

**Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2021**

**Those present:** Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Andrew Lasser, Pete Chierichetti, Paul Manson, Omer Ahern, Dave Clark and Linda Franz.

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

The following documents were signed: Payroll and vendor checks; Meeting minutes for May 4, 2021; Timber Tax for Green, Youngs and Scheller; Current Use application for Bassingthwaite; Rumtown Speedway application; HEB agreement for the gravel pit; Tax Warrant for the first half of 2021; Delegation of Deposit Authority forms; Investment, Fund Balance and Back-up and Data Retention policies; Driveway permit for Robinson; Purchase request for the Highway Department.

Arnold Scheller and Jordan King reported that they walked the perimeter of the gravel pit on Saturday, May 15, 2021. They estimated that there could be \$10,000 worth of timber and potentially 3 to 4 million yards of gravel. Challenges would include permitting, access and bridge. It was unanimously agreed that the project is worth pursuing.

**J.King made a motion to accept and sign the HEB agreement for deed research on the gravel pit. Seconded by A.Lasser. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

The driveway permit for Robinson was signed with the contingency that it is approved by the Road Agent.

There will be a Memorial Day Celebration on Monday, May 31, 2021 at 5:00pm at the Veterans Memorial. There will be speakers, Color Guard from the Woodsville Armory and "Taps" will be played on the trumpet. 603 Eats will also be there for refreshments.

Amy Collette, Cemetery Trustee has planted flower bulbs at the Village Cemetery. The Select Board will acknowledge her generosity and send a letter of thanks.

Peter Chierichetti presented the WPD report on behalf of Chief Trott, and it is a part of these minutes.

Chief Ames provided his written report for the WVFD and was read by A. Sheller. The report is a part of these minutes.

P.Manson reported that the Highway Department is almost done with replacing runners on the Saunders Hill Bridge and made great improvements on Ellsworth Hill Road by straightening a dangerous curve and removing a very large boulder.

J.King reported that the FEMA obligation for bridges is delayed due to the Town's non-responsiveness. A.Scheller will reach out to his contact at FEMA to get further details.

School costs/options were briefly discussed, and Omer Ahern, Grafton County Commissioner, suggested that the Select Board contact the School District Governance Association of New Hampshire to get more information and get involved with trying to control education costs. July is the federal "Go to Your School Board Meeting" month in an effort to get the public more involved with education. The Grafton County proposed budget is published and can be found on their website. Overall increase in County tax will be .56%. There will be a public budget hearing on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Grafton County Administrative Building in North Haverhill. He also reminded that to get more Grafton County information, go to "Just Omer" on You Tube.

A.Lasser reported that he is conversing with the Town's Webmaster about redesigning the Town's website. Also discussed possibility of a section for news and announcements that would allow residents to comment.

The Grafton County Broadband Committee has requested that the Town take part in a survey. A.Lasser was likely choice.

**A.Lasser made a motion to allow A.Lasser to respond to the survey request of the Grafton County Broadband Committee. A.Scheller seconded. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

**A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

  
Arnold Scheller, Chairman

  
Andrew Lasser

  
Jordan King

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 05/18/2021**

**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.**

The WPD assisted an elderly Wentworth resident with issues she was having with her phone service. The problem had been discovered when the resident sustained a head injury and attempted to call 911 and then later was unable to contact the local hospital. Chief Trott was able to contact the phone company and have the repair order expedited due to the circumstances.

Chief Trott took a motor vehicle complaint regarding what was reported as reckless driving on Wentworth Village Road on the commons. The report was received after the incident, but the registered owner of the vehicle was contacted by law enforcement and he was made aware of the complaint and warned regarding his manner of operation.

Chief Trott handled two complaints regarding the operations of an OHRV on a public way. Chief Trott wants to remind the public that there are no public ways in the town of Wentworth that are open to OHRV’s. Future complaints regarding OHRV’s will be handled on an individual basis and enforcement actions will be taken if needed and or warranted.

