

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting
July 5, 2015, 2017

Present: Ray Youngs, Tracy Currier and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Officer Todd Eck, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Andrew Cushing, George Morrill, Brian DuBois, Morgan Currier, Kevin Gilbert, Pete Santom

Ray motioned to open the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Employee & Vendor Checks
- Emergency Authorization Verification from NHDES
- Application for reimbursement to Town
- Report of Timber Cut, OP #16-475-06 (extension)
- (2) Intent to Cut Timber, 17-475-09, & 17-475-10
- Interstate Fire Protection Estimate for Job Costs
- NH Primex Membership Agreement
- NH Dept. of Revenue Administration, order form PA 28 – 2018
- Land Use Change Tax

Selectmen Ray discussed that because of the recent storm damage and the needs for Chris to return to his work duties in the State of Maine, The Board had an urgent need and moved forward with a vote to fill the Selectmen's position. They elected Tracy Currier to the team as the newest Board Member. Tonight, Tracy Currier took an Oath of Office and signed before the public. The crowd welcomed him and applauded.

Chief Trott was welcomed to speak and gave a status update. He will be giving an activity report at each Business Meeting, moving forward. Chief Trott then introduced the Town's newest Police Officer, Todd Eck. He spoke of Officer Eck's past accomplishments, skill and excellence that He brings to Wentworth. Officer Eck's position is part time and He recently took his Oath of Office in the Month of June. He has been working diligently with Chief Trott, learning the area, performing safety patrols and attending track details.

The Select Board Member Ray, mentioned to the Administrative Assistant to let Deborah Ziemba, TC/TC know that they would like her to attend a meeting for a status update, sometime in the near future.

Ray also mentioned that he would like to draft Thank You Notes to those who applied for the Selectmen's position.

Ms. Kay Bailey asked if she could speak briefly. She stated she was told by N. Masterson that the Town made a double payment in July, to the Webster Trustees for agreed 2017 appropriations. The Administrative Assistant will look into this.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave a status update. He said the roads are good. There's still work that needs to be done, but we are doing good. Originally, it was thought that the expenditure cost for the Town would be more than anticipated, with FEMA. Ray applauded and said that Road Agent and his crew were doing a great job. Raid said, thank you letters should be sent out to all who stepped up and helped out. Ms. Thompson asked how we will pay for the damages from the storm. Ray said that right now we pay from General Funds and then we will be reimbursed by FEMA, when funds are granted.

Brian DuBois was welcomed to the floor. Mr. DuBois spoke wonderful things about the Town's Highway crew and how impressed he was with the speed, attention, and concern the Road Agent and crew were giving during the storm washouts and floods. Mr. DuBois said that Atwell Hill Rd. flooding during the storm had washed much of the bank run gravel onto his property by the red gate. The Board asked him to work with the Road Agent, and keep track of hours spent (in case of question as to why the Town's equipment was on private property working) with removing some of the washed up gravel, back to the washed out areas. Mr. DuBois thanked the Board and once again, reiterated what a great job the Town's Highway Dept. had done during the disaster.

Andrew Cushing, Field Service Representative with The N.H. Preservation Alliance, was invited to speak about the Old Town Hall and what the next step is to having a condition assessment done. Mr. Cushing spoke of the Preservation Alliance and how they are basically grant funders. They will help with the process to obtain LCHIP, Nat'l register grants, and condition assessments to help receive eligible funds. He mentioned the first process is to get the Old Town Hall listed as a Historical Bldg. As soon as that happens, Andrew will be in touch and the Town will move forward with the next step of the process. The Board asked, if we were stuck (or committed) to the process, once we register? Mr. Cushing replied "NO". He then said the Town should establish a committee to help with the grant work and processes.

Mr. Morrill questioned if the Van Deusen Lot was ever made a Town Forest. It was unknown by the Select Board. Tracy Carrier, Selectmen offered to check into this.

Ray said that he would go speak to Mr. Borger about encroachment / boundary lines on the Van Deusen Property. He said Mr. Borger probably isn't even aware. Ms. Thompson mentioned her late Husband had turned over all maps and paperwork over to the Planning Board and thought they were last at the Town Hall.

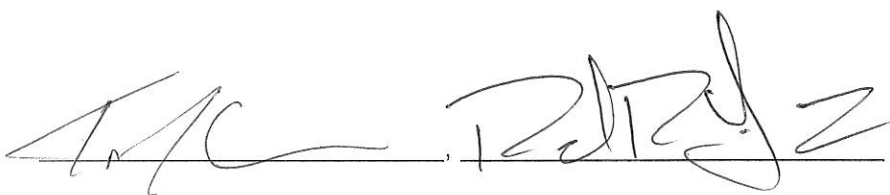
Non-Public Meeting #1

Meeting was cancelled – NO SHOW

Ray motioned to adjourn at 7:06 pm and seconded by Tracy 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 'Arlene Patten' and the signature on the right is 'Tracy Carrier'.