

**Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2021**

**Those present:** Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Andrew Lasser (via Zoom), Chief Trott, Paul Manson, Omer Ahern, Jaron Downes, Dave Woodward, Glenda Toomey, Barbara Fitts, Mike Leviss 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 September 7, 2021; Quitclaim deed for Morse; Letter for library easement.

Jaron Downes and Dave Woodward from Avitar assessing presented the results of the revaluation and addressed questions and concerns from the Select Board.

A.Scheller announced that there will be public hearings throughout the state to discuss the State of New Hampshire Transportation Ten Year Plan. A local hearing will be held at the Plymouth Town Hall on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 2pm. A letter and attachments from the NHDOT are attached to these minutes.

J.King reported that the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) will be looking at the gravel pit for wood turtle habitat. He will advise when he gets a report.

A.Scheller reported that there was a Zoom meeting with HSEM and new representative, Mark Passmore, from FEMA's Boston office. This was an informational exchange, and Mr. Passmore did not appear to be prepared for the meeting which prompted A.Scheller to call his supervisor to voice the town's concerns. A.Scheller also requested that Paul Manson put together a time line for the washouts of the Frescoln Road Bridge. The Board will write a letter to Senator Jeanne Shaheen to ask for assistance in getting FEMA to take immediate action on our bridge projects. The projects have already been delayed an additional year due to FEMA's inaction.

A.Lasser reported that he has seen many complaints on social media about internet service. The town wrote a letter to NH Broadband a few weeks ago, and has not yet received a response.

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.

The Select Board heard complaints from residents about speeding on town roads, especially North Dorchester Road. Measures to get drivers to slow down that include signs, speed bumps and policing were discussed. Chief Trott suggested that residents create a log book of vehicle descriptions and times of speeding and present to him for follow up.

A resident also suggested that the Highway Department wear orange shirts that will make them more visible to drivers.

Resident, Bob Green requested permission to install a gate on Batchelder Road.

A.Scheller made a motion to allow Bob Green of Green Woodlands to install a farmer's gate to be unlocked and unposted on Batchelder Road after McCallister's camp at the side of the bridge and to put up signage for temporary road closure during mud season, March 15<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by A.Lasser. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

At 6:22 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 6:40 pm.

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.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

  
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Arnold Scheller, Chairman

  
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Andrew Lasser

  
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Jordan King



Victoria F. Sheehan  
Commissioner

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



William Cass, P.E.  
Assistant Commissioner

*10-25-21  
@ 2 pm.  
Plymouth Town Hall*

Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance  
Tel: (603) 271-3344  
September 16, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

We are sending the enclosed notice to your organization in an effort to encourage your participation to speak up about transportation projects planned between 2023-2032 throughout the State of New Hampshire. We believe that your organization can benefit from your being involved in this discussion.

Attached is a listing of all the dates, times and locations of public hearings planned throughout NH to discuss the State of New Hampshire Transportation Ten Year Plan. In order to develop the best transportation solutions for all communities, our Department wants to hear from you. History and success show that the best transportation projects evolve as a result of close cooperation between planners, designers, and policy makers, and the residents, business owners, and interest groups who know and care about their community's needs. These hearings are being hosted by the Department of Transportation and your Executive Councilor. We invite you, your residents and communities to actively participate in this hearing. Our goal is to hear from you on what your transportation needs are.

If you have questions regarding these meetings or the scope of planned projects in your area, please contact me at (603) 271-3344.

Sincerely,

William E. Watson Jr., PE  
Administrator

Enclosure  
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# TITLE XX

## TRANSPORTATION

### CHAPTER 228

#### ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION LAWS

#### Statewide Intermodal Transportation Planning and Improvement Program

##### Section 228:99

**228:99 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).** – The governor shall develop a statewide transportation improvement program as required by 23 U.S.C. sections 134 and 135, as amended. The governor shall revise and update the program every 2 years. Adoption of the STIP and revised STIP shall be as follows:

I. Each metropolitan planning organization and rural regional planning commission shall reach agreement with the department of transportation relative to funding unified planning work programs consistent with 23 U.S.C. sections 134 and 135 no later than December 1 of each even-numbered year. Each metropolitan planning organization and rural regional planning commission shall provide a regional transportation improvement program (TIP) to the department of transportation no later than April 1 of each odd-numbered year. Such plans shall include a public involvement plan and education initiative to ensure early and adequate input from residents, municipalities and any other interested parties in New Hampshire.

II. The commissioner shall submit the tentative STIP in accordance with the state planning process as required in 23 U.S.C. section 135 to the governor's advisory commission on intermodal transportation no later than July 1 of each odd-numbered year.

