

**Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2020**

**Those present:** Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Francis Muzzey, Palmer Koelb, Andrew Lasser and Linda Franz. In attendance via Zoom conference call, Omer Ahern.

**Called to Order:** Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Select Board signed the following documents:

Vendor and payroll checks.

Minutes for May 19 & 20, 2020.

Sewage disposal approval for Erik Muzzey.

Driveway permit for Troy Comeau.

Intents to cut for Craig Pasco, Green Woodlands and John King.

Request for payment from Highway Equipment Capital Reserve for the balance due for the broom/York rake as approved in WA#24.

A.Scheller reported that he spoke with Steve Welch regarding the fall elections. S.Welch is on top of things and is aware of guidelines as they relate to Covid-19. He will keep Select Board informed as to how the voting will take place.

A.Scheller addressed the issue of trash containment at Page's and Riverside Park. He will donate barrels, and Highway Department will empty the trash each Friday and Monday early mornings. Other Town resident has offered to check more frequently and dispose of trash if necessary. Andrew Lasser volunteered to look into getting signs to post in the area. Chief Trott volunteered to educate any young volunteers about the possible dangers of any drug paraphernalia that may be in the trash.

A.Scheller reported that the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan is near completion, and we are on track to do some good things. Next step is to prioritize and take action and determine budgetary needs for the action items. He is looking for volunteers to form a grant research and writing committee for various projects in the plan.

In regard to the two active bridge projects, J.King reported that the two key contacts with the NHDOT are very difficult to contact and is stalling any forward progress. A.Scheller will contact Michael Cryans, Executive Councilor, to see if he can speed things up.

A.Scheller reported that the meeting with representatives of the School Board was informational and received a good understanding of how things work. The meeting has also opened up a needed line of communication between the two Boards.

Chief Trott gave his report for the Police Department, and it is a part of these minutes. Also included is a schedule of races at the Rumtown Speedway.

**O.Ahern made a motion to approve single car testing at the Rumtown Speedway for Sunday, June 7, 2020. Seconded by J.King.. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. Jordan King voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

Chief Ames reported that the Fire Department responded to a motorcycle accident, a structure fire in Warren, an outside fire in Warren, a smell of propane and a motor vehicle accident. Plant sale went great. Francis Muzzey commented that the Wentworth Fire Department's mutual aid is above and beyond the call of duty.

The Road Agent reported that the Highway Department was very busy with ditching. They will be working on culverts next week.

Palmer Koelb addressed the Select Board about the spraying of magnesium chloride on Beech Hill Road. He and other residents did not want the application. Road Agent informed that it was only applied up to number 80 Beech Hill Road. P.Koelb insists that Beech Hill Road was sprayed past his property and requests that A.Scheller inspect. P.Koelb also commented that Beech Hill Road has not been properly crowned. Road Agent included this repair in his summer schedule.

Discussed request for metal detecting on Town property.

**O.Ahern made a motion to not allow metal detecting and digging on Town property. Seconded by J.King.. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. Jordan King voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

**At 5:54 pm, A.Scheller made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* Seconded by J.King. By roll call vote, A.Sheller voted yes. J. King voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

Reentered Public Meeting at 5:58 pm.

**At 6:00 pm, A.Scheller made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* Seconded by J.King. By roll call vote, A.Sheller voted yes. J. King voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

Reentered Public Meeting at 6:20 pm.

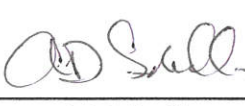
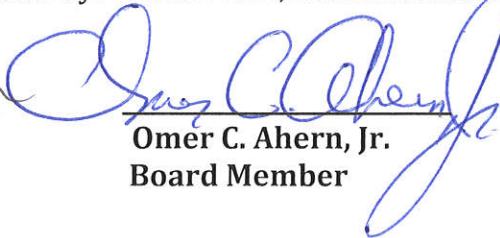
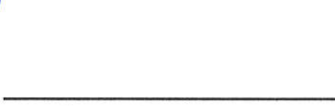
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**O.Ahern made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by J.King. By roll call vote, A.Sheller voted yes. J. King voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

Note that resident, Derek Randall requested a non-public session but did not show up for the meeting.

