

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Working/Business Meeting
of May 03, 2017

Present: Ray Youngs, Pete Santom and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Richard Borger, Kevin Gilbert, Deb Ziemba, Kate Blodgett, Francis Muzzey, Craig Pasco, Andy Grignon, Sean Downey

Ray motioned to open the meeting at 6:04 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

The Board called for a Non Public Meeting immediately preceding the public meeting. They exited the Board Room to meet in the Administrative Assistant's office.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:10 pm, Ray 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. Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 6:15 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

The Board returned to the regularly scheduled business agenda at 6:16 pm.

Mr. Muzzey asked what the Non-Public was for and the Select Board stated a personal matter 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.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Chris Gamache - NH Bureau of Trails – Approval/Denial Letter
- Lien Discharge 05-01-22
- (2) Abatements on Pease Property
- (9) Yield Tax on Timbers
- Intents to Cut
- Jordan King - Estimates for Work
- Baker River Watershed
- Review Town Meeting Minutes

Chief Trott was welcomed to speak and had nothing to report.

Walter Rebele was on the agenda for discussion of the upcoming Race tract noise / questioning sound barriers and was a no show this evening.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave a status update. He shared with the Board that possibly the Town could save some money if they purchased their own Portable Toilets. He was quoted through a private owner, \$225.00 each for (4) and \$25.00 to have cleaned by K&R Portable Toilets. The Administrative Assistant spoke of a conversation she had with K&R for clarification of cost and the \$25.00 quote. The quote was actually for a weekly expense and not as a monthly expense. The

actual cost the Town pays is \$110.00 a month per Portable Toilet, which is \$25.00 a week per unit to clean and \$10.00 a month for the rental of each unit. After considerable thought was given, The Board decided to stay with the current K&R contract.

Kevin Gilbert also gave an update on the Transfer Station. The scrap metal dumpster was returned to Randy Morrison by request. The Transfer Station now needed something to contain the scrap supplies, so Kevin decided with approval to purchase large concrete blocks to form a holding area. The next move would be to pour a concrete floor or have it paved. Decision will be made at a later date.

At 6:20 pm, Deborah Ziemba took Oath of Office to be the "new" appointed Tax Clerk / Tax Collector for Wentworth. The Board welcomed Deb to her new position as T/C T/C.

Sean Downey, with Hilltop Public Solutions, on behalf of Granite State Power Link, provided a brief presentation on a "Ready Path to Clean Energy" and its impact on the Town of Wentworth. During his speech, many interruptions were made with questions concerning the following;

- Janice – Does this involve digging?
- Francis – Is this path the same as the Northern Pass, and how many jobs will be guaranteed for NH?
- Kate - What's that going to do to the land and what about the EMF?
- Kay – Will there be power surges and are those new lines going to handle this?
- Craig – It's said that Eversource set aside power at a lower rate with an auxiliary plan, and they are opposed to this Power Link project and what prompted the urgency with this project to begin on 3/28/17?
- Francis – What's the plan for lease in 12 yrs. when the 99 yr. contract is up?

"These are all great questions", which was the reply from Mr. Downey. He stated that his organization welcomes questions and feedback, and he would be happy to facilitate that. Mr. Downey provided necessary contact information 1-888-603-GSPL (4475), infor@granitestatepowerlink.com, and @GSPowerLink. He also agreed to take the resident names, email addresses or phone numbers, of those that had questions, and He would address them in further detail, when he had the appropriate answers to the questions.

The Select Board was given a letter from the Town's Legal Attorney, Jennifer Hartman. The letter was attached with two motions that The Select Board should read and vote on concerning the Pease/Blodgett Property, M/L # 8-1-9. The Select Board will sign and have copies made, and give originals to Ms. Blodgett, for her filing with the Registry of Deeds.

Ray made a motion to vote and release the (2) Real Estate Taxes, (6) Old Age Assistance / Municipal Assistance Liens, for the value received in the year 2009 on the agreed settlement, with the Town of Wentworth, along with signing the Discharge of Mortgage, seconded by Pete and approved. The originals were given to Ms. Blodgett by the Administrative Assistant, Arlene Patten. Copies will be sent to the Town's Legal, along with a copy of these minutes, a copy will be placed in the Property file, and a copy to the Tax Clerk/Tax Collector's Office.

The Board extended an invitation to Privilege of the Floor

The Board read a couple of emails by John Meade and Evelyn Farrell, concerning the ATV/OHRV. It was agreed by The Board and a motion was made by Ray, seconded by Pete and approved to allow the ATV to use the corridor behind the State Shed and to also cross Rt. 25 from Hamilton to Shawnees Store/gas station. Mr. Muzzey and Ms. Bailey opposed the crossing at Hamilton Field to Shawnees. The Select Board Chair member, Chris Bassingthwaite had phoned in late during the discussion. Mr. Borger was upset and said that they ought to look at getting a Town vote, before making this kind of decision. Mr. Pasco noted this is why he placed the article in the paper,

because people are generally quiet, 'til they are angry. The Select Board reminded them that it's their decision, and that it was discussed by The NH Bureau of Trails, stating there are two Statutes on this, and one supports this agreement to cross Route 25.

The Board had a discussion about The Baker River Watershed Association, and how they are preparing to do water samplings. The current cost is \$30.00 per/each sample. This cost includes the sample fee, supplies and travel incurred in the collection and delivery of the samples to Concord's Health and Human Services Labs. Total costs for the summer sampling season is expected to be \$360.00. The dates are set for June 5th, July 10th, Aug. 7th, and Sept. 5th. The Association will continue to cover the (3) sites in Wentworth this year. Graciously, a resident Sarah Brown has volunteered to learn the procedure and do the sampling tests, which will take about 5 minutes per site. The Administrative Assistant will forward this information to Lisa Doner at the Association, and set Sarah up to begin on June 5th 2017.

The Select Board member, Pete Santom made an announcement that he will be resigning from the Board of Selectmen, as of June 30th, 2017. The Board welcomes all that are interested in this position, to submit a statement of interest, and The Board will keep the Town abreast.

At 7:43 Ray motioned to move into a Non-Public Meeting, seconded by Pete and approved. The residents moved from The Board Room to the hallway.

Non-Public Meeting #1

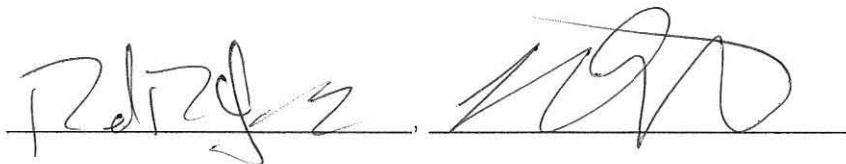
At 7:45 pm, Ray motioned to go into a Non-Public Meeting - per **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting, seconded by Pete and approved. Kay Bailey - Trustee / Personal Matter.

The Board discussed a personal matter with Ms. Bailey, as a member of the Webster Memorial Library Trustees. Ms. Bailey was unhappy with the discussion, and stomped her way out of The Board Room, slamming the door. Pete motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 7:52 pm, seconded by Ray and approved.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 8:00 pm, 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 'Pete Santom'.