

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting of May 24, 2016

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

Also Present: Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Palmer Koelb, George Morrill, Donna King, Arlene Patten, Patricia Rathbun, Ellie Murray, Daniel Noseworthy

Chris motioned to open the meeting at 6:01 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Janice Thompson asked about the Town insurance. Ray stated the Town is waiting for a quote and we should receive it by next the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Janice spoke about attending the recent DOT meeting which was held at the Old Town Hall and noticed many deficiencies in the Old Town Hall building.

Donna King addressed the Board. She no longer needs her health insurance through the town, and asked the Board if they would be interested in buying her out for the remaining 6 months of coverage. The rates are \$897.93/mo, (6 months = \$5,387.58). The Board stated they see no problem with this. Ray asked if this has been done in the past. The AA stated that it has. Ray made a motion to approve, Pete seconded the motion and Chris agreed.

Donna stated that there is a home on East Side Road that has seeping septic issues, and wonders if the Board as Health Officers can look into the situation. Pete stated he believes the situation is being corrected.

Chris stated that the Transfer Station was broken into in the last week. There was a cinder block thrown in through a window, and they were looking for money. Police were called, and a report was filed.

Chris reviewed an email received regarding recycling at the Transfer Station. He stated that it does not appear that the writer (Leslie Backstrom) has attended any past Selectmen meetings or Town Meeting, in which the subject has been addressed and discussed. Chris read aloud some of the concerns stated in the email. Ray suggested we invite her to a Selectmen's Meeting, and Chris and Pete agreed.

Chris read a notice received from Vegetation Control Service, a contractor consultant of th NH Electric Co-Op, regarding spraying undesirable vegetation growing within power line rights of way in the Town. The Board discussed with the audience the area to be treated (25a) and types of chemicals that will be used.

Wally stated he spoke with Chris regarding a property Town owned property on Bullseye Curve Road. Daniel Noseworthy addressed the Board regarding the deteriorating property as well, and asked what could be done. Mr. Noseworthy shared pictures he has taken of the property and discussed his concerns. The Board reviewed amount owing on the property and discussed offering the property for sale to the public by sealed bid. The Board stated that the property will be sold as is (there is a dilapidated mobile home and garbage that will need to be removed and cleaned up. Chris motioned to offer the property for sale to the public by sealed bid, seconded by Pete and approved. The Board stated that bids will be accepted until June 30.

Chris asked Ellie if she has found any additional members to fill in the open positions on the Conservation Committee. She said no one has come forward. Chris stated that the state requires 3 members. Patricia Rathbun said she would be interested, and the Administrative Assistant directed her to contact the office to get more information.

Chris stated that the Kick Ball tournament Event, which was held at the school last weekend, raised over \$1,000.00.

The Board reviewed and/or signed the following:

- 2016 P1 Tax Warrant
- Meeting Minutes of May 10
- Payroll and Voucher Payments
- Timber Warrants for Kaiser, Murray, Arden Forest, Reiter, Scheller, King, Anderson, Bixby, Brown
- Timber Intent to Cut approvals for Wilms, Dinner, Gove
- Current Use Application for Brownson
- Abatement Application for Reiter, Hals
- Religious Exemption Application
- Privilege of the Floor guidelines updated
- Fire Extinguisher maintenance Service proposal

Palmer stated he will be holding his annual open house on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday – Monday, 9-4, and all are welcomed to come.

At 7:14 pm, Chris motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (1) 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. The motion was seconded by Pete and approved. The Board met with a welfare applicant and discussed their request for assistance. The request for assistance was denied. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

At 7:45 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. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with anybody or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph. The motion was seconded by Pete and approved. The Board discussed the 2016 Warren Wentworth Ambulance contract. The Board discussed and agreed to modify the contract (monthly vs. yearly) and directed the office to process a payment for 3 months (April – June), and that payments be made monthly thereafter. Chris motioned that the contract be modified and signed and the 3 month payment be sent to WWA. The motion was seconded by Pete and Ray and approved. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

At 7:50 pm, Chris, motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (3) 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 anybody or board shall not constitute a

threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph. The motion was seconded by Pete and approved. The Board discussed a Timber Appeal scheduled to be heard at the BLTA in June. Pete stated that he will attend. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

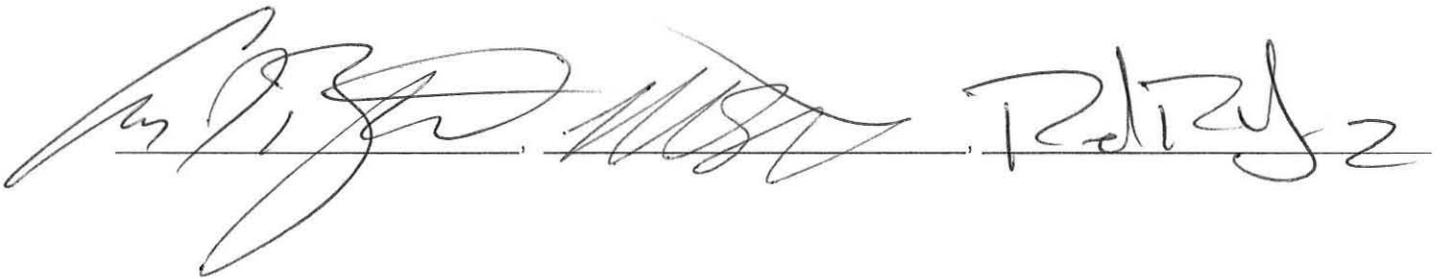
At 8:00 pm, Chris, motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting (4) per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) – Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership 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 anybody or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph. The motion was seconded by Pete and approved. The Board discussed a matter regarding the repurchase of a deeded property and directed the AA to respond to our legal firm with feedback. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public meeting at 8:05 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

The Board stated there will be no Working Meeting next week, May 31.

Ray motioned to close the public meeting at 8:07 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Stover

Minutes accepted by

Three handwritten signatures are written over a horizontal line. The signatures are stylized and cursive. The first signature on the left is the most complex and large. The middle signature is shorter and more compact. The signature on the right is also compact and appears to end with a '2'.