**A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All voted yes and the meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm.**

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

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| _____<br><b>Arnold Scheller</b><br>Chairperson                                    | _____<br><b>Omer C. Ahern, Jr.</b><br>Board Member                                | _____<br><b>Jordan King</b><br>Board Member  |



**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 06/02/2020**

Please note that the following is a summary of notable activity conducted by the Wentworth Police Department, (WPD), but does not reflect "all" of WPD's activity during this time frame.

The WPD continues to take part in in the scheduled conference calls held during the week regarding updates concerning COVID-19.

The WPD took a burglary report from a Wentworth property owner and it was reported that a Husqavarna chain saw had been stolen during the burglary. That report is still under investigation.

The WPD met with two Wentworth residents who had requested to speak with police regarding a problem with a former girlfriend. Both parties signed trespass notices as well as harassment notices. The notices were served on the other involved party and no further complaints have been received.

The WPD took a report of a man squatting on someone's property off Buffalo Road. Chief Trott located the campsite and has been to the campsite several times but no one has been located there. This will continue to be monitored.

The WPD recovered an item that had been previously stolen from a property on North Dorchester Road. The owner was notified, and arrest warrants will be obtained for the responsible party.

Chief Trott worked the entire holiday weekend to include some of the holiday itself. There were several M/V citations issued and several warnings issued to OHRV's for OHRV violations. It was a busy weekend pertaining to M/V traffic and WPD was very active the entire weekend conducting proactive M/V patrols.

The WPD has started to increase proactive M/V patrols due to the increase in motor vehicle traffic while still attempting to practice social distancing and taking the necessary precautions to minimize unnecessary contact and exposure to people.

Chief Trott has met several times with the owner of the RumTown Speedway race track and as of last week he has been made aware that he can operate his track, but, with restrictions, the most notable of those restrictions being that he cannot allow spectators into the race track. He was also advised that he needed to contact Chief Jeff Ames and meet whatever requirements are needed to be met according to Chief Ames, and it is my understanding that he has done so.

I have placed a copy of the updated racetrack schedule in each of the selectmen's folder for review. For the purpose of clarification, the new schedule has also been reviewed by the campground and does not vary much at all from the original schedule that had been put in place. As far as operation of the racetrack is concerned under the new guidelines set forth by the Governors office it will still follow all of the requirements set forth in the Wentworth town ordinance governing the racetrack.

I have been asked by Dan Bowne to present the selectmen with a **written request** to conduct an event at the track this Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 2020, between 1100 hours and 1800 hours. This is **NOT** a race, it is a single car testing event, the same type of event as he did last weekend with no issues at all. This **has** been presented to the campground and they **are very much in support of it**. This allows the track the opportunity to recoup some of its monies that has been lost due to not being allowed to open sooner due to COVID-19, and, WFD, WPD, and the ambulance service does not need to be there.

I have been made aware and am aware of the concerns regarding the dumping of trash along the river in the area of Hamilton Field and Riverside Park. Because of this problem I have asked Paul Mason to place trash containers at both locations, which we have done in the past, to help resolve this issue. He is more than willing, and we are asking the selectmen for permission to do so. I have also been patrolling these areas and have at times also taken the time to pick up discarded trash at both locations. If we see someone dumping there illegally or littering, they will be issued citations and dealt with accordingly.

Tomorrow, I, Chief Trott in our WPD cruiser, and Deputy Pete Cherichetti in a Grafton County Sheriffs Dept cruiser, will be escorting our WES graduates through the Wentworth Community for recognition. We congratulate each of them and wish them the best in their future academic endeavors.

## 2020 Rumtown Speedway Schedule

Green Flag at 4:00 PM every race except Friday, July 3. July 3 is a 6:00 PM green flag.

