

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Omer Ahern, Jordan King, Paul Manson, Chief Trott, George Morrill, Rebecca Bordonaro, Andrew Lasser, Linda Franz and Bill Darcy and Robert Cruickshank of NHEC via Zoom.

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

Payroll and vendor checks were signed as well as the meeting minutes for January 26, 2021.

O.Ahern made a motion to accept the minutes for January 26, 2020 as written. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A.Scheller made a motion to encourage townspeople people with diverse backgrounds to get involved with the Planning Board in developing a questionnaire for the Town's Master Plan. Seconded by O.Ahern. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A.Scheller reported that an HR Bill has been proposed to conduct perambulations by satellite which can have an error rate of plus or minus two hundred feet. A.Scheller wrote a letter expressing that the Town does not want to use the satellite measurements. The bill will go to full house for a vote.

Chief Ames was not in attendance but provided his written report for the Fire Department, and it was read by A.Scheller. The report is part of these minutes.

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

O.Ahern made a motion to authorize Chief Trott to replace the lock at Hamilton Field to prevent snowmobilers from entering the field. A.Scheller seconded. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

P.Manson presented a written report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes. He also reported that equipment is running fine so far this season with no problems or repairs.

It was discussed that there is no problem with the Town entering into a 3-year employment contract with the Road Agent. It does not require a separate warrant article. If there is an increase in salary, it is just included in the budget item.

A.Scheller made a motion to enter into a 3-year employment contract with the Road Agent, Paul Manson and review the language and discuss at next meeting. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and motion carried.

J.King reported that there is no new updated information on the gravel pit.

Bill Darcy and Robert Cruickshank of New Hampshire Electric Co-op did a presentation on broadband service. NHEC is moving right along with getting the whole town set up on their high-speed fiber optic system. Pole surveys and work could possibly begin in the summer of this year with service to homes in 2022. Their presentation is attached to these minutes.

George Morrill addressed a few concerns and answered questions regarding the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service budget. The budget increased by \$5,000 over last year, and there are still some questions regarding their payroll expenses and an unidentified miscellaneous expense budget item. George will contact them for answers. A.Lasser announced that he would like to sit on the board of WWAS to get a better understanding of their operation.

J.King made a motion to appoint Andrew Lasser as a representative of the Town with Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service. Seconded by O.Ahern. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

At 6:34 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.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

Re-entered the public meeting at 7:06pm.

A.Scheller made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by O.Ahern. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

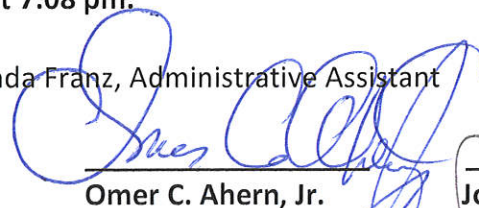
The non-public session was in regard to a housing situation at the request of the Health Officer. Health Officer and Chief Trott will address accordingly.

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.


Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chair



Omer C. Ahern, Jr.



Jordan King

Town of Wentworth

From: j&l redbones <jlredbones@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 2:41 PM
To: Town of Wentworth; Arnie Scheller
Subject: Fire Department

Arnie, Linda

I will not be able to make tonight's meeting due to work load. Please feel free to read the departments activity report

Calls for service.

Assist Ambulance with a patient lift and carry as well as supply a driver for ambulance to Plymouth Hospital due to the ambulance service having multiple calls at the time and they needed extra help with the run.

Alarm Activation at the Congregational Church , mechanical issue with one of the sensors.

Motor vehicle accident/vehicle off driveway/stuck, patient had been outside for an extended period of time was very cold and needed to get warm and aid him back into his house. Plymouth ambulance handled the call for patient care our ambulances were out on calls, state police and sheriffs department aided in getting vehicle pulled out and patient care.

Training,

Last meeting Hose operations for various styles of moving big water/flow.

New firefighters are learning all the appliances, the location of and the usages.

We have a breathing apparatus combined with mayday, search and rescue training opportunities coming up in March this program will be for multiple departments, hosted by Rumney and the class will be presented by New England Fire Training.

Other

I had a call for life safety code issues of a rental unit here in town, arranged the inspection and met with all involved parties I submitted my findings and actions to the board. (the findings and actions taken are non public of course)

Items that are in planning stages, we have submitted information to the Franklin fire department to proceed with an application for assistance to firefighters grant, as a mutual aid group of 35 communities/departments we are asking for federal funding to do a mutual aid wide level 1 and level 2 firefighter certification, Franklin Fire to be the hub of the program, this will be an outreach training program probably hosted in various locations and is expected to be a 2 year process. We will be notified later in the year if the application passes the grant process and funding awarded. More information to come.

