

**State of New Hampshire
Town of Wentworth
Minutes for the
2010 Annual Town Meeting**

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, NH on March 9, 2010.

The polls will open at 11 AM and will at 7 PM to vote on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers).

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Moderator Stephen Welch

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By Official Ballot)

March 9, 2010 brought out 119 voters. The following were elected:

Selectman	3 Year Term	Randy C. Morrison	104
Treasurer	3 Year Term	Deborah L. Vik	117
Library Trustee	3 Year Term	Donna Herlihy	112
Town Trustee	3 Year Term	Eleanor“Ellie”Murray	99
Planning Board	3 Year Term	Helen Downing	107
		John Vik	102
Town Moderator	3 Year Term	Stephen Welch	116
Supervisor of Checklist	6 Year Term	Paula K. Davis	118
Fire Commissioner	1 Year Term	Jeffry Ames	103
		Pete Chierichetti	101
		Kevin M. Kay	100
Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term	Kenyon F. Karl	113

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 by Stephen Davis
Seconded by Randy Morrison
Passed by voice vote**

3.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$355,491** for **General Municipal Operations** for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, of this total **\$3,000 (mapping)** is to come from unreserved fund balance, with the remaining sum of **\$352,491** to come from general 2010 taxation. This article does not include any amounts contained in any other article. (Majority vote required).

Motion to accept by Stephen Davis
Seconded by Randy Morrison
Passed by voice vote

4.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,955** for the following Health Agencies and Organizations:

Mt. Moosilauke Health Center (provides healthcare & counseling)	\$2500
Visiting Nurse Alliance of NH/VT (homecare, hospice & family health)	\$1733
Tri-County CAP (fuel assistance, food, electrical & referral assistance)	\$1650
Grafton County Senior Citizens (meals, transportation & day service)	\$1062
Pemi-Baker Home Health Care (homecare, hospice & family health)	\$1060
Voices Against Violence (service & education for domestic & sexual violence)	\$650
CASA (court appointed special advocates for children)	\$500
CADY (communities for alcohol and drug free youth) school and community	\$500
American Red Cross (provides help for emergencies & disaster relief)	\$300

Motion to accept by Randy Morrison
Seconded by Francis Muzzey
Passed by voice vote

5.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 grounds on which it is situated.

Motion to accept by George Morrill
Seconded by Paul Davis Jr
Passed by voice vote

6.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 by Randy Morrison
Seconded by Richard Berger Jr
Passed by voice vote

7.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$26,386** for the maintenance of the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year; of this total **\$5,346** is to come from the unreserved fund balance (surplus) and the remaining **\$ 21,040** to come from general 2010 taxation.

Motion to accept by Jeff Ames
Seconded by Pete Chierichetti
Passed by voice vote

8.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$20,000** for an addition on the highway garage to house the grader and other equipment.

Motion to accept by Tim Minear
Seconded by Raymond Welch
Yes 40 No 12
Passed by hand count

9.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$168,235** for **Atwell Hill Road reconstruction** for the ensuing year; and of this total, to authorize **\$65,000** to be withdrawn from the highway paving capital reserve fund (established in 2002), and the remaining **\$103,235** to come from general 2010 taxation.

Motion to accept by Bernice Sullivan
Seconded by Paul Davis Sr
Yes 35 No 23
Passed by hand count

10.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$85,300** to purchase a new backhoe for the ensuing year; of this total, **\$81,000** to be withdrawn from the highway equipment capital reserve fund (established in 1973) with the remaining **\$4,300** to come from general 2010 taxation.

Motion to accept by Francis Muzzey
Seconded by Randy Morrison
Yes 52 No 3
Passed by hand count

11.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$210,600** for **Town Highways**, bridges and lighting for the ensuing year.

Motion to accept by Francis Muzzey
2nd by Randy Morrison

Article was amended to read: to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$194,600 for Town Highways, bridges and lighting for ensuing year.

Amendment passed by hand count
Yes 37 No 22
Amended article passed by hand count
Yes 52 No 9

12.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$450** to be expended by the **Trustees of the Trust** Fund for expenses related to attending conferences and training as deemed necessary by the Trustees.

Motion to accept by Randy Morrison
Seconded by Stephen Davis
Passed by voice vote

13.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$77,500** to be placed into the following **Expendable Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds**: The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

a.Fire Truck (est. 1984)	\$15,000
b. Hwy Equipment & Vehicle (est. 1973)	\$15,000
c. Police Cruiser (est. 1993)	\$6,000
d. Town Bridges Fund (est. 1988)	\$1,500
e. Road Paving (est. 2002)	\$10,000
f. Fire Dept Site (est. 2004)	\$15,000
g. Transfer Station Recycling (est. 2008)	\$10,000
h. Town Hall Exp Trust (est. 2005)	\$5,000

Motion to accept by Jeff Ames
Seconded by Claudia Anderson
Passed by voice vote

14.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of **\$69,335** to pay for the disposal and hauling of solid waste using the Town **Transfer Facility**.

Motion to accept by Randy Morrison
Seconded by Francis Muzzey
Passed by voice vote

15.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$600** to be expended by the **Conservation Commission** in connection with its activities for such conservation purposes as set forth in RSA Ch. 36-A, at the discretion of the Conservation Commission.

Motion to accept by Eleanor “Ellie” Murray
Seconded by Stephen Davis
Passed by voice vote

16.To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95- h for the purpose of **Police Special Details**. All revenues received for Police Special Details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the Towns general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be expended only for the purpose of Police Details and only upon order of the Board of Selectmen. No further vote by the Town Meeting shall be required to expend the monies in the revolving fund.

Motion to accept by Kevin Kay

Seconded by Angela Kenneson-Comeau

Articled discussed and a motion was made to move to a vote

By Raymond Welch and Seconded by Angela Kenneson-Comeau

Yes 42 No 7

Passed by hand count

17.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$77,354** for the maintenance of the **Police Department** for the ensuing year.

Motion to accept by Kevin Kay

Seconded by Angela Kenneson-Comeau

Motion made by Kevin Kay, to amend the amount to \$65,770.00.

Amendment passed

Amended article passed by voice vote

18.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** for the cost and expenses associated with **Animal and Pest Control**.

Motion to accept by Stephen Davis

Seconded by Randy Morrison

Passed by voice vote

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

Motion to accept by Paul Davis Sr

Seconded by Paul Davis Jr

Passed by voice vote

20.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,900** for the **Parks and Recreation Commission** for the maintenance of parks, including the Common, Library, Riverside Park, and Hamilton Memorial Field.

Motion to accept by Stephen Davis
Seconded by Kenyon Karl

Motion made by Stephen Davis to remove the wording “Parks and Recreation Commission” from the article.

Amendment passed
Amended article passed by voice vote

21.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,272** for the **Webster Memorial Library expenses; \$8,027** to come from Library income, **\$5,498 to come from unreserved fund balance (surplus)** with the remaining sum of **\$21,747** to come from general 2010 taxation.

Motion to accept by Pete Chierichetti
Seconded by Angela Kenneson-Comeau
Passed by voice vote

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

Resolution made by Palmer Koelb that the Wentworth Selectmen shall continue the policy that has been in place for approximately 15 years, of limiting access to Riverside Park to Wentworth Residents, Taxpayers and their guests.

Motion by Patti Welch to Table article indefinitely
Motion tabled indefinitely by hand count
Yes 32 No 1

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna J. King
Town Clerk