6/13 WAC Sprints, Outlaw Midgets  
6/20 Mod, LM, FF, Kids  
6/27 WAC Sprints, SCoNE, Outlaw Midgets, GSMS  
7/3 WAC Sprints, SCoNE, Outlaw Midgets  
7/11 Mod, LM, FF, Kids  
7/18 WAC Sprints, SCoNE, Outlaw Midgets, GSMS  
7/25 Mod, LM, FF, Kids  
8/1 WAC Sprints, Outlaw Midgets  
8/8 Mod, LM, FF, Kids  
8/15 WAC Sprints, Outlaw Midgets, GSMS Wingless  
8/22 Mod, LM, FF, Kids  
8/29 WAC Sprints, Outlaw Midgets, GSMS  
9/5 Mod, LM, FF, Kids  
9/12 WAC Sprints, SCoNE, Outlaw Midgets  
9/19 Mod, LM, FF, Kids  
9/26 WAC Sprints, Outlaw Midgets  
10/3 Mod, LM, FF, Kids  
10/10 WAC Sprints, SCoNE, Outlaw Midgets  
10/17 WAC Sprints, SCoNE, Outlaw Midgets

WAC- Wingless Auto Club

Mod- Modifieds

LM- Late Models

FF- Fast Fours

SCoNE- Sprint Cars of New England

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# RumTown Speedway Event Proposal to the Town of Wentworth

Contact: Dan Bowne, P.O. Box 388, Rumney, NH  
7 Moosilauke Highway, Wentworth, NH  
(603) 786-2885 or (603) 630-7655

Name of Event: Testing Singal Car

Date of Event: Sunday 6-7-2020

Duration of Event: ~~9:00~~ 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Event Description:  
Singal Car no mope Then 5 people  
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AD Scheller  
Selectman Signature

7 Jun 20  
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6/2/2020  
Date

Omer C. O'Brien, Jr.  
Selectman Signature Omer C. O'Brien, Jr.

6/2/2020  
Date

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Campground

6/3/20  
Date



**Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2020**

**Those present:** Arnold Scheller, Omer Ahern, Chief Trott, Paul Manson, Francis Muzzey, and Linda Franz. Jordan King absent due to illness.

**Called to Order:** Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Select Board signed the following documents:

Vendor and payroll checks.

Minutes for June 2, 2020.

Request for abatement-Hammond.

Driveway permit -Coursey

Request for refund vehicle registration-Alexander.

Land Use Change Tax-Ball/Randall.

Acknowledgement of new hire for Deputy TC/TC.

HEB agreements regarding engineering of two bridges, Frescoln & Cross Road.

Discussed construction of steel building on Atwell Hill Rd. Refer to Jeff Ames for follow-up.

Highlighted points of a letter from resident, Goudreault, regarding the condition of Hooper Hill Rd. Chief Trott and Chief Ames to determine a plan for improving emergency lane access. Costs may be covered by 2020 warrant article 21. They will discuss with J.King, and he will touch base with Goudreault.

Chief Trott provided his written report for the Police Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

Request from Rumtown Speedway, for one-at-a-time vehicle test races on Saturdays. Falls within Town ordinances.

**O.Ahern made a motion to authorize racing tests on Saturdays pending Fire Chief approval. Seconded by A.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. Quorum voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

Animal Control Officer announced that he will be retiring on 12/31/2020 or sooner if Town finds a replacement. Select Board requests an ad be placed. Requirements include care of dogs, cattle, and horses (no cats). Chief Trott suggests that Animal Control Officer be paid a salary (as reflected in budget) as opposed to per call/hourly with mileage. To be determined. L.Franz will advertise on Face Book and Town website.

Chief Ames provided his written report for the Fire Department, and it is part of these minutes.

Arnie Scheller spoke of a controlled burn behind the Historical Society building. Brian DuBois will offer assistance with back hoe if approved by Chief Ames.

The Road Agent reported that the Highway Department is working on getting the

planking done on Ellsworth Hill Road bridge. Road Agent is waiting for vendor to supply boards (perhaps July). In the meantime, Highway Department is making necessary repairs.

In regard to Saunders Hill Road bridge, there is a shortage of pressure treated lumber, so white oak may be a possibility. Select Board recommends acquiring as much as possible of the pressure treated from Gilford Home Center and the rest later from whatever source available.

Red Oak Hill Road is ditched and new culverts installed. Ready for grinding. Paving to start on 7/6/20.