We did have 3 members of the department come into some form of contact with a individual that tested positive for covid, all proper ppe was in place during that time and the quarantine process was placed in effect..Covid testing to be done as needed.

The members of the department are now awaiting the 2nd round of the covid vaccination which starts for most in the next few days.

Respectfully Chief Jeff Ames

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

WPD Activity Report
Presented 02/09/2021

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.

Chief Trott took part in a meeting with the WES regarding a juvenile matter. Also present was the involved juvenile and the juveniles parent as well as the WES principal. The juvenile matter was addressed and all involved parties were satisfied with the amicable outcome.

Chief Trott assisted a family in obtaining some services regarding an elderly family member who was having some significant memory issues and bouts of confusion. After some extension conversation with family some follow up was done and it was determined to be a medical issue and able to be treated.

Chief Trott took a call for a reported injured deer laying on the front lawn of a Wentworth resident. Chief Trott was able to locate the deer and in checking closer it was determined that the deer was injured, but, not to the extent that it prevented the deer from moving. Chief Trott coached the deer back into the woods and it was able to do so on it's own and we received no other calls on the deer.

Chief Trott checked on a vehicle that had been left on the side of Rte#25A, secured, but no one in the area of the vehicle. This was on a day where he had and were still receiving some snow. Chief Trott checked on the vehicle later and it had been removed.

Chief Trott also checked on another vehicle that had been left on the side of Rte#25A, in the area of Nichols Hill Road, also on the same day. Chief Trott was able to make contact with the vehicle who was having mechanical issues and arrangements were being made to have the vehicle removed. In checking later it was confirmed that that vehicle had also been removed.



Chief Trott assisted the Warren/Wentworth Ambulance service with a call for service in Wentworth regarding an elderly resident that had fallen outside on the ice and needed some assistance. Chief Trott arrived first and assessed the patient for injuries. The ambulance arrived within minutes and we attended to the resident.

Chief Trott and New Hampshire State Police checked on a suspicious vehicle in the early morning hours that was parked in the OHRV parking area just west of the Wentworth Elementary School. Contact was made with three subjects inside the vehicle and after interacting with them for some time they were allowed to continue on their way.

Chief Trott spoke with a Wentworth resident regarding a harassment issue that he was dealing with and was looking to see what his options were. After a lengthy conversation the resident elected not to file a report at this time but stated that he would if the harassment continued.

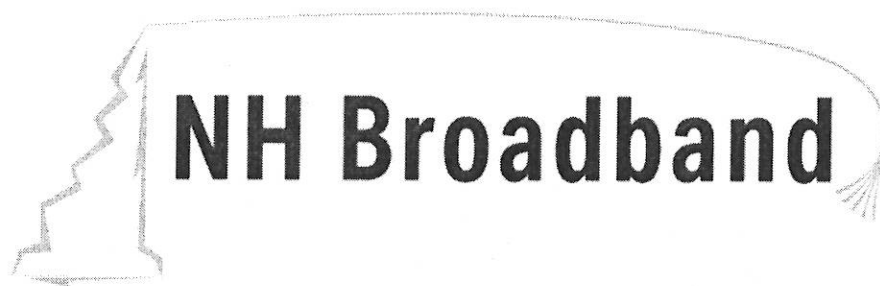
Chief Trott had been made aware that a vehicle at some point in time had driven onto Kings Pond and it appeared that when it had gotten to close to the shore that the vehicle had gone through the ice. In checking it had been determined that the vehicle had been pulled back onto the ice by another vehicle and left the area. Fortunately, it had occurred in an area that was not deep. John King was also aware of this incident.



ROAD AGENT REPORT

February 9 , 2021

The highway department has stayed pretty busy with small pesky snowstorms. We have been maintain and greasing equipment after every storm , we have been rinsing the trucks after the storms. It is February but winter can always hold on thru March. We have been having issues with our salt supplier , The salt is wet when delivered and freezes into a huge block. I emailed and spoke to the supplier , they are going to start giving us salt from another pile and we are going to try again , If it doesn't get better , Ill be asking to switch suppliers.



