

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting of March 01, 2016

Present: Steve Davis, Chris Bassingthwaite, Peter Santom and Catherine Stover

Also Present: George Morrill, Kay Bailey, Janice Thompson, Ellie Murray, Francis Muzzey, Palmer Koelb

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

Steve said he attended the meeting in Concord regarding House Bill #1396, Title: relative to OHRV operation on certain highways in Grafton County, and believes the bill will pass.

Chief Wally Trott stated that there was a fire in town last week. Everyone in the residence was ok. They checked with the family the following day, and Red Cross did a fantastic job assisting the family.

Janice Thompson requested a copy of the Q&A's from legal regarding ownership and liability issues related to the Bridge. The Board discussed the request and handed out some copies to those in attendance. Steve stated that the Town should lease the abutments once in place from the Friends of the Park for \$1.00. Chris clarified that this does not pass any maintenance responsibility. Steve said this does not create a contract. Some in attendance stated their desire to have the decision brought forth to the town residents, concerns of liability, and ATV's and snow mobiles being allowed to cross the bridge. Steve made a motion that the Board agree that once we have the abutments in place that the town agree to a 99 year lease to Friends of Wentworth Parks and Recreation for the abutments for the Bridge over Baker Falls. Such lease agreement will be subject to town legal review. The motion was seconded by Chris and Pete and approved.

George stated that the 250th Celebration group is planning a Veteran's dinner to be held on April 2, at the Wentworth Congregational Church, and stated that any veterans that wanted to attend are welcome.

Chris spoke about Transfer Station research he has done regarding the recycling and hauling. His recommendation would be for this year to put recyclables in the trash compactor, with the exception of cans. He feels that the town will save a significant amount of money this year. The Board discussed the fact that the Warrant Article currently has budgeted for the removal of recyclables and discussed whether to reduce this amount if the town decides not to recycle for the remainder of the year, or to leave the amount budgeted as is, and any unspent monies in this account be turned back to the town next year. Chris stated he has spoken with Warren, and they are no longer recycling. He stated that Vermont has passed a law that all of VT must recycle which NH does not currently have.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of February 16
- Warrant for Timber OP 15-475-13
- letter to DOT regarding posting of bridge on N. Dorchester
- Credit Application for O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Veterans Credit Application
- 2016 Upper Valley Humane Society Agreement
- 2015 Annual Facility Report

Kay Bailey also mentioned a small area on Pond Brook road that has washed out and suggested that the Town wait to repair until after mud season.

Steve motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 7:04 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

