

State of New Hampshire
Town of Wentworth
Warrant for year 2014 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 11, 2014.

The polls will open at 8 am and close at 7 pm to bring in your votes for Executive Councilor and 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

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By Official Ballot)
March 11, 2014 there were 201 voters with 6 absentee voters. The following were elected:

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| Selectman | 3 Year Term | Peter Santom | 111 |
| Library Trustee | 3 Year Term | Helen Ray | 191 |
| Town Trustee | 3 Year Term | | |
| Town Auditor | 1 Year Term | Martha Morrill | 158 |
| Cemetery Trustee | 3 Year Term | Stephen Davis | 3 |
| Planning Board | 3 Year Term | Ellie Murray | 6 |
| Planning Board | 3 Year Term | Brian Dubois | 8 |
| Fire Commissioner | 1 Year Term | Brian Dubois | 136 |
| Fire Commissioner | 1 Year Term | "Pete" Chierichetti | 141 |
| Fire Commissioner | 1 Year Term | Jeffry Ames | 148 |
| School Board | 3 Year Term | Jennifer Kay | 120 |
| School Clerk | 1 Year Term | Martha Morrill | 183 |
| School Treasurer | 1 Year Term | Eleanor "Ellie" Murray | 173 |
| School Moderator | 1 Year Term | Stephen Welch | 58 |

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.

Amended page 23 of 2013 Town Report.

Motion to accept – Francis Muzzey
2nd – Steve Davis

Passed by Voice Vote

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$247,829** for **General Municipal Operations** for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant. Of this amount, \$2,600 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance for digital mapping update, and the remaining \$245,229 to come from 2014 general taxation. This article does not include any amounts contained in any other article. (Majority vote required).

Motion to accept – Steve Davis
 2nd – Randy Morrison

Passed by Voice Vote

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,533.00** for the following **Health Agencies and Organizations**:

| | |
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| American Red Cross (provides emergency & disaster relief) | \$700.00 |
| CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug free Youth) | \$1,000.00 |
| CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children) | \$500.00 |
| Genesis (mental health care) | \$1,350.00 |
| Grafton County Senior Citizens (meals, transportation, day service) | \$1,000.00 |
| Mid-State Health Center | \$1,100.00 |
| Mt. Moosilauke Health Center (healthcare & counseling) | \$2,500.00 |
| Pemi-Baker Community Health (homecare, hospice & family health) | \$4,150.00 |
| Tri-CAP (fuel assistance, food, electrical & referral assistance) | \$2,000.00 |
| Visiting Nurse Alliance of NH/VT (homecare, hospice, family health) | \$1,733.00 |
| Voices Against Violence (service & education for domestic & sexual violence) | \$1,500.00 |

Motion to accept – Bruce Welch
 2nd – Deb Gelsi

Passed by Voice Vote

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** for the support of **Bridge House**, a homeless shelter in Plymouth (provides food and shelter for Veterans and homeless of Grafton County).

Motion to accept – Deb Gelsi
 2nd – Kevin Kay

Passed by Voice Vote

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,200** 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 – John Vlk
2nd Brian Dubois

Move to vote – Charles Stata
2nd – Quintin Mack

Show of hands:
49 – YES 12 - NO

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$31,550** for the maintenance of the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year, of that amount \$4,186 to come from 2013 Unreserved Fund Balance and \$27,364 to come from 2014 general taxation.

Motion to accept – Pete Chierichetti
2nd – Jeff Ames

Passed by Voice Vote

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** for the improvements of **Beech Hill road**, of which \$20,000 to come from the paving Capital Reserve for paving only, the remaining \$20,000 to come from 2014 general taxation.

Motion to accept – Steve Davis
2nd – Francis Muzzey

Passed by Voice Vote

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$342,965** for **Town Highways**, bridges and lighting for the ensuing year, of which \$ 57,340 to come from Unreserved Fund Balance, and \$285,625 to come from 2014 general taxation.

Motion to accept – Bruce Welch
2nd – Steve Davis

Passed by Voice Vote

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,200** for costs and expenses associated with **Animal and Pest Control**.

Motion to accept – Kevin Kay
2nd – Paul Davis Sr.

