

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting / **Final Budget Workshop**
of January 31, 2017

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Francis Muzzey, Ellie Murray, 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:

- Review and Sign Payroll Checks
- Review Warrant Articles
- **Public Budget Hearing on February 07th** noted on Website and on Bulletin Board.

Martha was welcomed to the meeting to speak on behalf of Chief Trott. Ms. Trott stated that the year-end paperwork was complete. The Chief has been very busy working in Haverhill as Sargent, and would like everyone to know that he has been working as Chief, in Town. She said, He still comes in and works on the days he's not in Haverhill, including weekends here. Ms. Trott also said that the Chief has received the Wireless Boosters that he ordered for this building and the School. The service here is much better, allowing for more than just spotty service. The Administrative Assistant said that she can now get 2-3 status bars in the building. Mr. Gilbert stated he felt it was a safety issue in Town having such poor service, and was in hopes that it would improve.

Ms King will check into a Private Water Testing organization that would like to establish a group of people in the area, and possibly meet for more information.

The Board extended an invitation to Privilege of the Floor at 6:15 pm:

Mr. Muzzey was welcomed by The Board to speak of behalf of WWAS Board Meetings. Mr. Muzzey said that he tried to discuss with "new" Board members, about finalizing the agreement that was made several years ago and closing a docket that was still opened. He made a motion, but no other members seconded his motion. Mr. Muzzey stated he would attempt again at another meeting. He also stated that he would call Littleton Courts for information on closing the docket. Mr. Muzzey shared information of a mortgage, slush fund, a loan, and financial numbers concerning payroll, and outstanding bills. Mr. Muzzey said this is a wonderful service that is commendable for their service and he is in no way criticizing them. He said that they are looking into getting a loan for one payment a month, to help with the WWAS finances. Mr. Muzzey said that if both Board of Selectmen from each Town, would consider giving the service a substantial amount of money, it would greatly help. Mr. Muzzey also said that the WWAS is in need of re-writing the By-Laws.

Mrs. Murray spoke of a dip in the road near her residence on East Side Rd. She said she was concerned about the size and what might be going on. It was said that there were large trucks with wood chips seen on this road. Mrs. Murray said that they were log trucks and hauling trucks that were taking chips off her property. The Road Agent said that he would check into this dip in the road near her home, next time he was on East Side Road.

Mrs. Thompson inquired if the budget was adjusted and for the repairs of the Town Hall. She also asked if the Warrant articles would reflect this structural repair needed. The Board answered yes to her questions. They discussed that the budget for 2017 would reflect the \$80,000.00 estimate for the structural repair. The Board also discussed that the Capital Reserve Fund would be used and the Town would also be asked to raise and appropriate \$16,000.00 to help with this repair.

The Board motioned to go into Non-Public at 6:50 pm.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:52 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. Donna King / Payroll Request. Mrs. King discussed a pay raise for she offered to her T/C T/C Administrative Clerk. The Board agreed with her decision. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 6:52 pm seconded by Pete and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 7:07 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. Kevin Gilbert / Personal Matter. Mr. Gilbert discussed a personal matter with The Board. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:11 pm seconded by Pete and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #3

At 7:20 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. Arlene Patten / Personal Matter. Ms. Patten discussed a personal matter with The Board. Chris motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:35 pm seconded by Pete and approved.

The Board returned back to public meeting discussion at 7:40. The Board discussed the Transfer Station Budget. The Board was happy with the savings of about \$20,000.00. The Board also discussed the Selectmen's budget briefly, along with the Warrant Articles that were being combined this year, for a change. They made a few adjustments to how the Articles would be combined and what line items would be added to the budget. It was agreed that the State Highway Block Grant would be added under the Highway budget to show the income gained and how it was expended.

Chris motioned to adjourn at 7:59 pm and seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

Two handwritten signatures are written over a horizontal line. The signature on the left is cursive and appears to be 'Arlene Patten'. The signature on the right is also cursive and appears to be 'Chris'. There is a comma between the two signatures.