

Town of Wentworth

Minutes of the 2006 Town Meeting  
March 14 , 2006

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wentworth, in Grafton County, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Wentworth, New Hampshire will be held at the Wentworth Elementary School, 1247 Mt Moosilauke Hwy, Route 25, Wentworth on March 14, 2005, at 11:00 AM to act upon the following subjects:

The polls will open at 11 AM and close at 7 PM to vote on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers). All other articles will be presented, discussed, and acted upon beginning at 7 PM.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Selectman For 3 Years                | Palmer Koelb           |
| Selectman For 1 Year                 | Randy C. Morrison      |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector For 3 Years | Linda S. Brown         |
| Library Trustee For 3 Years          | Angela Kenneson-Comeau |
| Library Trustee For 1 Year           | Donna Herlihy          |
| Town Trustee For 3 Years             | Francis Muzzey         |
| Moderator For 2 Years                | Stephen C. Welch       |
| Supervisor of Checklist For 6 Years  | Deborah Vlk            |
| Supervisor of Checklist For 2 Years  | Helen Downing          |
| Planning Board For 3 Years           | Carol Cole             |
|                                      | Eugene Page            |
| Fire Commissioner For 1 Year         | Jeffry Ames            |
|                                      | R."Pete" Chierichetti  |
|                                      | Brian A. Dubois        |

2. To receive reports from the Selectmen, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditors, and other Town Officers; and to vote on any motion relating to these reports.

Motion to accept as read by: John Millican

Seconded by: Palmer Koelb

Voice vote: Affirmative

3. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$203,500 for the purchase of a new grader for the Highway Department and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$153,500 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required).

Motion made to accept as read by: John Millican  
Seconded by: Kate Rick  
Paper Ballot: 105 Votes cast                                    74 Yes    31 No  
Amount \$203,500.

4. To see if the municipality will vote to establish a Bridge Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of repairing and/or rebuilding Saunders Hill Rd Bridge, Evans Bridge, and Dufour Bridge and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motion made to accept as read by: John Millican  
Seconded by: Palmer Koelb  
Voice Vote: Affirmative                                         Amount \$75,000.

5. To see if the municipality will vote to change the budget year from a calendar year end (January/December) to a fiscal year ending in June and starting in July, as prescribed in RSA 31:94-a. This vote not to take effect until January of 2009.

Motion made to accept as read by: John Millican  
Seconded by: Palmer Koelb

Motion to table made by: Francis Muzzey  
Seconded by: Adam Rick  
Motion to table passed by voice vote in the affirmative.

6. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to sponsor a Free Clean Up Day at the Transfer Station. This will allow each resident to discard Items free (up to \$10) per the posted fees.

Motion made to accept as read by: Kevin Kay  
Seconded by: Deb Gelsi

Motion made to table by: Lee Morrison  
Seconded by: Joshua Leiter

Standing Vote: 64 Yes 19 No  
Article Tabled.

7. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$273,412 for general municipal operations for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant. This article does not include any amounts contained in any other article. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Motion made to accept as read by: John Millican  
Seconded by: Palmer Koelb

Motion made to amend to \$260,819.00 made by Francis Muzzey.  
Seconded by: Angela Kenneson-Comeau

Voice Vote affirmative in the amount of \$260,819.00.

8. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,344 for the following Health Agencies and Organizations:

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| American Red Cross (provides help for emergencies & disaster relief)                     | \$270   |
| Mt Moosilauke Health Center (provides healthcare & counseling)                           | \$2500  |
| Voices Against Violence (service & education for domestic & sexual violence)             | \$561   |
| Tri-County CAP (provides fuel assistance, food, electrical & referral )                  | \$1650  |
| Visiting Nurse Alliance of NH/VT (provides Homecare, Hospice<br>& Family Health Services | \$2,613 |
| Grafton Cty Sr Citizens (provides meals, transportation & day service )                  | \$750   |

Motion made to accept as read by: Linda Brown  
Seconded by: Mary Davis

Voice vote in the affirmative for \$8,344.00

9. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,351 to be expended by the Planning Board, which includes updating the subdivision regulations, and in connection with its activities for such purposes and such uses as deemed necessary by the Planning Board.

Motion to accept as read made by: John Millican

Seconded by: Paul Davis Jr

Voice vote in the affirmative in the amount of \$2,351.00

10. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,650 for the maintenance of the Fire Department.

Motion made to accept as read by: Paul Davis Sr.

Seconded by: Jeff Ames

Voice vote affirmative in the amount of \$25,650.

11. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate \$255,873 for Town highways and lighting for the ensuing year.

Motion made to accept by John Millican, seconded by Palmer Koelb.

Motion made to amend by John Millican, seconded by Richard Borger Jr.

Motion to withdraw was made by John Millican seconded by Richard Borger Jr.