1.6 miles of Atwell Hill Road needs gravel (potential cost of material \$24,000 to \$26,000). Road Agent to get cost estimates (hourly rate) for labor. Needs a big excavator. Suggested contacting Larry Bixby, Jared King, and Nate Miles.

Damage to overhead door at Highway Department Garage addressed. Door did not go up completely causing employee to accidentally hit it. Emergency repairs were needed.

FEMA flood control survey to be completed by Chief Ames with help from Road Agent.

Wentworth School is earmarked for \$31,000 in aid from NH Dept. of Education. Funds received under the CARES Act Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Grant.

Some residents expressed interest in starting a weekly farmer's market on Hamilton Field. Select Board in favor as it will bring community together. L.Franz to reach out to Donna King and Arlene Patten to determine the level of interest by townspeople. O.Ahern suggested contacting Heather Bryant of the UNH Coop Ext.

Resident inquired about testing water at the Baker River. L.Franz to follow up and advise.

Public comments from Francis Muzzey: Ask Richard Borger to attend a Select Board meeting to give an update on the church renovation; pbCAM available only to residents with Spectrum service; All decisions made at a meeting should be motions; Tax rate on first 2020 bill not the same as second bill for 2019.

**At 6:09 pm, O.Ahern made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by A.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Sheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. Quorum voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

Reentered Public Meeting at 6:25 pm.

**O.Ahern made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by A.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Sheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. Quorum voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

At 6:26 pm, O.Ahern made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* Seconded by A.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Sheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. Quorum voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

Reentered Public Meeting at 6:42 pm.

O.Ahern made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by A.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Sheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. Quorum voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

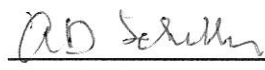
At 6:45 pm, O.Ahern made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* Seconded by A.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Sheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. Quorum voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

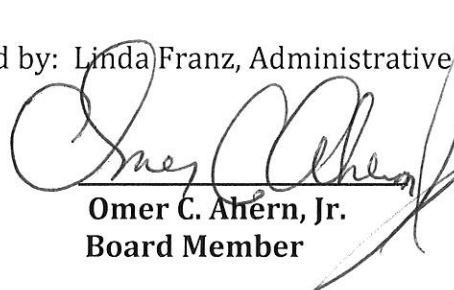
Reentered Public Meeting at 7:24 pm.

O.Ahern made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by A.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Sheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. Quorum voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by O.Ahern. Quorum voted yes and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

  
Arnold Scheller  
Chairperson

  
Omer C. Ahern, Jr.  
Board Member

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Jordan King  
Board Member

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 06/16/2020**

Please note that the following is a summary of notable activity conducted by the Wentworth Police Department, (WPD), but does not reflect “all” of WPD’s activity during this time frame.

The WPD continues to take part in in the scheduled conference calls held during the week regarding updates concerning COVID-19.

The WPD, WFD, and GCSO took part in the WES graduation parade through part of Wentworth, it was well received and uneventful.

The WPD has taken several reports over the past two weeks to include the following. Chief Trott took a report of an open door at a seasonal residence. Nothing was disturbed or missing and it appears that the door was just not secured properly initially. Chief Trott secured the door and the property owners were notified.

Chief Trott issued a hand summons to a Warren resident for allowing her dogs to run at large which were located in Wentworth on Red Oak Hill Road.

Chief Trott assisted the WFD with a fire alarm activation at the WES. It was an accidental activation and all responding units cleared within minutes.

The WPD handled a 911 call in Wentworth which turned out to be uneventful.

Chief Trott took a report of a Wentworth resident receiving some suspicious mail. Chief Trott looked into the matter and after determining that the two packages were harmless the packages were returned to the Wentworth Post Master and returned to the company that originally shipped the packages. Chief Trott wishes to remind residents NOT to open packages that look suspicious or that they did not order.



The WPD worked the race track this past weekend and it flowed nicely with no issues. This is just a reminder that this coming Saturday the race track will be holding it's first race where spectators will be allowed to attend.

Having said that I also have been asked by Dan Bowne to ask the selectmen for permission to be able to allow one car at time, do test runs and tune ups, on Saturdays, prior to the actual race time. The hours would be between 0900 and 1500 hours and only one car at a time will be allowed on the track. It will stop at 1500 hours as race time is at 1600 hours. The town ordinance states that he can operate between the hours of 0900 and 2200 hours on Saturdays. I have no issues on the law enforcement side of this, BUT, it will also need to be cleared by Chief Jeff Ames and we work in unison with one another. I am bringing it to your attention now as it is meeting night and I will follow up with Chief Ames later. It is also my understanding that the owners of the campground are also in favor of this.

I was advised verbally by two Wentworth residents that the planking on the Ellsworth Hill Road bridge is unsafe and needs to be addressed. I conveyed this to Paul (WHD) and I advised the residents that they may want to convey their concerns directly to the select board either in person and or writing.

I have been advised by our ACO that he will be retiring as of 12/31/2020. We will need to start looking and advertising for a replacement ACO sooner than later in order to prepare for this opening. ACO's have been a challenge for municipalities to fill and this is a task that I would recommend that we start working on as soon as possible.

wentworth.aa.franz@gmail.com

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**From:** Arnie Scheller <wentworth.sb.scheller@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:29 PM  
**To:** Linda Franz  
**Subject:** Fwd: meeting tomorrow night

Please include in tonight's meeting minutes Thanks Arnie

----- Forwarded message -----

From: j&l redbones <jlredbones@yahoo.com <mailto:jlredbones@yahoo.com> >  
Date: Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 11:22 AM  
Subject: meeting tomorrow night  
To: Arnie Scheller <wentworth.sb.scheller@gmail.com <mailto:wentworth.sb.scheller@gmail.com> >

Chief Ames report

Arnie,

I will not be able to make the meeting tomorrow night as it is hay season for me right now so i will be getting hay in from the fields, If you could read this at the meeting here is an update on the Fire Departments activity. We participated in the Wentworth 8th grade graduation parade. Our calls for services has not decreased any. We had Two calls to the Wentworth school for alarm activation's, both of which were caused by work being done at the school. We then had a call for an outside burn in Warren that turned out to be an individual who thought he was going to camp out under the bridge at the Warren Wentworth town line, we extinguished the campfire and police dealt with the person, Sunday afternoon we were toned and responded to a building fire in Warren, we had 2 pieces on scene and 8 firefighters, trucks and crews from Rumney, Wentworth and Warren on scene to aid in the extinguishment of the fire. The fire was stopped but the inside is not usable due to smoke and fire damage. We also had a very good training on water source, supply and shuttle system on June 3rd and will be continued this Wednesday night at our normal meeting. Good solid hands on training!

Thanks Jeff

<<http://us.f513.mail.yahoo.com/ym/www.geocities.com/jlredbones/>>

**Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 30, 2020**

**Those present:** Arnold Scheller, Omer Ahern, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Steve Welch, Donna King, Kathy Keefe, Andrew Lasser, Beth Folsom, Francis Muzzey and Linda Franz. Jordan King in attendance via Zoom.

**Called to Order:** Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Select Board signed the following documents:

Vendor and payroll checks.

Minutes for June 16, 2020.

Request for abatement-Richos and Olszewski.

Driveway permit-Fletcher

Intent to Cut-Fraser and Morrison.

Timber Yield Tax-Wilms.

GOFERR grant agreement.

Tax lien payment agreement.

The NH Fish & Game approved a grant of \$2,700 to be used for OHRV wheeled vehicle enforcement during the period of May through September, 2020.

**A.Scheller made a motion to authorize Linda Franz, on behalf of the Town, to enter into a contract agreement with the State of NH regarding the NH Fish & Game OHRV Law Enforcement Grant. Seconded by O.Ahern. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.** Linda Franz signed the NH Fish & Game grant agreement.

In regard to the GOFERR grant agreement, **A.Scheller made a motion that the Town be in compliance with RSA 31:95-b concerning the acceptance and expenditure of any unanticipated revenue from the state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. Seconded by O.Ahern. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

A.Scheller reported that there was a motorcycle accident and a flat tire due to the disrepair of the Ellsworth Hill Bridge. Emergency repairs were needed. The bridge was repaired with pressure treated planks as opposed to previously planned white oak. This was supposed to be temporary, but the Road Agent decided to leave it there to test its longevity.

Chief Trott provided his written report for the Police Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

Request from Rumtown Speedway, for one-at-a-time vehicle test races on Sundays from noon to 4:00pm as opposed to the previously carried motion to run on Saturdays. Select Board, Chief Trott and Chief Ames approve this change and an agreement was signed.



Chief Ames reported that the WFD responded to a camper fire in Warren, was under control when they arrived. Conducted training for pump and water shuttle. Helped racetrack by hauling 16,000 gallons of water to their property. Went well, good training experience. A.Scheller suggested helicopter training next winter. Plans will be made. Another fire near Camp Victory and Green Camp on Saunders Hill Road. Nearby residents offered the use of their personal ATV's to get to the site. This was an illegal burn and owners were cited and warning issued. Owners complied and a fire permit was issued. A report of an illegal campfire site at the Town's gravel pit. Chief Ames requests residents to report any activity there.

Road Agent, Paul Manson, provided a written report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

Regarding requests for gravel purchase and use of a subcontractor for Atwell Hill Road. **A.Scheller made a motion to purchase gravel from Warren Sand & Gravel and to use Jared King for labor (and take chances on potential cost of hammer rental). Seconded by O.Ahern. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King abstained. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0.**

To reiterate Section 7A of the Select Board Meeting Procedures, **A.Scheller made a motion that all written department head reports presented during a meeting shall become a part of the meeting minutes. Seconded by J.King. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

A.Scheller inquired if there is a plan to burn brush at the Transfer Station. Plan to be determined. Refrigerators need to be removed. Transfer Station manager, Randy Rugar, is handling this. He will also inquire about getting an estimate for a dumpster for metal scrap from Whitcher.

Steve Welch presented his written report for plans for the upcoming elections, and it is a part of these minutes.

Kathy Keefe spoke about Riverside Park. Concerns about an old picnic table, maintenance of tennis court, general upkeep, perhaps charge an entrance fee. A.Scheller recommended she put together a plan and present to Select Board. J.Ames suggested perhaps appointing a Parks & Rec Commissioner. O.Ahern suggested contacting the Grafton County Dept. of Corrections for any labor needed.

Donna King announced that she is heading up a farmer's market to be held on Saturdays at Hamilton Field from 10:00am to 2:00pm beginning July 11 to Aug 29, 2020. She registered with the state and is marketing through Face Book. It will be called Wentworth Farmers Market. She has 15 vendors signed up so far. It looks to be very well accepted as many local events have been canceled. Donna requests that the field be mowed perhaps on Fridays. She will also deal with garbage cans and advise if help is needed. Very well received by Select Board and residents.

Andrew Lasser spoke of the Governor's allocation of \$50 million granted to NH from the federal CARES Act for emergency broadband expansion program to assist with the



increasing demand of dependable internet for schools and residents. RFP's are due by July 2, 2020, which is probably not attainable. A.Scheller suggests he contact NH Senator Guida and Executive Councilor Cryans to push for extended deadlines. If extension is granted, they plan to set up a committee to include Andrew Lasser, Chief Trott, Beth Folsom, Internet companies, Senator Guida, Realtor, Teacher. The Select Board is in favor and supports this program.

Francis Muzzey suggested that anyone building on a Class VI road may not receive Emergency Services. Select Board acknowledged.

**At 6:52 pm, A.Scheller made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) *The hiring of any person as a public employee.* Seconded by O.Ahern. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

Reentered Public Meeting at 7:02 pm.

**O.Ahern made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by A.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

**O.Ahern made a motion to hire a third person for the Transfer Station as recommended by the manager, Randy Rugar. Seconded by A.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

**At 7:04 pm, A.Scheller made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* Seconded by O.Ahern. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

Reentered Public Meeting at 7:43 pm.

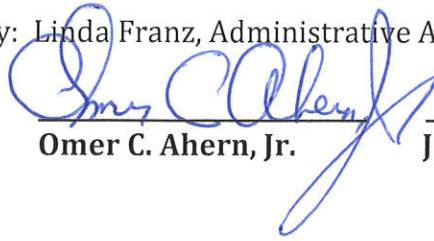
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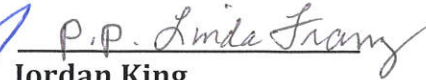
**O.Ahern made a motion to delay a possible deeding and revisit the situation at next Select Board meeting in a non-public session. Seconded by A.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

**A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by O.Ahern. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.**

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

  
Arnold Scheller, Chair

  
Omer C. Ahern, Jr.

  
Jordan King

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 06/30/2020**

Please note that the following is a summary of notable activity conducted by the Wentworth Police Department, (WPD), but does not reflect "all" of WPD's activity during this time frame.

The WPD continues to take part in the scheduled conference calls held during the week regarding updates concerning COVID-19. Although the number of conference calls per week have lessened, the importance of taking part in the remaining calls still remains a priority.

Having said that, as Chief of the WPD, I want to just report a little bit on the impact that COVID-19 has had on your police department over the last four (4) months. As Chief of Police I made a command decision to minimize potentially exposing my other three (3) officers to COVID-19 by not having them work during the last four (4) months. It has only been within the last couple of weeks that I have allowed another officer to cover the office. I have been the only Wentworth Officer working during this time, by choice, to help ensure the safety of my other officers by minimizing the hours they worked.

Because of this decision, it of course, increased my workload. I handled all the calls for service when on duty, and because of COVID-19, my administrative duties increased on average over 10 hours per week. To put it into better perspective, during that four (4) month time frame I worked an additional 169 hours above and beyond what I would have normally worked. These hours were spent on weekly conference calls, as well as law enforcement specific conference calls with the A.G.s office, as well as listening to the Governors press conferences for daily updates, and, reading numerous e-mails on a daily basis pertaining specifically to COVID-19 and the State of New Hampshire. These hours were also spent reviewing, understanding, and conveying each of the numerous emergency orders put in place by Governor Sununu. I have also ensured building security, and personal security, as best I could at the Wentworth Town Office for the town employees and town officials while they were navigating through how to effectively serve the community and still abide by the Governors orders.

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I share this information because I want the public to know that just because the Police Department has been closed “physically” to the public, the necessary services that the police department has to perform still went on, and, more work and administrative duties had to be performed. The police department obtained and distributed PPE where it was needed within the town infrastructure. We have been, and continue to be, in direct contact with local, county, state and federal partners to ensure that we are doing everything that we can to cope with COVID-19 while still performing our essential duties. We are doing this while still making sure that our priority is the safety of the Community of Wentworth. This has been, to say the least, a learning experience. I have been fortunate to have other dedicated first responders to work with while we all navigated through this unexpected crisis. The Wentworth Fire Department under the leadership of Chief Jeff Ames also has had to adapt, improvise and overcome obstacles during this COVID-19 crisis that is nothing short of commendable. Wentworth is extremely fortunate to have the first responders that we have. I want the community of Wentworth to know that we are still here and working harder than ever for them and we will continue to do so until we are back to some sense of normality.

Having put you through all of that I will now proceed with my activity report.

Chief Trott responded to a report of a juvenile in the area of Shawnees Store on a bicycle that reportedly was in possession of a loaded handgun. Chief Trott was assisted by the GCSO, Deputy Cherichetti, and the juvenile was located by Chief Trott without incident. The handgun turned out to be a soft air handgun, but, it did not have an orange tip or anything on it that would indicate that it was not a real handgun. It was a replica of an actual semi-automatic handgun and easily mistaken for a real handgun unless it was held and visually inspected. Chief Trott made contact with the boy's parents and the matter was resolved with some counseling regarding the matter.

Chief Trott took a report of some suspicious activity on East Side Road. The matter is currently under investigation and will be monitored.

OAT



Chief Trott took a report of a nuisance bear from a Wentworth resident on East Side Road. New Hampshire Fish & Game was notified, and the matter was referred to them for input and action.

Chief Trott answered a Right To Know Request under RSA 91-A from New Hampshire Public Radio on behalf of the town pertaining specifically to the police department itself. There were no concerning issues to report in the response and it was very generic.

As you may have heard, read, or seen we have had some complaints regarding trash being left at Riverside Park and Hamilton Field. I have been patrolling both locations while on duty and they are checked at different times during the weekend. I am hoping that between our patrols and the watchful eyes of our residents that we will stop these issues. I do want the public to know that if we do witness any violations taking place where an enforcement action can be taken it will be taken. For the most part both locations have been found to be in good condition and the trash cans are being utilized. Having said that I want to thank everyone who took part in cleaning up the area of Paiges swimming hole.

Finally I have a request from Dan Bowne requesting permission from the selectmen to allow him to run a car at a time on Sundays for test runs. This will be done between the hours of 1200 Noon and 4:00 P.M. This is what the campground would rather have him do and they are supportive of it. In order for to be able to do so, in accordance with the town ordinance, he would need permission from the selectmen which is what he is requesting. Please keep in mind it may be every Sunday, it may be every other Sunday, and it only be for an hour or a couple of hours, but if it is approved for Sundays between 12:00 Noon and 4:00 then it will alleviate the need to come to the board every other Tuesday. I have no issue with this and I have spoken with Chief Ames and as well has no issues with it. I am submitting the written request to the board for approval.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chief Trott", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

# Highway department report

6/15/20 – 6/26/20

Over the last two weeks the highway department has been busy ! we ditched beech hill road from the nursery to the pavement at the top of the hill just shy of a half mile of road. We also put 4" of gravel on the same portion of road , we have crowned the road properly and put lots of water on the road to help pack the gravel in. we had several complaints of dust from people who travel and live on buffalo road ( Gravel section ) , and we have put magnesium on the road all the way to the wentworth / rumney town line. We also have put magnesium on Nichols hill road and we have graded and put magnesium down on roentown road , we have had very dry weather and the dust is a problem for residents who live on our gravel roads. We have installed check dams on the ditch lines of red oak hill road . we have cut some brush along the banking around the bridge on roentown road. We also have been busy in the shop with repairs to our backhoe and 6 wheel trucks. We have received our 6x6x16 pressure treated bridge decking from Gilford home center , There was a couple incidents with motorcycles on the ellsworth hill bridge last week , one got a flat tire and another got his front tire caught on the rotted runners . I deemed the bridge unsafe and decided we would do emergency repairs , I spent \$1956.00 on pressure treated lumber and screws. We are waiting on the white oak runners from chris crowe to move forward with the other two bridges. we have got bids , for gravel and subcontractor rates for the widening of atwell hill road from 469 atwell hill up about 400' and graveling atwell hill road from the pavement end to webster road ( approx. 1.5 miles ) and 1500 – 2000 yards of gravel. Hoping to get this project started and done sometime in august or before depending on the paving schedule and bridge work.

# Steve Welch - Election plans

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OF CLEAR ROOFING

PANELS ARE 26" X 8' AND RUN \$16.00 EACH  
THIS COVERS 2 BALLOT CLERK TABLES  
2 SUPERVISORS TABLES AND 1 FOR TOWN  
CLERK/MODERATOR, PROBABLY ANOTHER \$50-  
OR SO FOR LUMBER.

WE WILL WANT MASKS FOR VOTERS  
AND I WOULD RECOMMEND GOLF PENCILS  
TO BE SINGLE USE AND EITHER KEPT BY  
VOTER OR TOSSED OUT

WE CAN LEAVE MASKS AND HAND WIPES  
OR SANITIZER AT DOOR AS FOLKS COME  
IN

FEEDBACK FROM OTHER MODERATORS SHOWS  
MOST ARE FIGURING 50/50 SPLIT ON  
ABSENTEE AND IN PERSON BALLOTS. TOWN  
CLERK TAKES CARE OF ORDERING BALLOTS

WILL WANT TO HAVE EXTRA WIPES TO  
CLEAN AS MUCH AS WE CAN INSIDE AS  
WELL

Thanks  
AD Seveler  
Amy C. Akers, J. 7/14/20