for the town report. Send a copy of the minutes to PBTv of this approval by the Select Board.

Jeff Ames asked Selectmen to bring up a discussion on replacing the Highway Dept's 1997 350 Ford truck. Randy stated that the Road Agent Bobby Cass will be presenting quotes and then it will be presented in a Warrant Article at the town meeting for the public to vote on it. Francis asked Jeff what his choice would be between a 250, 450, 550. Jeff recommended the 550 because of the chassis structure and durability.

Chief Kay gave the Selectmen a status update. The department has been without cruiser for a few days as it

was being repaired at Meredith Ford because of numerous issues, no headlights at all, rear window lift gate kept popping open and a switch was replaced, fluid leaking from the transmission and the dip stick cap was replaced and an oil change. Chief Kay has received the bill and is disputing a few items which he believes should be covered under the vehicles extended warranty, will place a call tomorrow with Meredith Ford and will be holding the bill until he's satisfied with the cost. Police Dept received the new contract with the Upper Valley Humane Society. Contract is the same, except for a new paragraph requiring them to house animals in a disaster per FEMA regulation. The intake fee per animal is \$25.00 for 2013 is identical to last year's contract fee. Randy motioned to approve the contract and seconded by Francis and it was signed.

Kenyon asked Chief Kay if Chief Kay would be able to attend the next Emergency Management Meeting to discuss the new paragraph requiring the Police Dept. to house animals in a disaster.

Police Dept has been backlogged on a number of cases because of the cruiser being fixed.

Ellie Murray stated that she attended the Hazard Mitigation Meeting last Wed. Feb 6th is next meeting and she will notify everyone.

Ellis Murray stated that the table is back at the transfer station at the No Sort area. Quotes are coming in to remedy the situation and Selectmen will wait to see what the March meeting will bring forth.

Ellie Murray asked if any specific road maintenance had been requested for in the Highway Dept budget for East Side Rd. Randy stated that they haven't finalizing the highway budget, but will mention it in the next Highway Budget Meeting with Road Agent.

Palmer Koelb asked what the increase in the school budget. Francis stated 40%.

Randy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:31PM, seconded by Francis and approved.

Non-Public Meeting (1)

Francis motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting at 6:40 pm 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen re-reviewed and discussed a welfare application.

Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:10PM, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Vlk

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (1) of January 15, 2013 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey, Robert Gaulin, Thomas Gaulin
and Deborah Vlk

Non-Public Meeting (1)

Francis motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting at 6:40PM 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant seconded by Randy and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and discussed a welfare application.

Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:10PM, seconded by Francis and approved

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Vlk

Minutes accepted by

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Minutes of Meeting January 22, 2013

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

Also Present: Chief Kevin Kay, Bobby Cass, Larry Walker, Craig Pasco, Ellie Murray, Palmer Koelb, Bernie Waugh, Holly Hogan and Kenyon Karl (recording the meeting)

Francis motioned to open the meeting at 6:02 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Francis motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting. He asked Bobby if he wanted a Public or Non-Public meeting. Bobby said he has nothing to hide, and prefers the meeting be in public. Francis referred to a letter written in 2011 and asked if Bobby is going to comply with the directives in the letter. Bobby stated that he believes he is following it the best he can. Francis stated that he felt Bobby is plowing too wide, and he is plowing in the ditch. Bobby said the snow is plowed to the ditch and stated that many roads in Wentworth are narrow and require plowing wider than the asphalted/tarred road to allow vehicles to go around each other. Francis disagreed, said the matter was not open for discussion, and asked Bobby if he was going to follow the directive given. Francis said he wants Bobby to come in at least a foot away from the ditch. Bobby asked Francis if he would like them to remove the wings. Francis stated this might help if that's what it takes. Bobby said they could take the wings off tomorrow, and Randy responded that the Board did not order him to do that, that that would be Bobby's choice. Bobby stated the differences in road widths of 14 – 18 feet.

Holly Buker asked permission to speak and asked about clarification on the plowing of the snow into ditches. She wondered what happens in the spring (such as on Atwell Hill Road) when things are melting and the water can't get into the ditch. Francis replied that it won't be frozen underneath. She also asked about this winter when gas trucks and so forth are needed. Francis stated that some roads are very narrow such as Ellsworth Hill, where it will need to be plowed wider at the top, but he stated that is not the case right now.

Ellie Murray asked permission to comment about East Side road. She stated that she felt that East Side road is well plowed, and the wider plowing is better for vehicles to get around each other. Francis stated that Bobby was plowing in the ditch on East Side Road, and Ellie disagreed stating again that she felt Bobby was plowing the road good.

Holly also stated that she felt the plowing on Atwell this year has been better than last year. Francis stated that until Bobby follows the directive, and then comes to talk to them about it, he is not willing to change the directive.

Francis stated he also has other issues. He stated that one was excess time spent at State Garage. Bobby stated he is only fueling and using the facilities. Steve stated he had no desire to discuss bathroom breaks for Bobby.

