

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.

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

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.
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.
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).

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

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.
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.
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.
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**.

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.
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.
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.
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.
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

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.
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**.
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.
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.
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**.
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.
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.
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.

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

**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 Wentworth from taking any action necessary to prevent a violation of this ordinance, including, without limitation, seeking judicial relief.
- b. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to revoke any license issued hereunder for a violation of this ordinance or the license itself that is not corrected within five (5) days of a Track Operator receiving written notice of the violation from the Town.

VII. Enforcement and Inspections:

- a. The Board of Selectmen shall have responsibility for the enforcement of this ordinance.
- b. The Board of Selectmen, Fire Chief, and/or Police Chief are authorized to make announced or unannounced inspections of racetrack premises at any reasonable time to ensure compliance with the requirements of this ordinance and any license issued hereunder.

VIII. Savings Clause:

If any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

IX. Effective Date:

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and supersede any previous ordinance until amended or repealed by appropriate authority.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2012

Wentworth Board of Selectmen

/s/

Randy Morrison, Chair

/s/

Steve Davis

/s/

Francis Muzzey

Approved at Wentworth Town Meeting
by majority vote, on: _____

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

Dated this 21st day of February 2012
A true copy Attest:

Stephen G. Davis

Francis A. Muzzey

Randy C. Morrison, Chairman
WENTWORTH SELECTBOARD