

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2021**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Andrew Lasser, Chief Trott, Francis Muzzey, Keith Bousquet, Pete Russell, Steve Davis, Omer Ahern, Dave Clark and Linda Franz.

Called to Order: Arnie Scheller called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The following documents were signed: Payroll and vendor checks; Meeting minutes for July 13, 2021; Septic approvals for McDonough and Meade; Timber Tax for King; Forest land application for payment in lieu of taxes.

A.Scheller gave an update on the Highway Department on behalf of Paul Manson. The heavy rains in the area caused minimal damage to town roads. There was no damage to roads that have a sufficient crown. The department kept a rented roller for an extra week to finish up projects. The highway department will do some of the GPS project regarding culvert locations along the roads where they will be working. The bulk of the project was done by students, and the Select Board will write a letter of thanks.

J.King gave an update on the Class VI Roads Committee. He reported that he and Francis Muzzey researched the classification of portions of Ellsworth Hill and Saunders Hill Roads. It was determined that both of these roads are Class VI. Jordon publicly thanked Francis for creating a "Roads" book containing deeds, classifications and other historical information on Wentworth roads. It was a tremendous asset to conducting their research. Francis mentioned that the Historical Society is planning to put together all Warrants pertaining to roads. NHMA advised that the Select Board has sole control of Class VI roads. Two of the three abutters on the Saunders Hill portion do not want it open to snowmobilers. Separate Class VI roads Committee meetings will be held to discuss specifics and come to mutual agreements to present to the Select Board for a vote. The state is in the very early stages of forming a committee to look into the effect of snowmobiles and ATVs on Class VI roads. The next Class VI Roads Committee meeting will be held on August 2, 2021 at 5:00pm at the Highway Department, and a notice will be posted.

J.King also gave an update on the gravel pit. He contacted HEB Engineers to get a status on the deed research and survey, and is awaiting a response. He also contacted the Forest Service and Pemi Baker Land Trust to see if there is any interest in conservation easements. The NRCS, Natural Resources Conservation Service, may have an interest to protect a threatened turtle species.

J.King informed that our FEMA project for the bridges is being handled by a new manager out of the Boston office. They are setting up a Zoom meeting to get things rolling again.

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

Chief Ames was not present at the meeting but provided his written report for the WFD, and it was read by A.Scheller. The report is a part of these minutes.

J.King reached out to HEB Engineers to get a quote on rating and posting the N.Dorchester Road bridge.

A.Lasser is waiting for a response to the email he sent to the NHEC representative who gave a presentation a few months ago at a Select Board meeting regarding broadband services. Based on recent notices and inquires, it appears that the proposed plan to have the town at 100% service capacity in two years may contradict what was proposed.

There were two requests for crosswalks in the town on Route 25. The first being from Hamilton Field to Shawnee's. The second from Ellsworth Hill Road to Wentworth Village Road. Omer Ahern informed that a request must be made to the DOT Traffic Bureau from the Select Board. A.Lasser will write a letter.

J.King made a motion to have A.Lasser write a letter regarding a request for crosswalks to the DOT, after speaking with the state road workers who will be working the area. Seconded by A.Lasser. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Three representatives from the BRVSC attended the meeting to announce that Steve Davis, their trail administrator, will be the key contact for the club. They feel that the Club is a valuable asset to the town and want to cooperate in any way they can to preserve and maintain the condition of their trails on town roads. Paul Manson mentioned at the last Select Board meeting that he may have a plan that would work for everyone. They are looking forward to working with the town on that.

At 6:10 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. J.King voted yes. A.Lasser voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Re-entered the public meeting at 6:27pm.

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

A.Lasser made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.

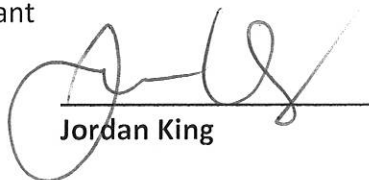
Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Andrew Lasser



Jordan King

WPD Activity Report
Presented 07/27/2021

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 a report from a Wentworth resident complaining of a neighbor flying a "Drone" over her property while people were camping in her back field. Chief Trott spoke with the neighbor who stated that he no longer owner a drone, but, did state that he had seen a drone flying over her house and his house just the day prior. The neighbor stated that he got rid of his drone when he discovered that where he was a "red" zone because of the proximity to the airport in Wentworth. This matter remains under investigation. Chief Trott would like to remind owners of drones that there are rules and laws governing the operation of drones in New Hampshire and they should review them before purchasing a drone or operating a drone to ensure they are not violating any laws.

Chief Trott met with a property owner in Wentworth who reported that a rear window had been broken at a residence that he was in the process of renting to a new tenant. It did not appear that entry had been gained to the residence and nothing was reported missing. There were no other reports of similar incidents in Wentworth and the matter remains under investigation. Chief Trott once again wants to remind residents that, "If you see something, say something". Something or someone that you see or feel may be out of place may be the information or opportunity that we need to help solve a crime or prevent a crime.