Bobby began to give a highway department update. Randy asked about the one ton. Bobby said the clutch repair has been done.

Chief Kay stated that he has received calls regarding Red Oak Hill and the school bus has had a hard time getting up/down the hill.

Steve motioned at 6:16 pm to go into a Non-Public meeting (1) 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 left the meeting room and stepped out to participate in the Non-Public meeting in the Administrative

Assistant's office. Selectmen returned to the meeting room at 6:24 pm, and Francis stated that no decisions were made.

Bobby thanked the Board, and left the meeting.

Bernie Waugh, from the law firm of Gardner, Fulton and Waugh, gave a 2012 Municipal Law Update. The Board thanked Bernie for the presentation.

Steve stated that today was the last day for Donna King, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and the Board wishes to thank her for her exemplary service. Steve stated that George Morrill will be filling in and the Board formally appointed and swore in George Morrill.

Selectmen discussed replacement of the copier in the town office. WB Mason has provided a quote for replacement. The Board reviewed and approved the quote to replace.

The Board reviewed and approved an application for an elderly exemption.

Selectmen reviewed and signed payroll and vendor checks.

Palmer Koelb shared with the Board a meeting that he attended in Bridgewater last week regarding Wind Towers. Palmer said it was a very interesting meeting.

Francis discussed with other Board members a driveway located on Mica Mine Road, which he believes is a class VI road. He is concerned that it is being maintained, and feels this should be discontinued. The Board briefly discussed location and alternative options, no decision was made. Both Randy and Steve said they will go and look at the area in question.

Chief Kay gave a status update. As noted earlier in the meeting, he received a complaint regarding Red Oak Hill. He said the cruiser is having some issues, the lights are now working, but the rear window continues to unlatch. He has taken it to Meredith Ford, and parts are being ordered. He will need to go back to the shop for the repair, but this should be part of the extended warranty. Chief Kay said the cruiser slid on ice, and caused a dent and snapped off the side mirror. It will be about \$200 - \$300 to replace. He said they are still working on getting caught up on cases. He also noted that we have received a letter from Ossipee Electronics in response to our letter. They deny knowledge of the issues, and decline to reimburse the Town.

Selectmen reviewed and approved a drafted Town report cover done by Francis for the 2012 Annual Report.

Randy motioned to go into Non-public Meeting (2) at 7:55 pm, seconded by Francis and approved per **RSA 91-A:3, II(e)** – Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph. Selectmen discussed the Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service. Randy motioned to come out of the meeting at 8:14 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Randy motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (3) at 8:15 pm, seconded by Francis and approved 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Randy motioned to come out of the meeting at 8:19 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Selectmen have decided to revise the Meeting agenda format to first allow for review of the agenda and to make modifications as may be necessary, followed by review of vendor and/or payroll vouchers.

Randy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (1) of January 22, 2013 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey, Steve Davis

Non-Public Meeting (1)

Steve motioned at 6:16 pm to go into a Non-Public meeting (1) 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 left the meeting room and stepped out to participate in the Non-Public meeting in the Administrative Assistant's office.

Selectmen returned to the meeting room at 6:24 pm, and Francis stated that no decisions were made.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (2) of January 22, 2013 Meeting

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

Non-Public Meeting (2)

Randy motioned to go into Non-public Meeting (2) at 7:55 pm, seconded by Francis and approved per **RSA 91-A:3, II(e)** – Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph. Selectmen discussed the Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service.

Randy motioned to come out of the meeting at 8:14 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (3) of January 22, 2013 Meeting

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

Non-Public Meeting (3)

Randy motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (3) at 8:15 pm, seconded by Francis and approved 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Randy motioned to come out of the meeting at 8:19 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 January 29, 2013

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

Also Present: Chief Kevin Kay, Bobby Cass, Larry Walker, Craig Pasco, Ellie Murray, Palmer Koelb, Larry King, Jeff Ames, Grace Fraser, Paul Davis Sr., John Comeau, and Kenyon Karl (recording the meeting)

Board held a Highway Department budget workshop from 5-6 pm.

Randy motioned to open the meeting at 6:02 pm, seconded by Francis and approved.

Randy motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (1) at 6:13 pm, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(b)** – The hiring of any person as a public employee, seconded by Francis and approved. Selectmen held the Non-Public meeting in Administrative Assistant's office. The Board interviewed a Highway Department applicant, Robert Heuber. Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:22 pm, seconded by Steve and approved.

The Board decided to have the office schedule drug testing, and pending the outcome, the Board may offer a position in the Highway Department on an "as needed basis". Selectmen stated that starting wages would be \$13.00/hr.

