

State of New Hampshire
Town of Wentworth

Warrant for year 2015 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 10, 2015.

The polls will open at 11 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.

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

Position	Term		
Selectman	3 years	Chris Basingthwaite	129
Selectman	1 year	Stephen G. Davis	127
Town Clerk / Tax Collector	3 years	Donna J. King	124
Town Auditor	1 year	Daniel Stover	162
Library Trustee	3 years	Angela Kennison-Comeau	162
Town Trustee	3 years	Kathleen Springham-Mack	3
Cemetery Trustee	3 years	Kathleen Springham-Mack	4
Planning Board	3 years	Eugene Page	139
Planning Board	3 years	Francis Muzzey	92
Planning Board	2 years	Quentin Mack	25
Planning Board	1 year	George Morrill	145
Planning Board	1 year	Martha Morrill	122
Fire Commissioner	1 year	Jeffry Ames	159
Fire Commissioner	1 year	George Morrill	120
Fire Commissioner	1 year	Brian Dubois	29

Ballot Question:

Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the selectmen, for transaction of other business?

YES - 81 NO - 75

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.

Correction – amend Town Report to strike page 46

Motion to accept as read - Steve Davis

2nd Dave McMullen

Passed – Voice Vote

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$265,645** for **General Municipal Operations** for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, to come from 2015 general taxation. This article does not include any amounts contained in any other article. (Majority vote required).

Motion to accept as read - Steve Davis

2nd Dave McMullen

Passed – Voice Vote

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for the purpose of paving the **Town Offices Parking Lot**, of which \$20,000 to come from the Paving Capital Reserve. No money to be raised from taxation.

Motion to accept as read - Dave McMullen

2nd Pete Santom

Failed – Voice Vote

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,100** 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 as read – Paul Davis Sr

2nd – Paul Davis Jr

Passed – Voice Vote

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,272.00** for the following **Health Agencies and Organizations**:

American Red Cross (provides emergency & disaster relief)	\$700.00
Bridge House (provides shelter for homeless)	\$2,000.00
CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug free Youth)	\$1,000.00
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children)	\$500.00
Genesis (mental health care)	\$1,750.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens (meals, transportation, day service)	\$1,200.00
Mid-State Health Center	\$1,216.00
Mt. Moosilauke Health Center (healthcare & counseling)	\$2,500.00
Pemi-Baker Community Health (homecare, hospice & family health)	\$4,173.00
Tri-CAP (fuel assistance, food, electrical & referral assistance)	\$2,000.00
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of NH/VT (homecare, hospice, family health)	\$1,733.00
Voices Against Violence (service\educ for domestic\sexual violence)	\$1,500.00

Motion to accept as read – Arlene Patten
2nd Tim Minear

Passed – Voice Vote

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,770** for the maintenance of the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year, of that amount \$2,436 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and \$28,334 to come from 2015 general taxation.

Motion to accept as read – Jeffrey Ames
2nd – Pete Chierichetti

Passed - Voice Vote

8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the **donation of a parcel of land**, located on Beech Hill Road for the relocation and use of the **Fire Department's New Building Site** for public purposes. The donation is a gift, no money to be raised from taxation.

Motion to accept as read - Ashley Hartson
2nd – Paul Davis Sr.

Passed - Voice Vote

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$382,000** for the **Highway Department** for the ensuing year, of which \$68,332 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance, up to \$22,709 to come from the State Highway Block Grant Aid and the remainder to come from 2015 general taxation.

Motion to accept as read – Dave McMullen
2nd – Pete Santom

Passed – Voice Vote

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$70,000** for improvements on **Beech Hill Road**, of which \$30,000 to come from the Paving Capital Reserve, \$20,000 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and the remaining \$20,000 to come from 2015 general taxation.

Motion to accept as read – Pete Santom
2nd – Steve Davis

Show of Hands - YES 44 NO 2 Passed

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to continue the 5 year lease agreement, in the amount of \$154,796 for the purpose of continued leasing of a **2012 International Plow Truck** for the **Highway Department**, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$33,345** for the fourth year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Motion to accept as read – Steve Davis
2nd – Dave McMullen

Show of Hands – YES 36 NO 9 Passed

12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 7 year lease agreement in the amount of \$152,139 for the purpose of leasing a **2014 Freightliner Dump/Plow Truck** for the **Highway Department**, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,679** for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Motion to accept as read – Steve Davis
2nd – Pete Santom

Show of Hands – YES 38 NO 5 Passed

13. 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. (Majority vote required)

Motion to accept as read- Eleanor Murray
2nd – Paul Davis Jr

Passed – Voice Vote

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$250** 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 as read – Martha Morrill
2nd – Carol Freidrich

Motion to Table – Penni Davis
2nd - Tim Minear

Show of Hands – YES 16 NO 31 Failed

Amendment; Francis Muzzey
2nd- Martha Morrill

Further instruct the Selectmen to pay the amount if and when the number of meetings meets their expectations.