Chief Trott took a report of a suspicious vehicle parked on town owned property with a camper overnight. Chief Trott made contact with the owner of the vehicle, and he was advised that he could not camp there. The person was very cooperative and apologized stating that he thought he was on someone else's property. He packed up and left a short time later. Chief Trott checked back later and confirmed that the area where the vehicle and camper had been was free of debris and or trash.



Chief Trott met with a Wentworth resident regarding a firearm that he wished to have turned into the police department that belonged to a Canaan resident. Because of conflicts between the two parties Chief Trott agreed to return the firearm and act as a mediator. The owner has been contacted and the firearm will be returned to him.

Rumtown Speedway did run this past weekend. There was an incident on the track between two drivers that spilled over into the pits which was addressed by Chief Trott resulting in one of the drivers being trespassed from the track. The owner/manager, Dan Bowne was supportive of the decision and was going to make recommendation that he be trespassed anyway.

In closing I want to address the recent concerns raised by some Wentworth residents regarding a recent social media post pertaining to thefts, burglaries, and reported thefts of catalytic converters in our area. Although we are not exempt from these crimes, they have NOT happened in Wentworth. We have had some thefts on the south side of town, specifically, only two in the last two years. Two to many, but, nothing like what some of our sister communities are dealing or have dealt with. I can tell you that these crimes are being dealt with by law enforcement as best they can with what information and evidence they have to work with. In just the last 7 days there have been several arrests made regarding some of those thefts and thefts specific to catalytic converters.

The intention of the post itself was well intended, but, as usual, social media can and does take information out of context and at times raises unnecessary concerns. If we have a genuine concern in Wentworth, I, as your Chief of Police, will make you aware. Having said that, we all need to be diligent in our thinking and how we watch out for ourselves and each other. Keep your valuables in a safe place. Lock your vehicles and homes at night and when you are not there, and as always, if you see something, say something.



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Drone use, or the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), is becoming increasingly popular across the nation. As such, the regulatory framework surrounding drone use continues to evolve and change.

FAA Releases Part 107 for the Operation and Certification of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Refer to the [Bureau of Aeronautics home page](#) for more information

[Know Before You Fly](#)

An education campaign founded by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI), the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), and the Small UAV Coalition in partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to educate prospective users about the safe and responsible operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS).

[Register Your Drone](#)

The Federal Aviation Administration's website to register your UAS and apply for waivers

[FAA's Unmanned Aircraft Systems Website](#) (includes new Part 107 sUAS rules)

The Federal Aviation Administration's website on UAS use and regulations.

[FAA's Summary of Small Unmanned Aircraft Rule Part 107](#)

The Federal Aviation Administration's summary of the new Part 107 rule.

[FAA's How to Fly UAS for Work/Business](#)

The basic rules a remote operator must know for flying a sUAS under the 14 CFR part 107

[FAA's How to Fly UAS for Fun](#)

The basic rules a recreational operator or modeler must know before flying a sUAS under 14 CFR part 101

[Waivers to Operate Outside of 14 CFR part 107](#)

If it is necessary to operate outside of part 107 rule then a waiver from the FAA must be obtained prior to such operations.

[Airports in New Hampshire](#)

Find airports, heliports, and seaplane bases in your area with this database.

[FAA's State and Local Regulation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(UAS\) Fact Sheet](#)

How and why the FAA is the only agency responsible for regulating airspace

[NHDOT's Recreational UAS Fact Sheet](#)

[NHDOT's Policy on UAS Landings/Takeoffs from NHDOT Properties](#)

This policy is currently in place regarding all UAS landings and takeoffs from NHDOT properties (e.g., interstate highways, state highways, NHDOT rights-of-way, park-and-ride lots, NHDOT patrol sheds, etc.) and applies to the general public as well as vendors under contract with the NHDOT.

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From: j&l redbones <jlredbones@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 2:15 PM
To: Arnie Scheller; Linda Franz
Subject: meeting tonight

Arnie, Linda

I will not be able to make tonight meeting. Here are some quick highlights of our fire department activity.

Calls for service

We were called to a smoke in the building on Eastside road where we had 3 engines on scene and 10 firefighters we responded with in 6 minutes of the tone with apparatus. The smoke was due to the person trying to burn magazines in the wood stove with a partial blocked chimney we removed the smoldering debris wet it down and then cleared the chimney.

Training

We filled a swimming pool as part of training, utilizing portable pump operations from a small stream in relay to an engine enabling shuttle truck fills at the water source, then shuttled the water and pumped into the pool we moved approx 6 thousand gallons of water in a short period of time.

The greenies are doing a fantastic job utilizing what they have and are learning, it shows on each call, the confidence and efficiency at what needs to be done is now becoming automatic .

Other

Race track duties are continuing and all is going well.

I have had some fire permits go out for both camp fires and brush.

We have had a couple of illegal burns that i have given a verbal warning on.

Thanks Jeff

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