

State of New Hampshire  
Town of Wentworth

**Warrant for year 2012 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 13, 2012.

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.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Moderator Stephen Welch

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

March 13, 2012 there were 170 voters with 7 absentee voters.  
The following were elected:

Selectman	3 Year Term	Stephen Davis	105
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector	3 Year Term	Donna J. King	167
Town Moderator	2 Year Term	Stephen Welch	166
Supr. Checklist	6 Year Term	Deborah Vlk	167
Library Trustee	1 Year Term	Sharon Sanborn	163
Library Trustee	3 Year Term	Angela K-Comeau	149
Town Trustee	3 Year Term	Quentin Mack	4
Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term	Francis Muzzey	132
Planning Board	3 Year Term	Eugene E. Page	153
Planning Board	3 Year Term	Terry Decotis	7
Fire Commissioner	1 Year Term	Kevin Kay	130
Fire Commissioner	1 Year Term	"Pete" Chierichetti	118
Fire Commissioner	1 Year Term	Jeffry Ames	127
School Board	3 Year Term	Bernice Sullivan	91
School Clerk	1 Year Term	Eleanor "Ellie" Murray	151
School Treasurer	1 Year Term	Eleanor "Ellie" Murray	147
School Moderator	1 Year Term	Stephen Welch	162

1. 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: Stephen Davis  
Second: John Vlk

Passed by voice vote

2. To see if the Town will vote to compensate the combined office of **Town Clerk and Tax Collector** and further, to raise and appropriate **\$25,000**, plus usual benefits and mileage given to Town employees, in lieu of all statutory fees. This salary shall cover all duties associated with the combined office, and requires the office being open to the public at least 20 hours per week until the town shall vote otherwise.

Motion to accept: Richard Borger Jr.  
Second: Bruce Welch

Motion to amend article to raise and appropriate to \$23,690.00 by Tim Minear and Second by Kim Minear. Amendment defeated.

Original article passed by voice vote

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$316,757** 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. (Majority vote required).

Motion to accept: Randy Morrison  
Second: Francis Muzzey

Motioned to amend to the sum \$262,831.30 by Tim Minear  
Second by Deb Gelsi. Amendment defeated.

Original article passed by show of hands  
Yes 64  
No 10

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,603** for the following Health Agencies and Organizations:

American Red Cross (provides help for emergencies & disaster relief)	\$400
CADY (communities for alcohol and drug free youth) school and community	\$500
CASA (court appointed special advocates for children)	\$500
Genesis (mental health care)	\$1120
Grafton County Senior Citizens (meals, transportation & day service)	\$800
Mid-State Health Center	\$1250
Mt. Moosilauke Health Center (provides healthcare & counseling)	\$2500
Pemi-Baker Home Health Care (homecare, hospice & family health)	\$4100
Tri-County CAP (fuel assistance, food, electrical & referral assistance)	\$2000
Visiting Nurse Alliance of NH/VT (homecare, hospice & family health)	\$1733
Voices Against Violence (service & education for domestic & sexual violence)	\$1500
Whole Village Family Resource Center	\$1200

Motion to accept: Bruce Welch  
 Second: Randy Morrison

Motion to amend article to read, to appropriate the sum of \$14,033.00, omitting Genesis, Mid-State and Whole Village by Charles Stata III and second by Tim Minear. Amendment defeated.

Original article passed by show of hands

Yes 49  
 No 18

5. 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: Paul Davis Jr.  
Second: Bruce Welch

Motion to amend article to appropriate the sum of \$1,440.00 by Tim Minear and second by Kim Minear. Amendment defeated.

Original article Passed by voice vote

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$29,000** for the maintenance of the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year.

Motion to accept: Raymond Welch  
Second: Bruce Welch

Motion to amend article by Jeffrey Ames to read: To see if the town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for the maintenance of the Fire Department, for the ensuing year. \$5,000 to come from the Unexpended Fund Balance and \$24,000 to come from 2012 general taxation. Second by Tim Minear. Amendment Passed

Amended article Passed by voice vote

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$297,840** for **Town Highways**, bridges and lighting for the ensuing year, of which \$30,000 to come from Unreserved Fund Balance, and \$267,840 to come from 2012 general taxation.

Motion to accept: Francis Muzzey  
Second: Palmer Koelb

Motion by Tim Minear to amend article to read: To see if the Town will raid and appropriate the sum of **\$268,000.00** for **Town Highways**, bridges and lighting for the ensuing year of which \$30,000.00 to come from Unreserved Fund Balance, \$63,454.46 coming from Highway Block Grants, \$39,907.12 coming from Suanders Bridge Reimbursement and \$134,638.42 to come from general taxation. Second by Kim Minear. Amendment defeated by hand count

Yes 2  
No 64

Original article Passed by voice vote

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500** for the cost and expenses associated with **Animal and Pest Control**.