III. The **governor's advisory commission on intermodal transportation** shall conduct at least one public hearing in each executive council district to present the tentative STIP to the public and to receive the public's comments and recommendations regarding the program. The governor's advisory commission on intermodal transportation shall submit such program along with the commission's recommendations to the governor no later than December 1 of each odd-numbered year. Each metropolitan planning organization and rural regional planning commission should conduct an informational meeting after the commission submits its recommendations to receive the public's final comments and recommendations regarding the proposed programs before adoption by the governor.

IV. The governor shall submit the STIP to the general court to be acted on no later than January 15 of each even-numbered year. After an enactment by the general court of the STIP or by June 1 of each even-numbered year, whichever is earlier, each metropolitan planning organization and rural regional planning commission should continue its public involvement program by conducting at least one informational meeting concerning the STIP.

**Source.** 1994, 283:1, eff. July 1, 1994.

## Public Hearing Schedule for 2023 - 2032 Ten Year Plan

<b>Executive Councilor</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Town/City</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>District 1</b> Councilor Joseph Kenney <b>Co-Host</b> <b>District 2</b> Councilor Cinde Warmington	(Tue) 9/21/2021	Claremont	2:00 PM	Claremont Savings Bank Community Center Room B 152 South Street
<b>District 1</b> Councilor Joseph Kenney	(Tue) 9/21/2021	Lebanon	7:00 PM	City Council Chambers 51 North Park Street Lower Level
<b>District 4</b> Councilor Theodore Gatsas	(Wed) 9/22/2021	Londonderry	7:00 PM	Town Office Council Chambers Moosehill Room 268B Mammoth Road
<b>District 1</b> Councilor Joseph Kenney	(Thur) 9/23/2021	Berlin	9:00 AM	City Hall Auditorium 168 Main Street
<b>District 1</b> Councilor Joseph Kenney	(Thur) 9/23/2021	Conway	3:00 PM	23 Main Street Meeting Room
<b>District 3</b> Councilor Janet Stevens	(Mon) 9/27/2021	Epping	7:00 PM	Town Hall Upstairs Auditorium 157 Main Street
<b>District 4</b> Councilor Ted Gatsas	(Tue) 9/28/2021	Manchester	7:00 PM	Manchester Community College 1066 Front Street Lecture Hall/Auditorium
<b>District 5</b> Councilor David Wheeler	(Thur) 9/30/2021	Merrimack	7:00 PM	Merrimack Town Office Matthew Thornton Meeting Room 6 Baboosic Lake Road
<b>District 2</b> Councilor Cinde Warmington	(Mon) 10/04/2021	Dover	2:00 PM	Dover City Hall Auditorium 288 Central Avenue
<b>District 2</b> Councilor Cinde Warmington	(Mon) 10/4/2021	Somersworth	7:00 PM	Somersworth High School 11 Memorial Drive
<b>District 2</b> Councilor Cinde Warmington	(Tue) 10/05/2021	Keene	7:00 PM	Keene Parks and Recreation 312 Washington Street All Purpose Room
<b>District 3</b> Councilor Janet Stevens	(Wed) 10/6/2021	Kingston	7:00 PM	Kingston Town Office Town Hall Meeting Room 163 Main Street
<b>District 5</b> Councilor David Wheeler	(Thur) 10/7/2021	Jaffrey	7:00 PM	Fire Station Meeting and Training Room 138 Turnpike Road
<b>District 2</b> Councilor Cinde Warmington <b>Co-Host</b> <b>District 1</b> Councilor Joseph Kenney	(Mon) 10/18/2021	Franklin	7:00 PM	Opera House 316 Central Street
<b>District 2</b> Councilor Cinde Warmington	(Tue) 10/19/2021	Concord	7:00 PM	NH Department of Transportation 7 Hazen Drive Room 114
<b>District 3</b> Councilor Janet Stevens	(Wed) 10/20/2021	Hampton Beach	7:00 PM	Seashell Ocean Front Pavilion Room 170 Ocean Boulevard

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<b>District 1</b> Councilor Joseph Kenney	(Mon) 10/25/2021	Lyman	9:00 AM	65 Parker Hill Road Town Hall
<b>District 1</b> Councilor Joseph Kenney	(Mon) 10/25/2021	Plymouth	2:00 PM	Town Hall – Upstairs 6 Post Office Square
<b>District 3</b> Councilor Janet Stevens	(Tue) 10/26/2021	Derry	7:00 PM	Derry Municipal Center 14 Manning Street
<b>District 1</b> Councilor Joseph Kenney	(Wed) 10/27/2021	Laconia	7:00 PM	Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber 45 Beacon Street East
<b>District 3</b> Councilor Janet Stevens	(Thur) 10/28/2021	Salem	7:00 PM	Salem High School TV Studio 44 Geremonty Drive

