

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN  
Selectmen's Business Meeting of April 26, 2016

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Catherine Stover

Also Present: Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Palmer Koelb, Bernie Waugh, Brian Gallagher, Quentin Mack, George Morrill, Arlene Patten, Chip Stata, Steve Welch, Patti Welch, Corrine Cormiea, Chief Wally Trott, Tim Minear, Donna King

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

Attorney Bernie Waugh was in attendance and presented the Board with the 2015 Municipal law Status updates.

Steve Welch discussed with the Board OHRV usage, including discussion of Warrant Article #25 from the 2009 Town Meeting, regarding a vote to authorize OHRV's on class 5 and 6 roads. The Warrant Article was defeated and stated that there was a voice vote to table the article indefinitely in the affirmative. He discussed concerns regarding opening the roads for the OHRV usage which could lead to snowmobile usage, which potentially can do damages. Steve urged the Board to consider the wishes of the Town in the matter. The Board stated they are open to discussion from town residents that are both in favor of the use of OHRV's and those not in favor of it. They reiterated that only a small portion of OHRV usage area was opened last year as a trial run, and permission was given from all property owners to do so. The Board stated that they have received no complaints or issues regarding the trial run and stated that they are not in favor of opening all roads to OHRV usage.

The Board invited Privilege of the Floor. Palmer Koelb discussed the use of the old Town Hall for square dancing and the use of the existing 2 holer vs. using a Porta Potty at the Town Hall. The Board discussed possibly using the school gym, and Chris offered to speak with the school to see if it would be an option. Chip discussed the use of the Town Hall Maintenance Capital Reserve for upgrading the bathroom facilities. Pete asked Palmer's input regarding the possible use of the school in the interim of the repair of the town hall. Palmer said he was not opposed to using the school.

Chris discussed the electricity to the Bandstand. Stated the Meade's have offered to have the electricity run underground from the bandstand to the Fire station. Chris motioned to accept the Meade's offer.

Chip said the Trustees have \$600.00 in the Celebration Trust Funds which have been leftover for many years. He stated that the Town's auditor's suggested the Town use these monies for the benefit of the town to dissolve the trust fund account. Chris motioned to withdraw the \$600.00 to be used towards the underground electricity for the bandstand, seconded by Pete and approved.

Brian Gallagher, Representative of Belknap District 4, was in attendance to meet and greet the Board. Senator Jeannie Forester will be running for Governor, and this will leave a vacancy for this district open. He gave a summary of his background, the area of the covered district and

his goals going forward for the district. The Board and the audience asked him questions regarding plans, goals, thought on issues such as drug usage, drug programs, part time judges with over filled calendars and the impact of this on our police department. The Board thanked him for his time and Mr. Gallagher left some information regarding himself with the Board.

The Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of April 13
- Health and Deputy Health Officer Appointment Form
- Abatements, Pollard, Thibeault
- Refund; Mack
- 2016 Racetrack Application
- Timber Cuts, Wilms, Brady, Comeau, VanNorden
- Intent to Cut, Scheller
- Approval for construction of Septic, Moulton, Laauwe

Donna presented the Board with several properties which are scheduled to go to deed on May 10, for non-payment of 2013 property taxes. The Board reviewed and approved the documents.

At 8:20 pm, Chris motioned to go into Non-Public meeting (1) 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. The motion was seconded by Ray and approved. The Board discussed a deeded property. The Board decided to discuss the matter further with legal. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 8:35 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

At 8:35 pm, Chris motioned to go into Non-Public meeting (2) 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. The motion was seconded by Pete and approved. The Board discussed a BLTA Appeal and reviewed related documents. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 8:43 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Road Agent's inquiry regarding culvert replacement on Atwell Hill Road. The Board decided to revisit the subject at the next Selectmen's meeting of May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Chris motioned to adjourn the Public meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

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