Motion to accept: Bruce Welch

Second: Kevin Kay

Motion by Kevin Kay to amend article to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,100 for the cost and expenses associated with Animal and Pest Control for the ensuing year; of this total \$600 is to come from the unreserved fund balance (surplus) and the remaining \$1,500 to come from general taxation. Second by Pete Chierichetti. Amendment passed.

Amended Article Passed by voice vote

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$400** 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: Bruce Welch

Second: Randy Morrison

Article Passed by voice vote

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$150.00** to be used for participation in **pbCAM (Pemi-Baker Public Access Media)** for the purpose of making video recorded meetings (school board, selectmen, etc) available for cable television viewers. This amount to be expended from unexpended fund balance from revenue received from the Time Warner franchise fees. No money to be raised from taxation.

Motion to accept: Deb Gelsi

Second: Kathleen Springham-Mack

Article Passed by show of hands

Yes 32

No 25

11. To see if the Town will vote to **discontinue** the **Bridge Expendable Trust Fund established in 1988**, said funds and accumulated interest to date to be transferred to the town's general fund.

Motion to accept: Bruce Welch

Second: Stephen Davis

Article Passed by voice vote

12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate **\$102,917** to be placed in the **Bridge Capital Reserve Fund** established in 2006 with said funds to come from Unreserved Fund Balance (this represents the funds from the discontinuation of the Bridge Expendable Trust Fund discontinued in article 11). This appropriation is contingent on the passage of article 11.

Motion to accept: Francis Muzzey

Second: Paul Davis Sr.

Motion to amend by Stephen Davis

Second by Randy Morrison

Amend to read: "Expendable Bridge Capital Reserve Fund"

Amendment passed by voice vote

Amended article passed

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$88,500** to be placed into the following **Expendable Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds**: Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

a. Fire Truck (est. 1984)	\$15,000
b. Hwy Equipment & Vehicle (est. 1973)	\$15,000
c. Police Cruiser (est. 1993)	\$7,000
d. Town Bridges Fund (est. 2006)	\$1,500
e. Road Paving (est. 2002)	\$20,000
f. Fire Dept Site (est. 2004)	\$15,000
g. Transfer Station Recycling (est. 2008)	\$10,000

h. Town Hall Exp Trust (est. 2005)	0
i. Revaluation	\$5,000

Motion to accept: Jeffry Ames  
Second: Randy Morrison

Passed by voice vote

14. By Petition to **see if the town will vote to have the town dump open 6 hours on Saturday and 6 hours on Sunday** 3 hours on Wednesday for a total of 15 hours a week for 52 weeks a year, for the convenience of the towns people.

Motion to accept: John Downing  
Second: Paul Davis Sr.

Passed by voice vote

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of **\$73,050** to pay for the disposal and hauling of solid waste using the Town **Transfer Facility**.

Motion to accept: Bruce Welch  
Second: Paul Davis Sr.

Passed by voice vote

16. 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: Bruce Welch  
Second: Ellie Murray

Passed by voice vote

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$73,056** for the maintenance of the **Police Department** for the ensuing year.

Motion to accept: Pete Chierichetti  
Second: Randy Morrison

Passed by voice vote

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$19,500** for operating expenses for the **Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service**.

Motion to accept: Raymond Welch

Second: Paul Davis Sr.

Motion to amend the article by Kim Minear to read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$39,000.00** for the operating expenses for the **Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service, \$19,500.00** to come for Unreserved Fund Balance and **\$19,500.00** to come from general 2012 Taxation. Second by Arlene Patten. Amendment defeated by hand count. Yes 3 and No 48

Original Article Passed by voice vote

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,000** for the **Parks and Recreation** for the repair of damages caused by Hurricane Irene and for the general maintenance of parks, including the Common, Library, Riverside Park, and Hamilton Memorial Field. \$6,000 to come from unreserved fund balance and \$3,000 to come from general taxation.

Motion to accept: Bruce Welch

Second: Francis Muzzey

Passed by voice vote

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$37,306** for the **Webster Memorial Library** expenses; \$3,593 to come from Library income, and the remaining sum of \$33,713 to come from general 2012 taxation.

Motion to accept: Bruce Welch

Second: Paul Davis Sr.

Passed by voice vote

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1200** for the upkeep and maintenance of the Wentworth **Historical Society** and the grounds on which it is situated.

Motion to accept: Richard Burne  
Second: Timothy Minear

Article Passed by voice vote

22. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following  
**Racetrack Ordinance:** (Board of Selectmen recommend this)

Motion to accept: Bruce Welch  
Second: Paul Davis Jr.