Motion to amend made by Angela Borger seconded by Richard Borger Jr

Amendment to read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,873 less \$41,573.91 the remaining balance of \$214,299 to come from taxes for the Town Highway and Lighting for the ensuing year. Any unused funds to go to next years highway budget.

Voice vote affirmative in the amount of \$214,299

12. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 for the upkeep and maintenance of the Wentworth Historical Society Museum (Boston & Maine Railroad Depot) and the grounds on which it is situated.

Motion made to accept as read by: John Millican

Seconded by: Richard Burne

Voice vote affirmative for the amount of \$1,200

13. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,500 to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds: The Selectmen recommend these appropriations.

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| Property Reval. (est 1995)                | \$ 5,000 |
| Fire Truck (est 1984)                     | \$10,000 |
| Police Cruiser (est 1993)                 | \$ 5,000 |
| Ambulance (est 1996)                      | \$ 1,500 |
| Road Paving (est 2002)                    | \$10,000 |
| Hwy Equipment & Vehicle (est 1973)        | \$15,000 |
| Town Hall Repairs/ Maintenance (est 2000) | \$10,000 |
| Town Bridges (est 1988)                   | \$10,000 |
| Emergency Communication-911 (est 1996)    | \$ 500   |
| Fire Dept Site (est 2004)                 | \$ 7,500 |
| Town Hall Expendable Trust (est 2005)     | \$ 5,000 |

Motion made by Francis Muzzey

Seconded by: Laurie Dustin

Motion made to amend the article made by: John Millican

Seconded by: Kevin Kay

Amendment to see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,500 to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

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| Property Reval. (est 1995)               | \$ 0.00   |
| Fire Truck (est 1984)                    | \$ 10,000 |
| Police Cruiser (est 1993)                | \$ 5,000  |
| Ambulance (est 1996)                     | \$ 1,500  |
| Road Paving (est 2002)                   | \$ 10,000 |
| Hwy Equipment & Vehicle (est 1973)       | \$ 15,000 |
| Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance (est 2000) | \$ 10,000 |
| Town Bridges(est 1998)                   | \$ 10,000 |
| Emergency Communcations-911 (est 1996)   | \$ 500    |
| Fire Dept. Site (est 2004)               | \$ 7,500  |
| Town Hall Expendable Trust ( est 2005)   | \$ 5,000  |

Amendment passed with voice vote in the affirmative .  
Amount \$74,500.

14. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$63,430 to pay for the disposal and hauling of solid waste using the Town Transfer Facility; of that total, \$5,000 is to come from unreserved fund balance, with the remaining sum of \$58,430 to come from general 2006 taxation.

Motion was made to accept as read by: John Millican  
Seconded by: Kate Rick

Voice vote passed in the amount of \$63,430

15. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 to be expended by the Conservation Commission in connection with its activities for such purposes and such uses as deemed necessary by the Conservation Commission.

Motion was made to accept as read by John Millican  
Seconded by Palmer Koelb  
Article passed in the affirmative for \$ 500.00

16. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,891 for the maintenance of the Police Department.

Motion was made by Kevin kay, seconded by Peter Chierichetti accept the article as read.

Amendment to this article was presented by Paul Davis Sr. which amended the article to read raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,366.00. This was seconded by Kate Rick. This amendment was defeated by voice vote.

Motion to move the article was made by Kevin Kay  
Seconded by: John (Jackie) Cormiea  
For the sum of \$ 66,891.

Article was passed as read by voice vote for the amount of \$ 66,891

17. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the cost and expenses associated with pest and animal control.

Motion was made by Kate Rick to accept as read.

Seconded by Palmer Koelb.

Voice vote in the affirmative for \$1,000.

18. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for operating expenses for the Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service.

Motion was made by Paul Davis Jr. to accept article as read.

Seconded by Paul Davis Sr.

Article passed by voice vote in the amount of \$7,000

19. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,020 for the Parks and Recreation Commission for the maintenance of parks, including the Common, Library, Riverside Park and Hamilton Memorial Field.

Motion to accept as read made by : John Millican.

Seconded by :Tim Minear

Voice affirmative for the amount of \$3.020

20 .To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,452 for the Webster Memorial Library expenses. Of that total, \$4,000 is to come from unreserved fund balance, \$8,920 to come from Library income with the remaining sum of \$26,532 to come from general 2006 taxation.

Motion was made to accept the article as read by: Francis Muzzey

Seconded by: Art Gelsi

Voice vote affirmative in the amount of \$39,452

21. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Motion to make a resolution made by John Millican.

Seconded by Kate Rick

To read as follows:

It is the sense of the Town by resolution to direct the selectmen to study the Feasibility of adopting a fiscal year budget change per RSA 31:94-a.

Voice vote affirmative, Passed

Palmer Koelb thanked Stephen Davis for his years of service to the town.

Motion to adjourn at 10:15 PM was made by Joshua Leiter

Seconded by Tim Minear

Linda Brown  
Town Clerk