

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting of March 29, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Ray Youngs and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Chip Stata, Kay Bailey, Janice Thompson, Arlene Patten, Palmer Koelb, Donna King, Ellie Murray, George Morrill, Roland Bixby, Ruth Cail, Corrine Cormiea, Carmen Menard, Mary Cody

Ray motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Chris and approved.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed payroll and vendor payments. The Board also reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of March 15
- Report of Cut for Gerlich, and Tatham
- Gravel Excavation for King
- Extension of Timber Cut for King and Anderson
- Intent to Cut for Downing, Tatham and King
- Application for Elderly exemption for Garrett
- Employee review/pay increase Corso, Smith
- Tax Collectors MS-232 report
- Refunds for Pike and CitiFinancial
- Abatements for Mazzaglia Trust, Patterson and Bonarrigo
- Notice of Intent to tax building on land of another

Donna presented the Board with the MS-123, Report of Town/City/Village Officials. The Board reviewed and signed the Report.

Chris discussed recycling at the Transfer Station. Chris stated that the town is no longer doing Zero Sort. They will continue to offer recycling of cans and bottles marked with 5 or 10 cents. All other recycles will be disposed into the trash compactor. Chris stated it is not feasible for the town to do zero sort at this time given the increased costs. He stated they received quotes from a few vendors, and Witcher is cheaper and local. Chris stated it is currently cheaper to make new products creating less pollutants than to reuse the plastic. Chris discussed the savings and we are now using the correct PSI on the trash compactor. Witcher has put in a 50 yd instead of the 40 yd we had for C&D, and we will save some money on hauls. We are polluting less. He also noted that the Town does have some money in the Capital Reserve and we can look into a baler. He has spoken with Warren and they may be willing to share the costs of some items such as a baler. Palmer said some years ago they went to Bridgewater who had state of art set up, and he encouraged the BOS to look at their set up. Chris also stated they have changed the lock at the Transfer Station gate, as too many people had the combination. George asked if they are still looking for a volunteer for Pemi-Baker Solid Waste representative. Chris said they are and the Town would love to have him do that if he is willing. George stated he believes they have some grants and so forth towards recycling equipment.

Roland Bixby discussed with the Board the upcoming 250th celebration, a country gospel musical to be held Sept 10th at the church on the Common. He stated they have about 30 musicians lined up for the event. He spoke of expenses, and Chris suggested he contact the 250th celebration group to discuss funds, as they do have some monies, and to let the Board know. George said there is a spot on the town website that speaks of the upcoming dates.

Carmen Menard, Branch Manager of Passumpsic Savings Bank and Mary Cote, VP Business Banking Developer discussed banking services that the Passumpsic Bank might have to offer to the Town. Chris asked what towns they work with and where they are located. Carmen stated that their main branch is in VT, the closest bank for Wentworth would be Littleton. Ray stated he would like to read through the info they gave him, and then speak with them afterwards. Ray shared his contact information. The Board thanked them for their time.

Janice asked about the old Town Hall and whether they are doing anything with it. Chris said that he and Chief Trott went to the Town Hall last week due to a broken window, which they think was maybe broken due to a vehicle or weather. Chris stated he had not been in the Town Hall before and stated he was very disappointed in the condition of the building. The biggest concern is the bathroom facilities. Chris stated that due to the poor conditions, they have sealed off the 2 seater outhouse until other arrangements can be made. Palmer and Ellie stated they need an outhouse by Friday for the scheduled Square Dancing. Chris summarized concerns listed in 2007 that have never addressed, which included the dangers of pot belly stoves, the flammables located upstairs, (the Board discussed chaining off the second floor to the public) flammable stage curtains and the handicap ramp. Ray stated that they need to review what the needs are, and put something out to the people of the Town and get feedback. The Board discussed looking into costs for a porta potty and the possible use of the Town Hall Capital Reserve to pay for costs. King Forest Industries is hosting an event at the Town Hall on Thursday, and they usually rent their own porta potty. The AA offered to contact them to see if the Town could use the porta potty for the Town's square dancing event on Friday.

Janice Thompson inquired about the notation on the agenda referring to the Notice of Intent to tax of property upon land of another. The AA explained it was a notice being sent to a property owner of the RSA that allows the Town to tax property such as a RV or camper which belongs to someone else but may be situated upon the land of another property owner.

Corrine Cormiea discussed with the Board her concerns regarding North Dorchester Road. She stated the road is in poor condition due to a logging/timber project. The Board said there is little they can do, as the road was not posted when the loggers traveled upon it.

The Board reviewed and approved an updated Event Application review draft. The new forms calls for a \$20.00 non-refundable usage fee, and a \$30.00 key (if using the Old Town Hall) and damage deposit. The damage deposit will be returned following the event if the area is left in good clean condition. Chris made a motion to accept the updated Event Application form, seconded by Ray and approved.

The Board reviewed the septic operation approvals from DES regarding Hannon, ML 5-3-2.

The Board reviewed and discussed Jen Meade request/inquiry regarding electrical wiring at the Bandstand on the common.

Chief Trott was in attendance and stated he had no status update from the PD.

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (1) at 7:50 pm, per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee, seconded by Ray and approved. The Board met with Arlene Patten and discussed the Administrative Clerk position. No decisions were made. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 8:02 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (2) at 8:02 pm, 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, seconded by Ray and approved. The Board discussed ongoing

legal matters. No decisions were made. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 8:28 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (3) at 8:29 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 Ray and approved. The Board discussed a salary increase of the Chief and supporting officers. Chris motioned to come out of the meeting at 7:25 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

The Board announced the decisions made in the Non-Public Meeting (3), and Chris motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 8:45 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by
