

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Business Meeting
December 19, 2017

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Ray Youngs, Tracy Currier, Arlene Patten and Deborah Vlk

Also Present: Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Kevin Gilbert, Glenn Campbell, Chief Trott,
Sharon Sanborn, Richard Borger Sr, Richard Borger Jr, Jordan King, George Morrill,
Jeff Ames, Chip Stata, Andrew Hanley

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

Selectmen reviewed and/or signed the following:

- Payroll & Vendor Checks
- BOS minutes of 12/05/17
- Dept of Environmental Services – John King review
- Letter from Bill Melanson – Hooper Hill rd
- DOT – Driveway Permit
- PRIMEX – Fire Truck insurance claim
- Nortrax Contract
- Nash Equipment purchase
- Raffle Ticket Permit
- Tax Collector Refunds
- Privilege of the Floor Rules (Backside of Agenda)

Chris stated that the Budget process will start on Jan 2 at 5PM with the Fire Dept. and Library.

Chief Trott stated the following activities reported within the Dept – DVO service & notice regarding service of Wentworth resident, active domestic parties separated, children removed, and referred to family court, vehicle accident on Atwell Hill Rd-assist EMS, phone harassment complaint, CDYF intake report-possible assault, DCYF intake report-DCYF assist-welfare check on family & children, theft report of town handicap sign, & theft of vehicle-recovered in Laconia-civil matter no charges filed.

Arlene stated that there was a resident complaint against the road agent of road conditions. Arlene stated that the residents needs to file a complaint form in writing or via e-mail addressed to the BOS.

Kevin Gilbert, Road Agent gave a status update on the roads and bridges. He stated that in the last storm all three trucks were on the road salting and sanding. One truck recently had its springs replaced and hoped that it was covered under the trucks extended warranty. Town residents can get sand from the town shed. Sharon Sanborn stated that it's difficult for library employees to shovel and put out sand. Kevin Gilbert stated they will add this task to their list.

Chris stated there was a letter from a resident on Hooper Hill Rd asking the town for assistance improving the road. Since this road is a Class VI the town does not maintain. The Board will schedule a meeting in the Spring to further discuss with the resident what the Town is willing to assist in upgrading this road especially for fire & emergency access.

Glenn Campbell gave a status report on the transfer station. Mr. Campbell went for training and exam for his transfer operator license on Dec. 14th. He has looked at used compactor/bailer/banders and will be looking at two more this week. Nine residents have committed to donate toward a purchase of one of these used units for the town. New dump stickers will be available for residents in early 2018. These new stickers will be good for three years. Mr. Campbell has applied for three grants to assist with the upgrading of the transfer station. The funds will allow for a new cement building, heating system and solar panels on the roof. Mr. Campbell is working to file with the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste our tonnage of materials that pass through our facility since none has been reported since 2012. The transfers Permit by Notification is outdated and he will be meeting with NHDES the first week of January. Transfer station employees job description has been rewritten to reflect the daily responsibilities. NH Electric has been contacted to repair the street lights at the transfer station and sand pile. Removal of used waste oil for the transfer station is in process.

The Board extended an invitation to Privilege of the Floor:

Chip Stata gave an update of the Plummer Forest issue, stating that the forester has stopped all work. There is still an outstanding bill that he has been submitted but it is under contention on who is responsible for this payment.

Jordan King asked if he was still the Town's Forester which the Selectmen agreed he is and Chris made a motion and seconded by Tracy that Jordan King can start his management plan and to submit his budget for the upcoming year.

Kay Bailey asked if the Trustees of the Trust Fund have a financial advisor which Chip Stata stated that he had contacted Lincoln Financial for guidance, but this was not a contractual agreement with no payment due. The Trustees of the Trust Fund will need a warrant article to be voted on at town meeting to have a financial advisor.

Chris motioned to adjourn at 7:30PM and move to go a Non-Public session and seconded by Tracy and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 7:30PM, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public, seconded by Tracy - **RSA 91-A:3, II(b)** – The hiring of any person as a public employee. Chris motioned to close the Non-Public Meeting #1 at 8:00pm and to go into Non-Public Meeting #2 at 8:02pm, seconded by Ray.

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 8:03PM, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public, seconded by Tracy - **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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Personnel issue. Chris motioned to close the Non-Public Meeting #2 at 8:17PM and to go into Non-Public Meeting #3 at 8:18PM, seconded and approved by Tracy.

Non-Public Meeting #3

At 8:18PM, Chris motioned to go into a Non-Public, seconded by Tracy - **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. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Personnel issue. Tracy motioned to close the Non-Public Meeting #3 at 8:47PM, seconded and approved by Ray.

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah Vlk

Minutes accepted by:


