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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF WENTWORTH

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wentworth, in Grafton County, in the State Of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in own 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 10 , 2009 at 11:00 AM to act upon the following subjects;

The polls will open at 11:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM to vote on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers). All other articles will be presented, discussed, and acted upon beginning at 7:00 PM.

The polls were opened at 11: 00 AM by Moderator Stephen Welch and closed at 7: PM by moderator Stephen Welch.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (Official Ballot)
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 was made by Randy Morrison, seconded by Palmer Koelb.

Article passed by voice vote.

3. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town Hall Maintenance fund created in 1994. All money in that fund was withdrawn and used in 1997 by vote of Town Meeting in 1997 (article 5). This is a housekeeping item to officially discontinue that fund, per request of the Department of Revenue Administration. This article was amended to read "To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town Maintenance Building Capitol Reserve Fund created in 1994. All money in that fund was withdrawn and used in 1997 by vote of the Town Meeting in 1997 (article 5). This is a housekeeping item to officially discontinue that fund, per request of the Department of Revenue Administration.

Motion to accept the amended article by Randy Morrison, seconded by Raymond Welch.

Article passed by voice vote.

4. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Emergency Communication Capital reserve Fund created in 1996. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General fund. (Majority vote required)

Motion to accept article made by Francis Muzzey, seconded by Palmer Koelb

Article passed by voice vote

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,128 to be added to the Fire Department Grant Expendable Trust Fund established in 2004. This sum is to come from Fund Balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Motion made by Paul Davis Sr., seconded by Jeffry Ames.

Note: The \$ 8,128 from the fund balance represents the amount from the discontinued Emergency Communication CRF in warrant article 4.

Motion to accept article was made by Paul Davis Sr. and seconded by Jeffry Ames.

Article passed by voice vote.

6. To see if the Town will compensate the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector with an annual salary of \$20,000 plus usual benefits given to Town employees, in lieu of all statutory funds. This salary shall cover all duties and travel associated with the combined office, and requires the office being open to the public 20 hours per week until the town shall vote otherwise.

This article was amended to read "Annual salary of \$ 23,000" by Paul Davis Sr., seconded by Ellie Murray. This amended article was withdrawn by both parties.

This article was amended to read "Annual salary of \$ 23,000 and mileage at the IRS set rate." by Kathleen Springham-Mack , seconded by Tim Minear

Show of Hands yes – 71 no – 15 Amended article passed

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$270,672 for the General Municipal Operations for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, of this total \$37,000 to come from unreserved fund balance, with the remaining sum of \$233,672 to come from general 2009 taxation. This article does not include any amounts contained in any other article. (Majority vote needed)

Motion to accept article as read by Randy Morrison, seconded by Palmer Koelb.

1st amendment article to read "\$250,000 of which \$100,000 to come from unreserved fund balance and the remainder from 2009 taxation" was presented by Tim Minear and seconded by Kim Minear. This amendment was defeated by majority hand vote.

2nd amendment article to read "\$270,672 of which \$100,000 will come from unreserved fund balance and the remainder of \$170,672 will come from 2009 taxation" was presented by John Millican, seconded by Tim Minear.

Move the amendment by Steve Davis, seconded by Tim Minear.

Hand Count yes - 53 no - 37

Amended article passed.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 9,455 for the following Health Agencies and Organizations:

America Red Cross	\$ 300
Mt. Moosilauke Health Center	\$ 2500
Voices Against Violence	\$ 650
Tri-County CAP	\$ 1650
Visiting Nurses Alliance of NH/VT	\$ 1733
Grafton County Senior Citizens	\$ 1062
Pemi-Baker Home Health Care	\$ 1060
CASA	\$ 500

Motion to accept made by Paul Davis Sr., seconded by Palmer Koelb.

Article passed by voice vote.

9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 500 for CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth) a school and community organization for the purpose of preventing and reducing the use of alcohol, Tobacco, and drugs among today's youth).

Motion to accept was made by Randy Morrison, Seconded by Palmer Koelb.

Article was passed by voice vote.

10. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to be expended by the Planning Board in connection with its activities for such purposes and such uses as deemed necessary by the Planning Board.

Motion to accept was made by Paul Davis Jr., seconded by John Vlk.

Article was passed by voice vote.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 26,400 for the maintenance of the Fire Department for the ensuing year, of this total \$ 6,004 is to come from unreserved fund balance (surplus) and the remaining \$20,395 to come from general 2009 taxation.

Motion to accept was made by Raymond Welch, seconded by Jeffry Ames.

Article was passed by Voice Vote.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$204,070 for Town Highways, bridges and lighting for the ensuing year; of this total, \$10,000 is to come from unreserved fund balance (surplus) and the remaining \$194,070 to come from general 2009 taxation.

After much discussion, motion to move the article by Steve Davis, seconded by John Millican.

Article was passed by voice vote.

13. To see if the Town 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 ground on which it is situated .

Motion to accept was made by Richard Burne, seconded by Francis Muzzey.

Article passed by voice vote.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 to be expended by the Trustee of the Trust Fund for such purposes as deemed necessary by the Trustees.

Motion to accept was made by Randy Morrison , seconded by Palmer Koelb.

