

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting of January 3, 2017

Present: Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Chip Stata, Duane Brown, Derrick Randall, John Comeau, Jeff Ames, Francis Muzzey, Kathy Keefe, Palmer Koelb, George Morrill, Donna King

Pete motioned to open the meeting at 6:07 pm, seconded by Ray and approved. The Board reviewed the Agenda and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Timber Intent to Cut M/L 4-8-1, 3-1, 3-2, 3-4
- ACH Origination Agreement
- Land Use Change Tax M/L 13-4-5
- Meredith Village Savings Bank / Deputy Treasurer

Pete Welcomed Duane Brown to the Meeting. Mr. Duane Brown is taking Oath of Office tonight as Deputy Treasurer. Donna King prepared the paperwork and signed the necessary papers with Mr. Brown. The Board was pleased and thanked Mr. Brown for his acceptance of office.

Ray addressed the public about a few recent complaints of the Transfer Station closing earlier than its normal time. He continued to say that if the Compactor / C&D are full, the Transfer Station will close. However, if the Station is closing often because they are full, then Witcher's Rubbish Removal needs to be notified for an appropriate pickup schedule. Ray also mentioned that he's been questioned by the public, as to why the Re-purpose/Recycle Center is closed. He stated he has no problem opening this up and that it's the decision of the Town, whether they want this or not. Ray asked the public if they truly wanted this. The public said yes. The Board agreed to re-open The Transfer Station Re-purpose/Recycle Center, and it is now opened.

Kathy Keefe was offered the floor. She had complaints of snow being pushed into her driveway, by the Town Highway Dept. during snow plowing and/or storms. The Board questioned and discussed with Ms. Keefe the law, stating it's illegal to shovel or put snow in the roadway, and asked her not to do this.

Derrick Randall was welcomed to the floor. He questioned why the roads were not being attended to. He questioned The Board about liability to the Town, if something happened on the poorly maintained roads. The Board said that they would look into this, and speak with the Road Agent about the concerns.

The Board extended an invitation to Privilege of the Floor at 6:25 pm:

Ms. Kay Bailey questioned if the website could be updated with the new, appointed positions that have taken Oath of Office.

Mr. Muzzey mentioned to The Board that he wanted to be sure that they knew Ellsworth Hill Road was truly a Class VI Road. The Board concurred, they did recall Mr. Muzzey clarifying that in a previous meeting.

Mr. Koelb mentioned that he heard that a truck had crossed the recently completed Friendship Bridge. The Board asked if anyone had seen this and knew who it was. The Board said that it is a pedestrian bridge. There has not been any vote to make it for OHRV accessible. The Board will be in touch with The Meades to see when the barrier posts will be placed to keep vehicles off. Mr. Koelb went on to say that he notices there is a picnic table on the tennis courts and it needs to be removed, before it ruins the pavement. He also said that he noticed the door under the bandstand is unlocked and opened. He is concerned that some kids could get in there and start fires or possibly get hurt.

Mr. Muzzey and Mr. Morrill agreed that their budget for the Planning Board, will remain the same and they will be asking for the same amount of \$1500.00.

Chief Ames said that his team of Firefighters have been doing a fantastic job. He continued with his thankfulness and praise, stating he believes that the Firefighters deserve to hear this from The Board. He said he would like The Board to do an appreciation dinner of pizza, at one of their upcoming meetings, and personally thank them. Mr. Koelb said that having 18 Firefighters on a roster with 16 active members, says a lot for the Chief. The Board concurred. Chief Ames said that they will be working more with Haverhill Corners and Rumney, that they also have a great team of Firefighters, and do a wonderful job.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:55 pm, Pete motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting – **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, seconded by Ray and approved. Donna King – Personal Matter. The Board listened and advised on personal matter. Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:03 pm.

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 7:07 pm, Ray motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting - 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 Pete and approved. Mr. Francis Muzzey – Legal Matter. The Board advised Mr. Muzzey that the Legal Matter has recently been resolved. Pete motioned to come out of Non-Public Meeting at 7:13 pm.

Non-Public Meeting #3

At 7:15 pm, Pete motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting – **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, seconded by Ray and approved. Chief Ames – Personal Matter. The Board will look into the issues. Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:35

Pete motioned to adjourn at 7:45 pm and seconded by Ray and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

