

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN  
Selectmen's Business Meeting of January 17, 2017.

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Palmer Koelb, Kevin Gilbert, Donna King,  
Martha Trott

Chris motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Pete and approved. The Board reviewed the Agenda and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Meeting Minutes of 12/20/16, 12/27/16, 01/03/17, 01/10/17
- Warren / Wentworth Ambulance Service Contract for 2017-2018
- Winnepesaukee Drug Consortium Service Agreement
- ACH Origination Agreement / Meredith Village Bank
- Transportation Improvement / Ten year plan
- New LED Security Monitor choices
- Friendship Bridge photo-posts to keep vehicles off

Martha was welcomed to the meeting to speak on behalf of Chief Trott. Martha stated that the Chief has increased patrol on weekends. He will be in the office on Thurs. – Fri. this week if the Town's people need him. Martha also stated to be mindful of the event held at WES, this next Saturday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, for the Wild Game Dinner, that the area will be patrolled.

The Board mentioned that it was great to see a Trustees' signature on the Library timesheets. Although (2) were suggested, at least one signature was applied. Ms. Bailey said that she was happy it had at least one. She will look into whether or not it needed to definitely have two, each week.

The Board questioned the Administrative Assistant about the Winnepesaukee Drug Consortium paperwork submitted for their review. The Administrative Assistant, thoroughly answered their questions and concerns. The Board needed to make a decision whether or not they wanted a 5 panel, 10 panel, or a 10 panel w/expanded opiate drug screen done on all Non-DOT, including pre-employment, post-accident, random, and reasonable cause. The Board selected 10 panel with expanded opiate testing.

The Board reviewed some choices of new security monitors and the Administrative Assistant will be in conversation with the experts to make sure the chosen monitor will work with the system before purchasing.

Mr. John Meade sent a photo and write up about the recent work done on The Friendship Bridge to keep vehicles off. At this time, no decision or approval have been made by the Selectmen to allow any OHRV or Snowmobiles on The Bridge. It is prohibited, until further notice. The Bridge is for pedestrian use only. Ms. King mentioned that she had recently gone to The Bridge with family, only to find both ends were glare ice. The Board suggested that maybe Mr. Gilbert, the Road Agent would put some sand down and notify the State Hwy crew. Mr. Gilbert stated he would be in touch with the State Hwy. crew to see if they will bring some salt and care for the entrances to The Bridge.

Ms. Margaret Bickford was welcomed to the floor to speak. She asked, "What the church family could do to help The Community with?" She said that the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration was so successful that she would like to do something in the community to bring the people together and help in some way. Ms. King stated that she would like to see the Christmas Tree Lighting be considered and maybe and a Christmas Bazaar could be held at the Church. Mr. Koelb stated in the past, the School basically had stopped it from happening. The Board listened to the suggestions and said they would like to see something like this for the children in the community, including Christmas caroling around the lit Tree, maybe Santa riding in on a Fire truck, or something like this for the school children. The Board said they will look into this further with the school officials. The Board thanked Ms. Bickford for her willingness to do something for the community and said they would let her know the results at a later time.

Ms. Bickford also stated that the Church has begun the process in filing an application as a Historic Place.

The Board read a recent letter submitted to the Town Office. The letter was that of displeasure in the way the Old Town Hall was posted, by screwing a metal sign to the door. The Board stated that because of the complaint, the Chief changed out the sign to a slightly less abrasive one reading, temporarily closed for repairs and renovations.

Ms. Donna King mentioned to The Board that in last meeting when Budgets were being discussed that she would appreciate The Board not entertaining questions pertaining to her budget if she was not present. Ms. King stated if her budget is being questioned by the public, she would like to answer for herself. She thanked The Board for their consideration with this matter.

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

Ms. Thompson questioned if she could see the estimate report/photos that Stan Graton had presented to the Board on the Old Town Hall. She said that she's interested in seeing the photos of the chimney and underneath of the Hall. The Board gave permission for her to peruse the booklet. Ms. Thompson continued with more questions. She inquired about a Warrant Article and if there would be a separate one for the additional Town Hall repairs. The Board will look into this.

Ms. Bailey inquired if The Board will be having Budget Meetings to discuss the expendable trust for the Webster Library. She also inquired about the property card for the Webster Library and why the Gazebo was noted on the card. The Administrative Assistant will check with Avitar, Mark Stetson.

At 6:45 pm The Board asked Mr. Kevin Gilbert to present and discussed his budget for the Town Highway Dept. Mr. Gilbert made some positive changes to the budget and has saved the Town money. The Board is pleased with his work and efforts, and thanked Mr. Gilbert for doing a great job.

Chris motioned at 7:10 pm to close the meeting and move to a Non-Public, seconded by Pete and approved.

#### **Non-Public Meeting #1**

At 7:15 pm, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting - 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, seconded by Pete and approved. Personnel issues / HR policies. The Board discussed some personnel issue

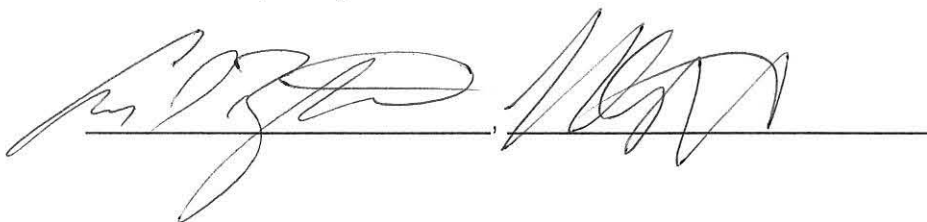
with the Administrative Assistant and Road Agent. The Board asked the Admin. Assist. and Road Agent to exit room while they had a discussion privately. The two members were invited back to the meeting to receive feedback. Chris motioned to come out of Non-Public Meeting at 7:45

The Board returned back to public discussion at 7:46. The Board discussed the Selectmen's budget, made adjustments and completed the general admin budget at this time. The Board needs to review and discuss Transfer Station budget, make adjustments, review savings and income. This will be done on Jan. 31, 2017.

Chris motioned to adjourn at 8: pm and seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

Two handwritten signatures in black ink are written over a horizontal line. The signature on the left is more cursive and larger, while the one on the right is more compact and angular.