Article was passed by voice vote.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$173,000 to be placed into the following Expendable Trust Fund and Capital Reserve Funds;

a. Fire Truck (est. 1984)	\$ 15,000
b. Hwy Equipment & Vehicle (est. 1973)	\$ 15,000
c. Police Cruiser (est. 1993)	\$ 5,000
d. Town Bridges Fund (est. 1988)	\$ 1,500
e. Ambulance (est. 1996)	\$ 1,500
f. Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance(est.2000)	\$ 10,000

g. Road Paving (est. 2002)	\$ 10,000
h. Fire Department Site (est. 2004)	\$ 15,000
i. Transfer Stn.. Recycling Expendable (est. 2008)	\$ 10,000
j. Town Hall Expendable Trust (est.2005)	\$ 15,000
k. Bridge Expendable Trust (est. 2006)	\$ 75,000

Motion to accept as read by Francis Muzzey , seconded by Palmer Koelb.
 1st amendment was made by Francis Muzzey to change Ambulance Fund to zero.
 Amendment was withdrawn.

2nd Amendment by Richard Borger, seconded by Steve Davis to raise and appropriate \$ 75,000 for the Bridge Expendable Fund only. No other funds would be permitted.

Hand count yes- 47 no- 32 Amendment passed.

Amended article "raise and appropriate \$ 75,000 for the Bridge Expendable Fund"

Hand vote yes 55 no 29

Amended article passed.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$74,325 to pay for the disposal and hauling of solid waste using the Town Transfer Facility.

Motion to accept was made by Palmer Koelb, seconded by Tim Minear.

Article was passed by voice vote.

17. To see if the Town 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 to accept was made by Randy Morrison, seconded by Mary Davis.

Article was passed by voice vote.

18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,761 for the maintenance of the Police Department for the ensuing year, of this total, \$5000 is to come from unreserved fund balance (surplus), and the remaining \$59,761 is to be raised by 2009 taxation.

Motion to accept was made by Kevin Kay and seconded by Brian Dubios.

Article passed by voice vote.

19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the cost and expenses associated with Animal and Pest Removal.

Motion to accept was made by Ray Welch, seconded by Kathleen Springham-Mack.

Article was passed by voice vote.

Because of time, Quentin Mack asked that the Article 25 be moved to next in line, seconded by Ray Welch. It will follow Article 19. Mr. Mack also asked that the word "wheeled" be inserted before OHRV.

25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to allow the use of OHRVs on class 5 and 6 roads, specific roads and restrictions to be determined by the Board.

There was clarification that OHRV's will be only the wheeled variety. No snowmobiles will be allowed on roads with the exception of where groomed trails cross such roads.

After much discussion, a motion to move the article was made by Penni Davis, seconded by Paul Davis Jr.

Article was defeated by voice vote.

Steve Davis, seconded by Kathleen Springham-Mack asked that the town restrict this defeated motion from ever coming back to the floor. Voice vote to table article indefinitely in the affirmative.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the operating expenses for the Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service.

Motion to accept was made by Paul Davis and seconded by Pete Chierichetti.

1st Amendment by Ray Welch was to change the amount to \$16,500, seconded by Paul Davis Sr.

This amendment was withdrawn.

2nd amendment by Ray Welch seconded by Paul Davis Sr., was to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for the operating expenses for the Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service

Amendment passed by voice vote.

Amended article passed by voice vote.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,050 for the Parks and Recreation Commission for the maintenance of parks, including the Common, Library, Riverside Park, and Hamilton Memorial Park.

Motion to accept was made by Palmer Koelb, seconded by Randy Morrison.

Article passed by voice vote

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,698 for the Webster Memorial Library expenses. \$7,552 to come from Library income with the remaining sum of \$ 31,146 to come from general 2009 taxation.

Motion to accept made by Angela Kenneson-Comeau, seconded by Al Crossman

Article passed by voice vote.

23. To see if the Town will vote to conditionally reclassify, pursuant to RSA 231:22-a and RSA 231:28-33 (subject to compliance with betterment assessments), a portion of the non-maintained Class 6 Hooper Hill Road as a Town maintained Class 5 highway, beginning at Route 25 and traveling westerly for a distance of approximately 1,600 feet to the westerly side of the present (2009) power – line right of way.

Explanation: If the Town Meeting votes in favor of this article, the reclassification would be conditioned upon the owners of property abutting or served by the road paying for the entire cost of upgrading the road to standards described in the Town's subdivision regulations or Route 25's construction standards, whichever is least stringent. A public hearing would be held within 90 days or such later time as the Town meeting decides at details of the proposed construction or upgrade of the road would be presented, and the abutters would be assessed a proportional cost of the upgrade over a period of 1-10 years, as described by the Board of Selectmen. The abutters would have the right to submit, within 10 days of the public hearing, a petition not to conditionally reclassify the highway.

Motion to table this article was made by Ray Welch, seconded by Steve Davis

Hand count yes - 44 no - 15

Article was tabled indefinitely

24. Shall the Town vote to require that the numeric tally of votes by the Board of Selectmen relative to recommending the operating budget and all warrant articles be printed on the warrant next to the affected warrant articles?

Motion was made by Palmer Koelb, seconded by Randy Morrison.

Hand Count yes – 14 no - too many to count

Article was defeated.

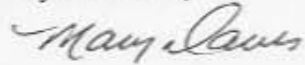
26. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Palmer Koelb stated that Robert Murray should be recognized for his many years of service to the Town of Wentworth.

Motion to adjourn the Town Meeting 2009 was made by Ray Welch, seconded by Kathleen Springham-Mack. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned by Moderator Steve Welch at 10:31 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Mary E. Davis, Town Clerk/ Tax Collector
Wentworth, N.H. 03282
March 13, 2009.