Please note:

1. All hearings will follow local guidelines and practices as to whether masks are required, recommended or otherwise. Please check with each individual location ahead of time. Hearing organizers will have masks available if an attendee wants one and forgets to bring one.
2. It is expected that some of the hearings (at least one in each Council District) will also be accessible through online access. Please visit the following website, where details will be posted as soon as possible:  
<https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/typ/index.htm>

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 09/21/2021**

**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 assisted the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance with two calls for service in Wentworth. One of the calls involved a Wentworth resident that is a disabled veteran that we have had several calls for service on the past. Chief Trott got permission from the disabled to veteran to reach out to some agencies that may be assist him with much needed services. Calls and contacts were made and Chief Trott was assured that contact would be mad with the resident and applications processed on behalf would be completed for application of services.

Chief Trott has taken part in two emergency drills at the Wentworth Elementary School over the last weeks. The WES is mandated to complete a certain number of emergencies drills each school year and those drills will include the police department as well as the Wentworth Fire Department depending on the drill.

During one of the last two weekends Chief Trott took a call of what was first reported as a stolen vehicle. Chief Trott was on duty at the time and was able to respond quickly where he obtained all of the needed information from potential witnesses and the reporting party. A B.O.L.O. (Be On The Look Out) was broadcasted for the involved vehicle and neighboring communities were made aware. A short time later Grafton County Dispatch and the Wentworth Police Department was contacted by a known reputable repossession company advising that the vehicle had legally been repossessed. The owner of the vehicle was made aware and given contact information as to where their vehicle was and who to contact regarding the repossession.

Chief Trott conducted the last of the OHRV patrols that we had been approved funding for through the New Hampshire Fish and Game. The OHRV activity although very consistent and busy throughout the season was not problematic and any infractions were dealt with accordingly.



Chief Trott handled three sperate calls for service three days in a row regarding disputes between two Wentworth residents. Chief Trott spoke with the involved parties and mediated their issues as best he could with one resident being advised that if their actions continued criminal charges would be filed against him. These calls for service came in on Friday, Saturday and Sunday covering the span of entire weekend. There have been no calls since Chief Trott's last interaction.

During a proactive speed patrol Chief Trott stopped a Plymouth resident for a motor vehicle violation. During that interaction Chief Trott found that the Plymouth resident was under suspension in the state of New Hampshire. The operator was subsequently arrested for Operating After Suspension and later released and ordered to appear before the Plymouth District Court to answer to his charge.

Chief Trott attended the Wentworth Elementary School board meeting last night. The WES meeting are not meetings that Chief Trott would usually attend, but, given recent concerns regarding the "COVID Outbreak" at the school and comments on social media, there was a concern for emotions to run high. Chief Trott was very pleased to see the WES staff, members of SAU-48, and the concerned residents that did show up, all work together and come to what seemed like an agreeable solution for the concerns raised.

In closing, for those that are not aware, I want to recognize a Wentworth resident, who is also a former selectboard member, Morgan Currier, who took it upon herself to task the students at WES to assist her in writing a book. This was a way to bring the entire student body together and work on a project at a time when COVID-19 was taking away so many other extracurricular activities. Not only did the students and Currier do an outstanding job writing the book, but, the book, titled "Pulling Down the Moon", was also published and Currier saw to it that every WES student received a copy of that book. For those that are interested there is a great story covering this in the September 9<sup>th</sup> issue of the Bridge Weekly Sho-Case Newspaper. I just want to say a huge Thank You to Morgan Currier and hope that others will as well if they happen to see her.



# ROAD AGENT REPORT

9/21/2021

We have been ditching roads. We have completed all of frescoln road , there was a lot of material and work to put proper ditch lines in. we also have done 80% of roentown road. We completely reshaped and properly crowned 200' of frescoln road , after the bridge to the first house on the left. We have put up road signs that had been requested and were ordered on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. I met chris from HEB on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> to cut some pavement patches so he could do the assessment and engineering report on the N Dorchester road bridge, we put cold patch on the cut outs and we will wait to see HEB report , to see if the bridge needs to be posted or any work needs to be done ? \*\* Update on our town equipment , The backhoe is do to be delivered the first week of October , and our new truck is scheduled to be done at tenco next week ! That puts us on schedule to receive the truck from Mcdevitt around the second week of October.

Paul Manson