Passed by Voice Vote

11. 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 – Steve Davis
2nd – Randy Morrison

Passed by Voice Vote

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$161** 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 – Palmer Koelb
2nd – Deb Gelsi

Passed by Voice Vote

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$117,330** to be placed into the following **Expendable Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds**: Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

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| a. Fire Truck (est. 1984) | \$15,000 |
| b. Hwy Equipment & Vehicle (est. 1973) | \$15,000 |
| c. Police Cruiser (est. 1993) | \$8,500 |
| d. Revaluation | \$5,000 |
| e. Town Bridges Fund (est. 2006) | \$38,830 |
| f. Road Paving (est. 2002) | \$20,000 |
| g. Fire Dept Site (est. 2004) | \$15,000 |

Amendment to change Town Bridges Fund amount to zero, New sum will be **\$78,500**.

Motion to accept – Steve Davis
2nd – Francis Muzzey
Passed by Voice Vote

Amended Article Vote
Passed by Voice Vote

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$70,430** to pay for the disposal and hauling of solid waste and associated costs of maintenance for the Town **Transfer Facility**, to come from 2014 general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motion to accept – Brian Dubois
2nd – Kevin Kay
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 36-A, at the discretion of the Conservation Commission.

Motion to accept – Steve Davis
2nd – Doug Campbell

Passed by Voice Vote

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$72,595** for the maintenance of the **Police Department** for the ensuing year, of which \$11,990 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance, and the remainder of \$60,605 to come from 2014 general taxation.

Motion to accept – Kevin Kay
2nd – Melissa Farrell

Passed by Voice Vote

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$19,500** for operating expenses for **Ambulance Services**.

Motion to accept – Paul Davis Jr.
2nd – Paul Davis Sr.

Passed by Voice Vote

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,760** for the **Parks and Recreation** for the general maintenance of parks, including the Common, Library, Riverside Park, and Hamilton Memorial Field and for the remaining repair of damages caused by Hurricane Irene. Of this amount, \$902 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and \$4,858 to come from 2014 general taxation.

Motion to accept – Pete Chierichetti
2nd – Duane Brown

Passed by Voice Vote

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$53,556** for the **Webster Memorial Library** expenses; \$3,883 to come from Library income, \$3040 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and the remaining sum of \$46,633 to come from 2014 general taxation.

Motion to accept – Bob Anderson
2nd – Brian Dubois

Passed by Voice Vote

20. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue that part of an old Class VI road three rods in width in the Town of Wentworth, being an unused remnant portion of an October 1783 layout of a highway, which leads from Precision Lumber on Buffalo Road to and across Turner Field (now owned by Newbert) then crossing the Turner Cross Road and through lands owned by Randy Morrison, Neil Borger, et al. to Gove Lane at a point across from the present (2014) Rowell Ray home, and not to affect any portion or portions of the other presently used Class V roads over which this road crosses or formerly followed, and to further vote that upon discontinuance of these portions of the old road so described to give the land over which the road was originally laid out to those present owners or abutters through whose lands the road now passes.

Motion to accept – Steve Davis
2nd – Paul Davis Sr.

Amendment – withdrawn

Final Amendment –

By Petition, To see if the Town will vote to **completely** discontinue that part of an old Class VI road three rods in width in the Town of Wentworth, being an unused remnant portion of an October 1783 layout of a highway, which leads from Precision Lumber on Buffalo Road to and across Turner Field (now owned by Newbert) then crossing the Turner Cross Road and through lands owned by Randy Morrison, Neil Borger, et al. to Gove Lane at a point across from the present (2014) Rowell Ray home, and not to affect any portion or portions of the other presently used Class V roads over which this road crosses or formerly followed, and to further vote that upon discontinuance of these portions of the old road so described to give the land over which the road was originally laid out to those present owners or abutters through whose lands the road now passes.

Motion to accept – Frances Muzzey
2nd - Donna King

Passed by Voice Vote

Amended Article Vote
Passed by Voice Vote

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

Motion to Adjourn – Paul Davis Sr.
2nd – Doug Campbell

Meeting Adjourned at 9:36 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:



George A. Morrill
Town Clerk/Tax Collector