

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Meeting
of October 30, 2018

Present: Ray Youngs Morgan Currier

Also Present: Chief Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, George Morrill, Tracy Currier, Kevin Gilbert, Randy Rugar, Steve Davis, Jeff Ames, Carol Friedrich, Mike Santom, Dan Bowne

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

Non-Public Meeting #1

At 6:02 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. The motion was seconded by Morgan and approved. The Selectmen interviewed a candidate for the Administrative Assistant position. Ray motioned to come out of the Non-Public at 6:23 pm, seconded by Morgan and approved.

Morgan motioned **to return into a Public Session at 6:25**, seconded by Ray and approved.

The Road Agent gave a status update for the Town Roads. Kevin Gilbert discussed that the roads were looking good. The Department is getting quotes to have brake work done on the International. Additionally the F-350 is at the Ford garage. They've been filling potholes on Southside. It was mentioned that the Highway Dept was overdue on cutting brush in the ditches of the roads. Road Agent clarified that cutting does not need to be done every year. He reported that nothing has been heard from Fish and Game regarding the needs of a permit for removing beaver damns. Also mentioned they have not had any more issues with beavers and that one was trapped and removed.

Ray Youngs brought up the idea of creating a town highway committee that would advise the Selectboard on town road issues. Jeff Ames, Steve Davis, and Mike Santom were all asked to be part of this advisory committee. Kevin Gilbert and Ray Youngs will also be on the committee.

Morgan Currier made a motion to create the highway advisory committee. Ray Youngs seconded the motion.

The Chief gave a status update on the Police Dept. Chief Trott mentioned The WPD conducted a welfare check on two Wentworth residents. They were located later in the day and found to be safe and sound.

While conducting some proactive motor vehicle work WPD stopped a vehicle for a minor motor vehicle violation. The operator was found to be driving without a valid license and was subsequently charged and released on a hand summons. She was also issued a warning for the original motor vehicle violation.

WPD assisted NHF&G with a follow up regarding an illegal hunting incident that took place in the town of Wentworth. The matter is currently under investigation and several charges are expected to be brought forth regarding this incident.

The WPD looked into a motor vehicle complaint that came into dispatch regarding a vehicle that was driving erratically from Plymouth through Rumney heading towards Wentworth. The vehicle was not located and WPD received no other complaints.

The WPD was contacted by the WES regarding a large knife that was brought to the school by a WES student. The knife was secured and turned over to WPD. Staff at WES, as well as WPD met with the student and the student's parent and the matter was addressed accordingly. It should be noted that the large knife was NOT brought to school for the purposes of harming or threatening anyone.

The WPD met with a Wentworth resident and a firearm was returned to the resident that had been previously taken by the police department pursuant to a court order. The court order was vacated and another court order was issued authorizing that the firearm be returned to its owner.

The WPD was also made aware of an involuntary vehicle repossession that was to take place with a Wentworth resident. The repossession was made without incident.

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) signed the tax warrant to accept the tax rate of 24.89. It was asked by a member of the town if the town would use unassigned funds to further lower the tax rate. The Board explained that the town is as low as is recommended for the unassigned fund balance so no unused funds would be used.

The agent for the Transfer Station reported that everything has been running good with the Transfer Station. Randy confirmed that there are approximately televisions/misc. electronic items that need to be collected. Also reported that he's looking into prices on winter gloves.

The Board extended an invitation to Privilege of the Floor:

George Morrill asked for help getting a permanent full time planning board member as well as two alternates.

Chief Ames discussed where the town was regarding FEMA. He requested permission to go into the FEMA portal to sign off on the parks project. He will send forms to BOS for review before submitting.

Chief also reported that FEMA is holding back on October payments due to the culverts on Frescoln Bridge and repairs at Cross Road Bridge.

The BOS reported that the bids that came through on the project were from Moser but only for the Frescoln culverts/bridge. After giving Moser a request for a revised bid to include the Cross Road bridge project, the H&H study, and the after-the-event permits, Moser did not get back to the town with their proposal. HEB Engineering was still interested in the projects.

There was a discussion in the room regarding both bridge projects and if both projects needed to be completed. Chief Ames noted that in the past if there was originally a bridge the town always replaced/repared the bridge.

It was decided that HEB Engineering would be invited out to view Cross Road bridge and Frescoln Bridge would be left with the culverts.

Paul Hatch would also be contacted for future discussions on State funding for the bridge project.

Chief Ames confirmed that the Fire Department conducted gas inspections for homes/businesses.

Carol Friedrich shared that she was disappointed that the town office had been closed on Tuesday 23 Oct and Wednesday 24 Oct. She also reported that the Friday 26 Oct hours were not publicized well enough.

Mrs. Thompson asked if there had been any updates regarding the testing of the river. Morgan Currier stated she would follow up with the health officer.

Dan Bowne reported that the race track would be running races on Saturday's during the 2019 racing season. He would be working with the owners of Pine Ridge Campground regarding the hours the track would be running.

The BOS confirmed that Trick or Treat hours for the town would be from 5 to 8 pm on the 31st.

Ray Youngs and Kevin Gilbert discussed the Highway Department's budget and over-expenditure. Kevin mentioned the block grant from Gov Sunnuu but was unsure on the amount. He recommended that Chris Bassingthwaite be contacted as he was the one to help Kevin with the highway budget. Chris was contacted and explained that Gov Sunnuu had granted additional money in the block grant, which increased the grant to 110K. Further research will be done to see how much of that money was spent by the highway department and how much was remaining.

The next meeting will be on election day at WES.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Morgan Currier at 8:10pm and seconded by Ray Youngs.

Respectfully Submitted by Morgan Currier

Minutes accepted by:

Richard J. My PC