

**Wentworth Select Board
Special Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2021**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Andrew Lasser, Paul Manson and Linda Franz. Jen Harper, Paul Hatch, Vanesa Urango and Chris Fournier attended via Zoom.

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

An Intent to Cut for Green Woodlands was signed.

The purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss the status of FEMA funding for the Frescoln and Cross Road bridges.

HSEM (NH) reported that the hold up in funding obligation is due to the FEMA lawyer not agreeing to NHDES codes and standards of which have not been consistent in the past. HSEM is in possession of a letter from FEMA regarding this, and they plan to respond and meet with FEMA in the weeks ahead. HSEM is estimating that Cross Road funding has about a 90-95% chance of obligation and Frescoln at about a 50% chance. There is a possibility that NH Bridge Aid may kick in some more funding for Frescoln.

The Select Board stated that the Town has already spent approximately \$135K in out-of-pocket on the bridge design, etc. and that it is a lot of money for a small town.

HSEM will write a letter to FEMA by Friday, June 11, 2021. The Select Board will give them ten days to two weeks to respond before taking other actions. A review will be done at the end of June.

Action item. L.Franz will request a copy of the letter from FEMA that HSEM referred to.

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 9:27am.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Andrew Lasser



Jordan King