

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2021**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Andrew Lasser, Chief Trott, Paul Manson, Sharon Sanborn, Palmer Koelb, Omer Ahern, Marina-Reilly Collette, 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 August 24, 2021; Intent to cut for Pasco; Timber Yield taxes for Fletcher and Lasser; 2021 MS-535 form. The Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club trail permission request was not signed.

A.Scheller read a letter from a very grateful resident in commendation to Chief Trott for his quick response and assistance for an issue involving a home invasion. Chief's efficiency, professionalism and kind character were much appreciated. He and Mrs. Trott also went above and beyond to secure the home with boards and screws. Thank you for your excellent service to the town, Chief.

A.Scheller reported that he has been working with Linda Bronson of the NH Timber Owners Association, the NH Municipal Association and others to develop a plan to protect the integrity our three town forests. A warrant article to declare the forests as "Town Forests" will be presented at the next town meeting. The town is seeking volunteers to form a Conservation Commission, ideally to consist of 3 to 5 members. The Commission would monitor funding, education, wildlife, recreation, and develop a forest management plan.

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

Chief Ames was not in attendance, and no report was given.

Paul Manson discussed and provided his written report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes. Paul also discussed removing small sections of old guardrail posts and wire from Ellsworth Hill and Beech Hill Roads.

J.King made a motion to authorize Road Agent, Paul Manson, to remove old guardrail posts and wire from Ellsworth Hill Road in order to mow that area, and additionally to authorize the removal of old guardrail posts and replace with delineating posts to insure safety on a section of Beech Hill Road. Seconded by A.Lasser. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Paul Manson also made contact with a couple of gravel contractors to see if there was any interest in the town's gravel pit. There was no interest as permitting and bridge would be expensive, and there is no place to put a building. The gravel operation would have to be mobile which is more expensive.

J.King announced that there will be a virtual meeting to introduce the town's new FEMA representative on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 10:00AM.

Paul Manson got a request from Chris Fournier of HEB Engineers to strip pavement from the North Dorchester Road bridge so that they can assess the deck.

A.Scheller made a motion that the Highway Department remove one-half inch thick strips of pavement on the North Dorchester Road bridge to allow HEB Engineers to do their assessment. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A.Lasser informed that a letter was sent to NH Electric Co-op requesting an update on broadband service to the town. We are awaiting a reply. Omer Ahern suggests that Andrew contact the Bristol Town Administrator regarding the Grafton County Broadband Committee. Andrew also spoke with Chad Huckins from Consolidated Communications regarding NHEC Broadband projects. Chad will be invited to the next Select Board meeting to give his input.

Palmer Koelb requested to borrow tables and chairs from the Town Hall.

A.Lasser made a motion to allow Palmer Koelb to borrow four tables and some chairs from the Town Hall building for personal use. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

J.King informed that he and other residents had some questions and concerns about the Master Plan Survey. He was under the impression that the surveys would be mailed to residents, not just a card with a link to the survey. He indicated that there was miscommunication. He, as well as several other residents, did not receive the card in the mail which is a problem with the post office. Jordan also feels that non-resident property owners should not be able to participate in the survey.

Marina Reilly-Collette explained that Every Door Direct mailing was the most cost effective and direct way to get the survey information out to all property owners. For anyone who does not use or have access to a computer can get a survey in the Town Office or have one mailed to them. If someone did not get a postcard in the mail, there are posters hung around town and information is on the website and Face Book. She also explained that there is an RSA stating that the town is obliged to include non-resident property owners to participate in the survey. In addition to input from individuals, various boards and businesses such as Historical Society, Select Board, Library, Snowmobile Club, etc. may supply their input.

Deb Ziemba, Tax Collector, delivered four files regarding properties that will be deeded to the Select Board for their review. There will be a non-public session in two weeks to discuss.

At 6:20 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.

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

At 6:45 pm, J.King 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 A.Lasser. 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 7:11pm.

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

Chief Trott informed the Select Board that he will be taking a three-week vacation in February 2022. He will arrange for full coverage of his duties.


J.King made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by A.Lasser. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman

Andrew Lasser



Jordan King

WPD Activity Report
Presented 09/07/2021

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 handled a complaint between two Wentworth residents which turned out to be a civil matter between a landlord and tenant. Both parties were referred to the Plymouth court so that they could have their landlord tenant rights explained to them in detail. In the interim they agreed to be amicable with each other and respect each other’s rights and privacy.

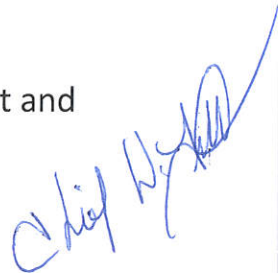
The WPD assisted the Plymouth Police Department with the service a subpoena regarding an upcoming case. The involved party was located, and the service was made and returned to the Plymouth Court.

Chief Trott conducted a civil standby with a Wentworth resident and a family member regarding some property that needed to be exchanged based on a probate court order. There were three separate involved parties and all agreed to be amicable with each and the civil standby was completed without incident.

The Wentworth Elementary School started its school year on Monday August 30th and Chief Trott was there to greet the students, staff and parents. Chief Trott would like to remind all of our residents and people traveling through Wentworth that school is now open and to be mindful of school buses and students as school bus stops.

Chief Trott conducted two welfare checks on two separate Wentworth residents on behalf of family members. Both were found to be o.k. and were asked to call their concerned family members.

Rumtown Speedway race track raced the last two weekends without incident and ended within their required time span.



TOWN OF WENTWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD MEETING AGENDA
September 7, 2021

5:00 p.m. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

1. Administrative Business

- Payroll and vendor checks
- Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2021
- Timber Yield Taxes-Fletcher
- Intent to cut-Pasco
- Snowmobile Club trail permission
- 2021 MS-535 form

2. Reports of Town Officials

- Select Board report/comments-A.Scheller regarding Town Forests
- Police Chief report
- Fire Chief report
- Road Agent report

3. Old Business

- Update on class VI roads committee-J.King
- Update on gravel pit-J.King
- Update on FEMA obligation regarding bridges-J.King
- Update on NHEC broadband-A.Lasser

4. New Business

- Permission to use town tables and chairs-Palmer Koelb
- Master Plan Survey-Marina Reilly-Collette and Jordan King

5. Meeting Open for Public Comments

6. 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.* Requested by Toni Sylvain, Library Trustee.

7. 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.* Requested by Chief Trott.

8. 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*

ROAD AGENT REPORT

9/7/2021

Over the last couple weeks we have cut brush around some of our bridges and done weed wacking. We have started ditching some roads for the fall rains, we have ditched and cleaned out culverts on saunders hill road , roentown road and we are going to be starting on frescoln road and then coming back down the otherside of roen town road, we have run into some very wet ditch lines from all the summer rain and occasional rain the last couple weeks , so we have not been ditching everyday do to the wet ditches and creating a muddy mess on the roads, we will continue working on the ditches over the next month plus as weather permits.

I have taken calls about our new equipment , it is likely we will see our new backhoe in the next couple weeks. The new truck is currently in the shop at tenco and equipment is being installed , if everything stays on schedule we should take delivery the first week of October. The freightliner went to get inspected , all is great with that truck. Our f-550 will be going for inspection next week sometime. All equipment is in good shape and maintenance is right on schedule. All is good at the highway department!

Paul Manson