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH  
Racetrack Ordinance**

Pursuant to RSA 31:41-a and RSA 31:39, it is hereby ordained by the Town of Wentworth, New Hampshire, as follows:

For the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and welfare, and to protect the environment and quality of life in the Town, the following Rules and Regulations apply to racetracks in the Town of Wentworth.

**I. Definitions.**

For purposes of this ordinance, the terms below are defined as follows:

- a. Hours of Operation: Times when Motor Vehicles are operated on a racetrack, regardless of whether a Motor Vehicle is operated individually or with other vehicles on the racetrack, including but not limited to races, practices, qualifying, or time trials.
- b. Motor Vehicle: Any self-propelled vehicle, except tractors, activated by an internal combustion engine and not operated exclusively on stationary tracks.
- c. Track Operator: Any individual, partnership, corporation or other entity proposing to operate, or operating, a motor vehicle racetrack.

## **II. Licensing of Motor Vehicle Racetracks:**

- a. Annually, every Track Operator within the Town of Wentworth shall apply for and obtain a Racetrack License from the Board of Selectmen. Said license shall be conditioned upon the Track Operator's satisfaction of all requirements of this ordinance.
- b. Each race that is conducted without a license shall constitute a separate violation for purposes of this ordinance.
- c. The Board of Selectmen may fix a fee of up to \$100 annually for the operation of such racetracks.

## **III. Hours of Operation:**

- a. Hours of Operation shall be permitted on only one day per weekend (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday) unless additional Hours of Operation are requested by the Track Operator and approved in advance by the Board of Selectmen.
- b. Hours of Operation shall not begin before 9 a.m.. On Fridays and Saturdays, Hours of Operation must end before 10:00 p.m. On Sundays, Hours of Operation must end before 9:30 p.m. All loud noise generated by Motor Vehicles (e.g., revving of engines) shall be prohibited outside the permitted Hours of Operation.

## **IV. Public Safety:**

- a. Through the execution of agreements with the Town of Wentworth Police Department and Fire Department, every Track Operator shall provide for the presence of the following at its racetrack during Hours of Operation:
  - i. Police officers in such number as is required in writing by the Police Chief in his discretion pursuant to RSA 105:9, III-IV.
  - ii. An ambulance if deemed necessary in writing by the Fire Chief in his discretion.
  - iii. Any and all fire apparatus and personnel deemed necessary in writing by the Fire Chief in his discretion.
- b. Every Track Operator shall be charged for all fire and police services required by this ordinance and provided by the Town of Wentworth. Payment shall be due fourteen (14) days in advance of the services, and the Board of Selectmen is authorized to revoke the Track Operator's license if full payment is not received by the Town within

five (5) days of the Track Operator receiving a written Notice of Non-Payment from the Town.

- c. Every Track Operator shall be obligated to arrange for, and pay for, a private ambulance to be present at the race track if ambulance service is required by the Fire Chief.

**V. Operations:**

- a. During Hours of Operation after dusk, sufficient lighting will be provided in all areas, including the parking lot, pit area, pit roadway, walkways and stands, to provide a reasonable level of safety for all persons on the premises.
- b. Every Track Operator shall provide adequate trash receptacles and toilets, and shall empty and service said receptacles and toilets on a regular basis. The premises constituting the racetrack, including the parking area, shall be maintained in a neat and orderly manner, and all cleanup activities shall be completed within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of any day's Hours of Operation.
- c. Every Track Operator shall comply with state laws, as applicable, including but not limited to the prohibition against smoking within enclosed places of public access (RSA 155:65-78) and sanitary conditions, including food service requirements (RSA Chapter 147).
- d. Every Track Operator shall be required to indemnify the Town and to maintain general liability insurance in such amount as deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen. Said insurance policy shall name the Town as additional insured for the purpose of carrying out the indemnification and shall cover events related to the use of the racetrack premises. The insurance company must mail written notice of impending cancellation of the policy to the Town at least thirty (30) days in advance of cancellation, and if insurance is canceled without the Track Operator obtaining a replacement policy, the Operator's license shall be revoked. Certificates of Insurance shall be filed with the Board of Selectmen each year prior to the issuance of any Racetrack License.

**VI. Penalties:**

- a. Any person who fails to comply with any provision of this ordinance or a license granted by the Board of Selectmen hereunder shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation pursuant to RSA 31:39, III. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Town of



Ordinance Passed by a show of hands

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

Fred Brownson gave an update on the Northern Pass and how it will have a negative impact on the Towns and the State. He recommended that we oppose the Northern Pass.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna J. King  
Town Clerk