Randy motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (2) at 6:23 pm, 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant seconded by Francis and approved. Selectmen met with a welfare applicant and discussed request for support. Selectmen approved request for rental assistance. Frances motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:31 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

The Board reviewed and signed the following:

- Vendor checks
- Recomittal Warrant of Property Taxes, ordering the interim Tax Collector, George Morrill to collect the remaining uncollected taxes
- Land Use Change tax for L'Heureux M/L 04-01-05
- 2013 contract for Crane and Bell

The Board also reviewed a report received from Sam Greene, of the DRA summarizing his recent visit (January 15) to the Town offices. Sam stated that he has learned that Avitar is doing a full data verification in the town. DRA will monitor (field review) 36 randomly selected properties between now and the time of the next revaluation.

Peter Holden, of Holden Engineering, met with the Board to discuss the Dufour Bridge project. The Board has drafted and signed a letter to Nancy Mayville, stating that the town will bid in one package and will not advertise the package until July 2013 at the earliest.

Selectmen reviewed and discussed the Interim Inspection of Bridges in Wentworth from the State, DOT dated 01/23/13, with recommendations regarding Postings; Frescoln, Evans, Saunders and Dufour.

Steve addressed the audience. He has read the letter of 2011, and said he did not sign it on purpose, did not know it was a big issue. He stated he has gone out and looked at some of the roads this week, and did not

see any instances that he was concerned about the plowing in regard to the ditches. He also believes that the shoulders need to be plowed. He stated although he has not had a chance to speak to Francis and Randy, what he asked Bobby to do, is, with the combined input of Larry and Paul, and come up with a plan that is reasonable, and he will do what is necessary to help. In the meantime, he stated he would like the Board to agree that the Highway Department can plow the shoulders (not the ditches). Steve stated that just plowing the tarred surfaces will not get what we need. The ditches are not to be plowed, but right now they need to make sure trucks can pass.

Grace Fraser asked the Board what the rationale was for the directive. Randy responded that there was an incident on East Side road where a pipe got ripped out and flooded a resident's cellar.

Francis says he believes the issue is insubordination and the directive is not being followed. He stated that he expects that the Highway Department will follow the guidelines they give him, or come and talk to the Board about it before the issue arises. He said it would not be him looking at reconsideration after he has not followed their instructions. Randy stated that they are going to revise it for next week.

Steve restated that it is his understanding that Bobby would be making a recommendation that the Board will review and all would come to an agreement of how to move forward.

John Comeau stated his concerns if the plowing were to get any narrower. He stated that he believes Bobby is plowing it right. He stated that he believes if you were to poll the Town, no one is complaining about the way he is plowing, and feels Bobby is doing his job.

Steve made a motion on a temporary change on the letter to allow the Highway Department to plow to the shoulders until they come to the agreement. Francis stated the original letter clearly explains where a car would travel, and said if a car doesn't travel there, you don't plow there. Francis said the letter stands as far as he is concerned. Steve asked again if the Board could hold Bobby blameless for a week for not following the letter until an agreement could be reached. Francis said no. Steve asked for Randy's input. Randy said the roads have been a lot better improved than they were before.

Chief Kay gave the Board a status update. He said the Department is working on getting caught up on cases, and they still need to take the cruiser to Meredith Ford for repairs.

Francis stated that the town is maintaining a private drive (Mica Mine road). Francis suggested that the Town discontinue plowing, and make a turn around. Francis stated he wants it done now,, and Steve said it would not be good for mud season. Randy said talk to Bobby next week.

Steve motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (3) at 7:15, 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.

The Board discussed an employee personnel issue. No decisions were made.

Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:27 pm, seconded by Steve and approved.

Steve Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm seconded by Francis and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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

Non- Public Minutes (1) of January 29, 2013 Meeting

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

Non-Public Meeting (1)

Randy motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (1) at 6:13 pm, per **RSA 91-A:3, II(b)** – The hiring of any person as a public employee, seconded by Francis and approved. Selectmen held the Non-Public meeting in Administrative Assistant's office. The Board interviewed a Highway Department applicant, Robert Heuber. Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:22 pm, seconded by Steve and approved.

The Board decided to have the office schedule drug testing, and pending the outcome, the Board may offer a position in the Highway Department on an "as needed basis". Selectmen stated that starting wages would be \$13.00/hr.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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Non- Public Minutes (2) of January 29, 2013 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey, Steve Davis, Catherine Stover
Also Present: Welfare Applicants

Non-Public Meeting (2)

Randy motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (2) at 6:23 pm, 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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant seconded by Francis and approved. Selectmen met with welfare applicants and discussed request for support. Selectmen approved request for rental assistance.

Frances motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 6:31 pm, seconded by Randy and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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Non- Public Minutes (3) of January 29, 2013 Meeting

Present: Randy Morrison, Francis Muzzey, Steve Davis, Catherine Stover
Also Present: Welfare Applicants

Non-Public Meeting (3)

Steve motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (3) at 7:15, 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.

The Board discussed an employee personnel issue. No decisions were made.

Randy motioned to come out of the Non-Public Meeting at 7:27 pm, seconded by Steve and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by