Chief Trott completed a Sex Offender Registration with a Wentworth resident who is mandated to do so by statute. The required paperwork was completed and then forwarded to the Sex Offender Registry in Concord.

Chief Trott arrested a Warren resident on an electronic bench warrant as well as for Operating After Suspension. The arrest was made without incident and the subject was later released on personal recognizance bail by the Plymouth District Court.

Chief Trott to a theft report from a Wentworth property owner. It was reported that 4 newer Truck/SUV tires, that had been stored on a construction trailer and was for sale, had been stolen sometime during a one week time period when the property owner was not there. The value of these tires are estimated to be approximately \$1300.00 for all four. The matter remains under investigation.

Chief Trott received a welfare check request from a business in Plymouth. The business had not heard or seen from an elderly Wentworth resident for some time, and they were concerned for him. Chief Trott went to the residents home where he made contact with the resident and made him aware of the concern. The resident was fine but did have some recent phone issues and he assured Chief Trott that he would contact the business and make them aware that he was fine. Chief Trott also had that information conveyed to the business.

Chief Trott took part in two bus evacuation drills with the WES which they are mandated to conduct several times during the school year. The drill were executed without incident and the students, staff and bus drivers did an exceptional job.

Chief Trott assisted Jared King and Bruce Welch with traffic control while they conducted their tree and road project for the town on Ellsworth Hill Road. Chief Trott wants to comment on how careful and professional both Jared and Bruce were during this project. They did a great job and were very mindful of not just the local traffic but also of the property they were working on as well as the abutting properties and the road itself.

## Old Business – Follow up

As requested by the WSB in the previous meeting, Chief Trott did speak with Dan Bowne, the owner/manager of Rumtown Racetrack regarding the anonymous noise complaint on Sundays. Dan Bowne has assured me that the noise on Sundays is NOT coming from his racetrack as there are NO racetrack activities there unless the town is aware of it and he has been given signed permission to do so. He did state that there are race cars on North Dorchester Road that he hears on Sundays that are being tuned up BUT that noise is not coming from the racetrack. I am also aware of previous complaints that I have dealt with regarding race cars being tuned up off of North Dorchester Road, one on Evans Road, but I have not received any noise complaints in that area for over a year or more now.

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Chief Trott



# Chief Ames Report

## Town of Wentworth

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**From:** j&l redbones <jlredbones@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 3:58 PM  
**To:** Arnie Scheller; Linda Franz; Town of Wentworth  
**Subject:** meeting tonight

Arnie, Linda,

Due to work i can not make tonight's meeting. Here is a brief report for fire department activity.

We have had two mutual aid calls recently, one we were a cover truck and crew for Rumney fire, while they were out on a first alarm brush/forest fire in Groton near the Hebron end, We were then called out for cover truck the next day for Rumney but soon diverted to the brush/forest fire in Dorchester. In both runs we had great response times and manpower responses.

Training,

We have continued the two different programs for training. Last Wed (our extra training for the new group) we went over large diameter hose and appliances and then put into operation a 2 1/2" hand line and adapted it with a 1 3/4 inch nozzle, showing how to piece a hose and nozzle set up not commonly used, we did this via an adapter. This better teaches how to overcome obstacles the new firefighters may run into on the fire ground where they may not have the exact item needed to complete the task. Giving them the time to think, adapt and continue operations. We continued that training with hose advancement simulating advancement into a structure. We further discussed the transitional attack process. All did very well moving the charged lines.

Previous Wed. night training we utilized the older crew to work with the greenies on donning air packs, understanding the gauges and regulators getting them comfortable working with those tools.

Other, I have seen a big increase in campfire permits not uncommon this time of year. A reminder that a permit is needed for outside burning of wood be it in a pit or other fashion Am looking at further training opportunities for the crew via the Lakes region mutual aid training committee. Am working on updating our mutual aid run cards and will be making some subtle changes in those to better suit our needs for mutual aid here in town.

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