Wentworth Broadband

What NH Broadband Can Provide

Bill Darcy, Vice-Chairman and Bob Cruickshank, CEO

9 Feb 2021

What NH Broadband Can Do for Wentworth

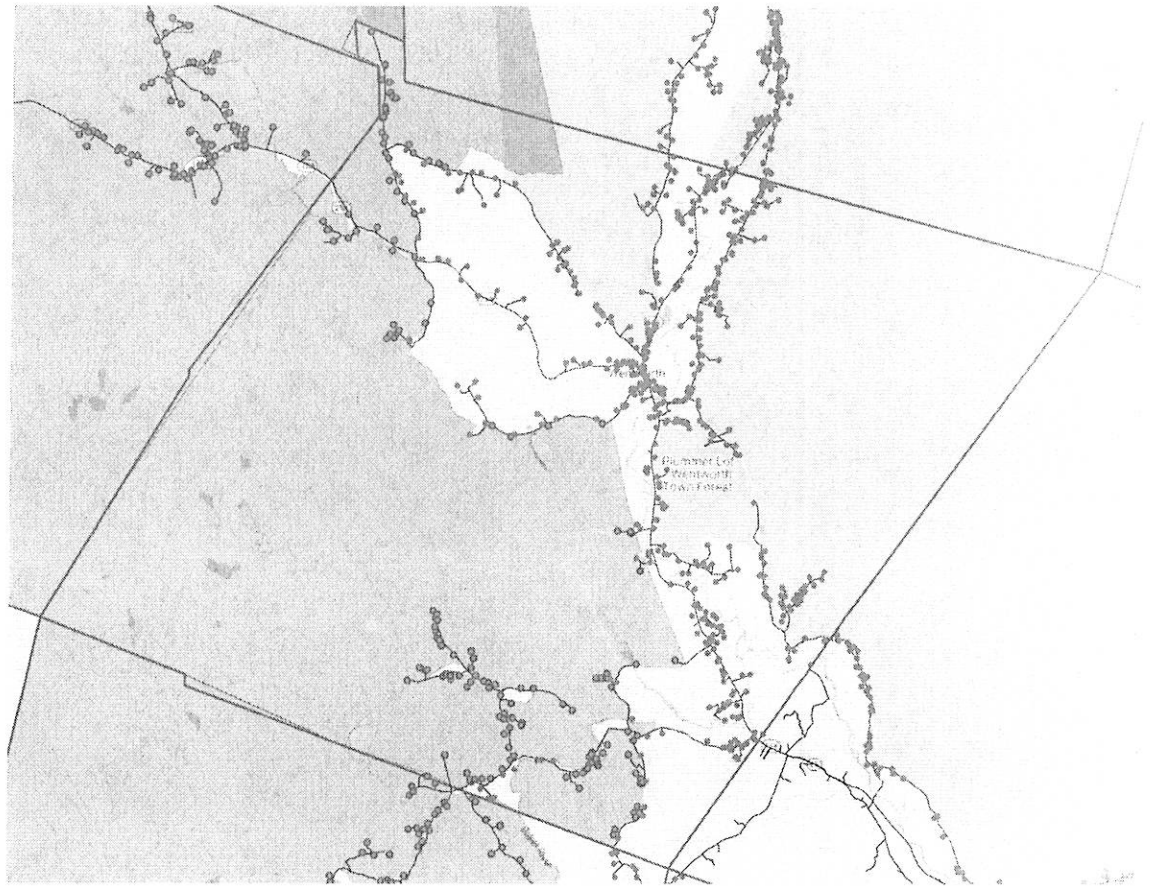
- NH Broadband will provide high speed, fiber Internet to 100% of Wentworth's residents
- NH Broadband will start pole surveys, pole make-ready and then fiber installation before Consolidated can receive financing (August 11, 2021 by the NH Municipal Bond Bank)
- NH Broadband will complete construction in Wentworth and be ready to connect customers before Consolidated has committed in contracts to provide service (usually 25 months from receipt of bond proceeds)
- NH Broadband will not require any payments or bonds from Wentworth and will impose no Wentworth customer surcharges on bills. Note the Consolidated deal requires 20 years to pay off bond(s)
- NHEC will own and maintain the fiber; the NHEC system maintenance and customer service will be superior to what Wentworth residents have experienced with Consolidated DSL and telephone service.

Wentworth
area with NHEC
Meters

RDOF unserved
area in red

Circles depict
NHEC Member
locations

Electric lines in
black



NHB High-level build schedule

Connecting *unserved* areas in ~117 NHEC-served towns in next 60 months

- Ph 1: Completed initial build and connecting customers to 1st 100 miles of fiber in Colebrook, Stewartstown, Clarksville, and Lempster (CARES project)
- Ph 2: 1H21, Adding taps to connect new customer locations to Ph 1
- Ph 3: 2H21, Extending fiber to connect towns surrounding Ph 1 fiber
- Ph 4: 2H21-1H23, Connecting up to 67 towns identified by FCC as unserved
- Ph 5: 2H23-2H25, Connecting remaining 50 NHEC-served towns