

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Public Budget Hearing Meeting of February 07, 2017

Present: Pete Santom, Ray Youngs and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Sharon Sanborn, Jeff Ames, Jerilynn Thurlow,
Martha Trott

Pete motioned to open the meeting at 5:56 pm, seconded by Ray and approved. The Board reviewed the Agenda and approved.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

- **Warrant Articles**
- **Budget for 2017**

Pete opened discussion about the newly done Warrant Articles. The Board likes the compressed version of Articles. The Town went from 28 Warrant Articles to reducing it to half the amount this year. Each Warrant was discussed, corrected and/or changed by agreement. Any and all questions were addressed during the meeting. The Board accepted the Budget as it was complete.

Warrant Articles 1 & 2 to choose **Officers**, and to receive **Reports**. These Articles remained the same as usual.

Warrant Article 3: **General Municipal Operations** is combined with the **Ambulance, Transfer Station, Welfare, Parks & Recreation, Patriotic**, and the **Conservation Commission**. Each item was discussed and it was agreed upon that the items would also have the numerical value with them to help the viewing and breakdown to be easier when read.

Warrant Article 4: **Health Agencies & Organizations**, was discussed and it was agreed upon that we had a decrease in fund amounts given this year. This was discussed in great detail during the budget workshops.

Warrant Article 5: **Fire Department**, was discussed and the Chief did a great job keeping his budget minimal this year.

Warrant Article 6: **Highway Department**, came in at a lower amount this year too. It was discussed and the budget was corrected this year to show as a line item; State Highway Block Grant.

Warrant Article 7: **2014 Freightliner** (Dump/Plow Truck), third year payment for that purpose.

Warrant Article 8: **Establish a Town Office Capital Reserve Fund**, which is new. This was a petitioned vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. to be used for renovations and expansion of the Town Office Building.

Warrant Article 9: **Expendable Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds**, basically remains the same unless the above article for the Town Office renovations and expansion is approved, this will remain unaffected.

Warrant Article 10: **Police Department and Animal & Pest Control** are combined this year with their numerical value stated by each.

Warrant Article 11: **Webster Memorial Library**, is basically the same showing its numerical breakdown for each expense, income and appropriation/funding requests.

Warrant Article 12: **Old Town Hall**, for repairs and maintenance, to come from general taxation, and two Capital Reserves Funds. There has been a great deal of discussion over the last year about the building needs. The Building has recently been closed until further notice. A structural engineer has made recommendations of needs to the foundation. Eventually, the building will need heat, water, and Bathrooms to bring it up to code.

Warrant Article 13: This is a signed petition to have **Recycling** brought back to the Town.

Warrant Article 14: to transact any **other business** that may legally come before the meeting.

The Board motioned to end the Public Budget Hearing / Warrant Articles for this year of 2017, and move into Non-Public Meeting at 7:15 pm.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 7:20 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 Trott – Personal Matter. The Board listened, discussed and advised Chief Trott on this personal matter. Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:45 pm seconded by Ray and approved.

Pete motioned to go back into Public Meeting at 7:46 pm. Chief Trott mentioned that he had a new police officer named Todd Eck, whom would be starting with Wentworth Police Part-time soon.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

