

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Working Meeting &
3rd Budget Workshop
January 23, 2018

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Tracy Currier and Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Deborah Ziemba,
Kevin Gilbert, George Morrill, Francis Muzzey, Glenn Campbell

The Selectmen agreed that next Business Meeting would be on **January 31th at 5:00 pm**, for the Fourth Budget Workshop Meeting, and they added (3) Non-Publics Sessions.

Chris motioned to open the Budget Workshop Meeting at 5:10 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Third Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes:

Tax Clerk / Tax Collector – Deborah Ziemba, presented her budget to the Selectmen. She increased her budget by very little. She has an increased the budget for the Assistant's position. She has decreased her equipment and the fees & licenses has also dropped. Overall there is a \$300. Increase in the budget for her dept. The Board mentioned she was doing a great job and thanked her.

Highway & Streets – Kevin Gilbert, presented his budget to the Selectmen. He discussed how the Medical insurance (\$28,500) was moving from his budget to the Selectmen's budget. A couple of items have been decreased such as; Heat & Electric, the John Deere Grader, Equip. Rental, Shop Tools, Equip. Transportation, and Road Reconstruction due to (\$48,000+) in Governor's State Aid increase for Roads and Bridges (to be used in 2018 only on roads and bridges). We see an increase on the Equipment such as; Freightliner, International, Backhoe, Signs, and Street Lighting. FEMA expenses are separate.

Transfer Station – Glenn Campbell, presented a more thorough budget, rounding his final number to \$65,000. The Board reviewed the budget and told the attendant he was doing a great job and The Board was pleased.

The Selectmen reviewed the Health Agencies request for Appropriations. Three were denied this year to help keep the expenses to a minimal. It was also discussed that approximately 5-6 agencies did not send a request for disbursement of Funds. The Selectmen and residents present, discussed the dollar amounts and it was agreed to decrease all the 2018 Health Agencies Appropriations to half (50%) of the amount that was given last year.

Chris asked the Admin. Assistant to invite the Dollar General Contractor/Engineer to come in for a mitigation / informational hearing and discuss the Sprinkler System too.

Chris motioned to come out of the Budget Workshop at 7:10 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to open go into the Non – Public Sessions at 7:18 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 7:18 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 Tracy and approved. The Select Board discussed a matter with Francis Muzzey concerning the Trustees of the Trust Funds. The Select Board’s decision is that they agree that the Trustees need to provide detailed minutes of decisions made during the last five years and make them available by February 13, 2018. The Select Board is requesting a detailed accounting report of the Plummer Memorial Fund as in the 2014 and prior Annual Town Reports. The Select Board agreed to sign the petition, along with 10 other residents (Total of 12 registered/confirmed voters) that were present during the public session, in support of and in demand of the above information. Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 7:26 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to go into another Non–Public Meeting at 7:27 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #2

At 7:28 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 Tracy and approved. Kevin Gilbert / Road Complaint. The Select Board discussed a private matter with the Road Agent. Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 7:38 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to go into another Non–Public Meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Non-Public Meeting #3

At 7:40 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 Tracy and approved. Glenn Campbell / Personnel Matter. The Select Board agreed to give a pay raise to Glenn, immediately totaling \$15.00 an hour, no more than 22 hours a week, without prior approval. Chris motioned to come out of the Non- Public at 7:50 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Chris motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by:

