

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2020**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Omer Ahern, Jordan King, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Tamsin Stuart, Andrew Lasser and Linda Franz.

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

The Select Board approved and signed the following:

Payroll and vendor checks
Notice for November elections location and time
Plodzik and Sanderson letter
Two Veteran's Tax Credits
Avitar Revaluation/Update Agreement for 2021
Contract for road salt

A.Scheller made a motion to approve and accept the September 22, 2020 Select Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

J.King reported that HEB Engineers will deal with the state regarding the bridge designs then will set up a meeting with the Select Board to discuss.

A. Scheller discussed the need for the Town to have documented rules and regulations regarding sewerage disposal for properties with permanent campers. He requested that the Planning Board put together a plan and research if we may need some statutory changes.

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

A.Scheller made a motion that trick or treating on Halloween will take place on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

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

Road Agent, P.Manson, presented his report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

In addition to his report, P.Manson reported that the International truck has many problems and will require parts at a cost of \$3,000-\$8,000 and a labor cost of \$800-\$1,500 and may not even fix the problems. He has no definitive diagnosis. The International dealership can diagnose for a cost of \$500 plus \$118 per hour for labor. P.Manson is not confident that the truck will last the winter even with these repairs. A new truck would not be available for about a year.



P.Manson also reported that the water pump at the Town Garage is broken, and he is having difficulty getting a plumber. Rick Ducheneau offered to do the work. Parts alone priced out at \$1,700-\$1,800.

J.King made a motion to hire Rick Ducheneau to fix the water pump at the Highway Department Garage. Seconded by O.Ahern. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

P.Manson also reported that the last couple of hundred yards of Ellsworth Hill Road has not been maintained for quite a while as it was thought to be a class VI road. P.Manson did some research and found out that it is actually a class V road. It will need to be ditched to divert water from lower portion of road.

A.Scheller and O.Ahern spoke with Governor Sununu while he was visiting the area. The main topic of discussion was about the lack of internet service in Wentworth. They expressed that this is critical to our Town's needs that include virtual education, documenting culverts, and encouraging new business. They also spoke about septic regulations for campers.

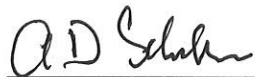
L.Franz reported that the Town received \$14,000+ in municipal aid from the state. Also, she will be working with the DRA and the Select Board on the tax rate in the next week or so.

The gravel pit was discussed. P.Manson found out that permitting may not be necessary as it is considered a town burrow. J.King said that it would still require a lot of work, and he feels that the Town may not benefit. J.King suggests that we get the deed research, survey and topographical work done to determine how much gravel may be available. If applicable, we would get a permit which is transferrable and possibly offer it up for sale.

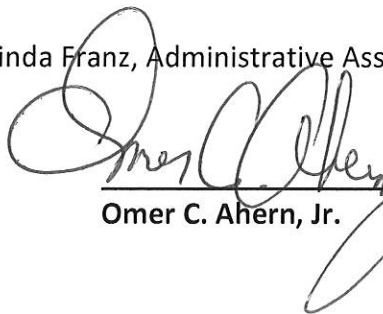
A.Lasser gave an update on broadband service. It has been sixty days since the request for information was sent to providers. Consolidated was the only one to respond. The next step is to prepare a request for proposal. He will know more through this process and plans to fully educate the residents before presenting a warrant article.

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chair



Omer C. Ahern, Jr.



Jordan King

WPD Activity Report
Presented 10/06/2020

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, as well as Law Enforcement Update calls. These calls remain a priority for us.

Chief Trott did a Department Assist for the Campton Police Department where a handgun was seized by Chief Trott regarding an investigation that was being conducted by the Campton Police Department. The handgun was seized without incident and the involved parties are cooperating with both agencies.

Chief Trott also served a Stalking Order which had been issued by the Plymouth District Court. Per this court order Chief Trott also took possession of several firearms to include one handgun, two rifles, two shotguns and numerous rounds of ammunition. The involved parties regarding this order were also very cooperative.

The details at the race track have been relatively uneventful with the exception of a couple of minor incidents that were addressed quickly and effectively by both Chief Trott and Officer Todd Eck. The track has only three more races and due to temperatures and it getting darker sooner, the last three races will start at 1400 instead of 1600 hours and will end around 1800 hours.

This past weekend Dan requested that three (3) be present at the race track due to the fact that they were expecting a larger crowd of people, and, he had heard on social media that there may be some issues with some of the racers. Chief Trott arrived at the race early and addressed the drivers at the driver meeting prior to the race and warned them that any problems would be dealt swiftly and accordingly. Chief Trott, Officer Todd Eck, and Chief Semitarkis then worked the race with no incidents.

Chief Trott did receive a complaint from a Wentworth resident regarding the race track appearing to be louder than normal, the complaining party lives on Cheever Road, and asked that the selectmen and administrative assistant to the selectmen post when the next meeting will be concerning the signing of the next race track permit for 2021. Chief Trott advised that he would convey that information.

Chief Trott is reminding the selectmen that Halloween is fast approaching and it is usually this time of year when the town makes/posts an announcement on when and what time they will be having Halloween so towns people will know.

WENTWORTH FIRE

Calls for service

Wentworth toned and responded to a 3rd alarm building fire in Holderness, our assignment was cover truck for Plymouth

Another mutual aid call for Rumney for hiker/climber fallen in Rumney ledges, we had a crew hike in to assist with cpr and carry out.

Call to Orford for a cover Truck as they were assisting Bradford Vt on a 4 alarm forest fire.

Mutual aid call to Warren for a Motor vehicle accident

Mutual aid call to Hebron for a cover truck on a 3rd alarm building fire also assisted with hose unloading and cleaning as they needed.

We have also completed our required yearly pump testing to ensure we meet the standards for pumps. Engine 1 good, engine 3 good , engine 2 although passed, will in the future (next year or two) need pump repairs/partial rebuild based on the flow numbers from the pump.

Training

Dan from the race track was again in need of water for track we assembled a crew on Saturday morning and with the help of Caulder construction who had a 5 000 gallon tank truck shuttled 30 thousand gallons of water to the track, it has given the department members good training in water shuttle, source pump operations, and various appliance operations. Dan from the track has been very appreciative and has made donations to the firemens fund.

Personnel

We have now outfitted some of our newer members with some hand me down turnout gear and are in the process of getting a couple new pagers in place. The response from the fire members has been outstanding to all the calls we have received. The new team members are doing well with their training and we look forward to them becoming well trained asset to the town and department.

Other correspondence

I will be involved in a safety meeting at the school Wed the 7th various information and discussion will take place during these meetings and is an important part of emergency preparedness for this town.

As you know we use social media to keep people informed, I did receive a public complaint about how we were handling the drought conditions and suppling water to the race track, she felt it a better priority for us to use that water in peoples wells, the individual did not feel it was right nor a priority to keep the track operating, I responded with the fact that the business we were helping out needed our assistance and would not be able to run his business without aid, as well as his business pays taxes here in town along with bringing in people who are spending monies with other business here in town. I also made it a point to explain the reasons why it is not a good idea to fill peoples wells with pond/river water. I had gave my phone number for this person to contact me direct if they wished as well I gave the option they could contact the board by filling out a complaint form.

Road Agent report October 6,2020

Over the last two weeks we have been busy as usual, we have 100% completed the atwell hill project and gravel the road to the intersection of cape moonshine. We have graded ellsworth hill road , from the corner to the dam. We have also been busy working in our shop , getting small but necessary projects done.

The backhoe has been running great since it has been fixed. We are struggling with the international truck, kevin knapp has looked at it a couple times and got computer reading, it looks like we are going to need a turbo and a dump valve kit, about \$3000 in parts plus labor. Last week the grader had issues , it was the belt pulley bearings failed and caused the fan to break ! all parts were ordered and we fixed it in house and just got it running today. That was another \$3000.

The next two weeks we will be doing some culvert replacements on hooper hill and getting all the trucks prepared and ready for winter , tires , oil and filter changes and sanders serviced.

Paul Manson

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2020**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Omer Ahern, Jordan King, Chief Trott, Paul Manson, Randy Rugar, Francis Muzzey, Steve Welch, George Morrill, Rebecca Bordanaro, Tamsin Stuart, Andrew Lasser and Linda Franz.

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

The Select Board approved and signed the following:

Payroll and vendor checks

Sewage Disposal System local approval-Borger Lot 11-5-12

DRA assessment to sales ratio prepared by Avitar

O.Ahern made a motion to approve and accept the October 6, 2020 Select Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A.Scheller made a motion to approve Health Trust's 2021 renewal for medical insurance with a 6.4% rate increase. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

O.Ahern made a motion to withdraw \$31,118.80 from the Bridges Capital Reserve (Expendable Trust) account for the second payment to HEB Engineers for engineering studies for the Frescoln and Cross Road bridges. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A.Scheller Report:

NHDOT is working on Route 25 to install culverts to divert water coming from Atwell Hill Road. They are also widening the road. They will continue to work along Route 25 to improve water flow diversion as many homes get water in their basements.

The Historical Society has lecture series once a month that residents may find interesting.

Christmas on the Common will take place on Saturday, November 28th from 3-6pm. Rain date is Sunday, November 29th. There will be an appearance by Santa and his elves and presents for the kids.

The school will hold their annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 30th. Set up begins at 3:15pm and treating at 4pm. See the school's notice for more information and instructions for Covid-19 safety precautions. The Town's Trick or Treating is Saturday, October 31st from 5-8pm.

The Planning Board put together a plan and letter to Governor Sununu regarding campers and septic requirements. The Governor is looking to get it to legislature.

L.Franz updated available grants. There is a balance of \$15,571 for our GOFERR grant. GOFERR has now included reimbursement for ALL payroll, taxes and insurance for Police Chief and any hours over regular schedule for Administrative Assistant for the period of September 1, 2020 to October 15, 2020. The claim will be for approximately \$13,000. The Town also has available grants for \$5,000 for election-related expenses, and \$2,700 for absentee ballots sent out. We will be claiming these after the November elections.

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

Chief Ames was not able to attend the meeting, and A.Scheller presented Chief's report for the Fire Department on his behalf, and it is a part of these minutes.

Road Agent, P.Manson, reported that the International truck is now up and running after some expensive repairs. All trucks, plows, sanders are ready for winter weather. Highway Department will continue with culverts, grading and ditching until frost prohibits. Equipment Committee meeting went very well. He invited vendors, Western Star and Freightliner, to attend future meeting. O.Ahern inquired if P.Manson would be interested in sharing equipment that is not being used 100% of the time with other surrounding towns. P.Manson was not in favor, but might consider if our own operator goes with equipment.

R.Rugar reported that he would like to contact Northeast Recovery Resource Association (NRRRA) about getting a dumpster for metal with regular pick ups as well as removing the freon from refrigerators and air conditioners.

A.Scheller made a motion to have Randy Rugar approach Northeast Recovery Resource Association about metal container and collection and freon removal. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

R.Rugar also stated that he had a 250-gallon waste oil container that he would like to get pumped out and paid. He will look for a vendor to do this. Tamsin Stuart suggested calling Amenico out of Pittsfield. R.Rugar does not want to take any more 5-gallon containers of waste oil. P.Manson suggested that maybe the Town Garage could purchase a waste oil furnace and basically heat for free. He will look into the cost.

R.Rugar, P.Manson and J.King will work together to get some of the Transfer Station issues resolved.

R.Rugar will use the Select Board office computer to complete a required online course. He will coordinate with L.Franz.

A request from resident, Deborah Gelsi, for a sign on the Common regarding parking for covered bridge access and viewing was discussed with no definite resolution.

Steve Welch reported that the same safety precautions for the September elections will be taken for the November elections. There needs to be two Select Board members or appointees at the polls from 8am to 7pm. Absentee ballots will be pre-processed on Saturday, October 31st. The Town has received 114 ballots so far.

P.Manson would like to sell the Town's vibratory roller as it is too expensive to repair. It was agreed to have a sealed bid starting at \$200. Bids will be opened at the November 17th Select Board meeting.


Rebecca Bordonaro, Wentworth Health Officer, would like the Town to nominate Tamsin Stuart to be appointed as her Deputy. Some discussion with Select Board, and it was agreed to nominate her with a \$300 annual stipend. Appointment is made by the State after their review of her nomination application.

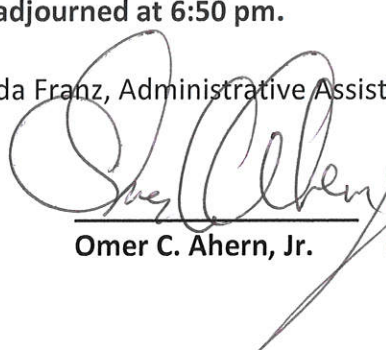
J.King made a motion to nominate Tamsin Stuart for appointment as Deputy Health Officer for the Town of Wentworth with an annual stipend of \$300. O.Ahern seconded. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Andrew Lasser announced that the New Hampshire Electric Co-Op voted in favor of expanding their services to include broadband. He will keep the Town informed as things progress.

O.Ahern made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant


Arnold Scheller, Chair


Omer C. Ahern, Jr.


Jordan King

WPD Activity Report
Presented 10/20/2020

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Chief Trott took part in a monthly safety meeting with the Wentworth Elementary School. After the meeting Chief Trott also took part in two drills that were executed at the school along with Chief Ames from the WFD.

Chief Trott conducted a welfare check on a property owner who had been up checking on their property and had not returned home in Massachusetts and family members were concerned. Chief Trott was able to make contact with the property owner and a message was conveyed to the family members.

Chief Trott conducted another welfare check on a Wentworth resident who was overdue to meet family members in Rhode Island. Chief Trott was also able contact that person and he advised that he contact the family members and advise them that there had been a change in plans.

Chief Trott arrested a Warren resident for operating after suspension and operating while registrations are suspended. This arrest was made on a weekend while Chief Trott was conducting a proactive motor vehicle patrol in several target areas within Wentworth where he had received several motor vehicle complaints from Wentworth residents. The arrest was made without incident and the subject was later released and summoned to appear in the Plymouth Court in November.

Chief Trott has attended two more CAC interviews regarding concerns over some minor children in Wentworth and is assisting New Hampshire DCYF with follow-up investigations. As a result he has worked 24 plus hours in just the last 2 days.

Chief Trott was asked to attend a meeting last week with the Pemi-Baker Lions Club which he did. The Lions club had initiated a fundraising event called Jail & Bail to raise monies for area police departments so that they could purchase body cameras. Wentworth was one of those Police Departments. At that meeting Chief Trott was presented with a check from Wentworth resident Arlen Patten and other members of the Lions Club for the purpose of purchasing 2 body cameras for the Wentworth Police Department.

Donations were also collected and sent to the Lions Club by the Friends of Wentworth as well as several personal donations and monies collected at the Farmers Market over the summer. As a result of this the Lions Club superseded their goal and will now also be able to help another area police department with the purchase of body cameras if they chose to do so.

Chief Trott would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all involved. This is without question a true example of how organizations like the Pemi-Baker Lions Club, the Friends of Wentworth, and communities themselves can come together collectively and accomplish a worthy goal.



Town of Wentworth

From: j&l redbones <jlredbones@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Town of Wentworth; Arnie Scheller
Subject: Meeting tonight

Good afternoon

Due to work load i will not be able to make tonight's meeting. Please share this information with everyone.

Calls for service

We had a call to the congregational church for an alarm activation it was due to dust particles caused by workers in the smoke detectors. other than that things were much quieter than they had been!!!

Meetings

Have had several meeting's starting with the lake region board of directors meeting Wentworth Fire meeting/training Safety meeting and fire drill Wentworth Elementary school.

Met with an oil company on a new residential heating system install Wentworth Rumney and Canaan on Sunday afternoon had a preliminary mutual aid response meeting, items covered were types of equipment, various resources, manpower or lack of, especially for daytime help. Looking at ways we can all provide better coverage for our and neighboring towns, This was brought on due to some shared calls and response areas. There will be some follow up meetings and mutual training's in the future. Meeting was hosted by Canaan fire department, present were Rumney, Wentworth, Canaan, as well as a Hanover dispatch center coordinator. I am looking forward to working with both of these departments a little closer for future calls.

Personnel and Training

The new crew/recruits have been working hard on the training evolution's and it can be seen when they are put to the task!!

We have had various training programs in place and participation has been fantastic.

This next meeting night we will be going over rescue tool operation, uses, scene set up and our part in patient care/rescue on a motor vehicle accident. A whats your role on this scene and do you know how to do it type of thing. Future programs will include further dhart landing zone training, accountability, and communication operations

Thats all i have

Thanks Chief Ames

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