Voice Vote - Amendment Failed

Original Article
Passed – Voice Vote

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$700** 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 as read – Elleanor Murray
2nd – Doug Campbell

Passed – Voice Vote

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$114,630** to be placed into the following **Expendable Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds**, of this amount \$38,830 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and \$75,800 to come from 2015 general taxation. 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)	\$5,800
d. Property Revaluation	\$5,000
e. Town Bridges Fund	\$38,830
f. Road Paving (est. 2002)	\$20,000
g. Fire Dept Site (est. 2004)	\$15,000

Motion to accept as read – Jeffrey Ames
2nd – Kevin Kay

Passed – Voice Vote

17. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the **Fire Department Capital Reserve previously established in WA 8 of 2004**. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Motion to accept as read – Jeffrey Ames
2nd – Kevin Kay

Passed – Voice Vote

18. To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Webster Memorial Library Expendable Trust Fund** per RSA 31:19-a, for the purposes of repairs and maintenance to the Library, and to raise and appropriate **\$15,000** to put in the fund, with this amount to come from 2015 general taxation and further to name the Library Trustees as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion to accept as read – Paul Davis Jr.
2nd – Doug Campbell

Passed – Voice Vote

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,050** for the purpose of disposal and hauling of solid waste and associated costs of maintenance for the Town **Transfer Station**, to come from 2015 general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motion to accept as read – Pete Santom
2nd – Dave McMullen

Passed – Voice Vote

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$74,185** for the maintenance of the **Police Department** for the ensuing year, of which \$10,300 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance, and the remainder of \$63,885 to come from 2015 general taxation.

Motion to accept as read – Kevin Kay
2nd – Pete Chierichetti

Amendment: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$54,185** for the maintenance of the **Police Department** for the ensuing year, of which \$10,300 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance, and the remainder of \$43,885 to come from 2015 general taxation.

Motion to accept – Francis Muzzey

2nd – Janice Thompson

Request for Paper Ballot YES 9 NO 42 Failed

Move to Vote – Kevin Kay

2nd – Penni Davis

Withdraw Request Paper Ballot Request for Original Article

Passed – Voice Vote

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$39,000** for the purchase of a new **Police Cruiser**, of which \$39,000 to come from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve. No money to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motion to accept as read – Pete Chierichetti

2nd – Paul Davis Sr.

Passed – Voice Vote

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$800** for costs and expenses associated with **Animal and Pest Control**.

Motion to accept as read – Dave McMullen

2nd – Doug Campbell

Passed – Voice Vote

23. 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 as read – Paul Davis Sr.

2nd – Paul Davis Jr.

Passed – Voice Vote

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,060** for the **Parks and Recreation** for the general maintenance of parks, including the Common, Library, Riverside Park, and Hamilton Memorial Field, of which \$1,700 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and the remaining sum of \$3,360 to come from 2015 general taxation.

Motion to accept as read – Eleanor Murray
2nd – Paul Davis Sr.

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$39,416** for the **Webster Memorial Library** expenses; \$2,466 to come from Library income, \$891 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and the remaining sum of \$36,059 to come from 2015 general taxation.

Motion to accept as read – Nancy Masterson
2nd – Donna King

Passed – Voice Vote

26. (By Petition) Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and the other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the selectmen, for the transaction of other business?

Passed Over – item appeared on Official Ballot

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

Steve Davis presented ideas for the replacement of the Town steel bridge connecting the common to East Side Road (the bridge is currently owned by the State of New Hampshire).

With a small number of voters present, It was decided to postpone the discussion until a later date. The date to be determined by the Select Board.

Motion to adjourn the Town Meeting – Paul Davis Sr.
2nd – Kevin Kay

All were in favor, Meeting adjourned by Moderator Steve Welch at 10:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:



George Morrill
Town Clerk/Tax Collector