

**Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2021**

**Those present:** Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Andrew Lasser, Chief Trott, Paul Manson, Omer Ahern, Dan Bowne, Ron Giroux, Chad Huckins 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 October 19, 2021; Quitclaim deed for Grumbling; Inclement weather policy; Humane Society agreement; Registry of Historic Places for library; NH-HSEM letter.

The Select Board received one sealed bid for the York Rake. Minimum bid required was \$500, and the sealed bid was for \$250. It was discussed and decided that the Highway Department will store the rake for the winter and put it up for a bid again in the spring where there may be more interest at that time of year. L.Franz will notify the bidder.

A.Scheller spoke about the 2021 tax rate as was discussed at the October 29, 2021 meeting, and asked if there were any comments from the public. No comments and no further discussion.

**A.Scheller made a motion to finalize the 2021 property tax rate for \$20.38 which is a \$5.38 reduction from last year. This rate was set by the DRA and discussed at the special October 29, 2021 Select Board meeting. It was determined to not use any unassigned fund balance to reduce the rate further. Linda Franz was given instruction to print the Tax Collector's Warrant and present for Select Board signatures. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

A.Scheller reported that he contacted the SAU-48 regarding the Wentworth Elementary School parking lot. He proposed a temporary solution to divert water from the entrance. The SAU has a grant to pave the parking lot in 2022 and agreed to pay for materials needed for the temporary fix. The Highway Department will provide the labor and equipment for the project.

**A.Scheller made a motion to have the Highway Department complete the work needed for the WES parking lot and to use the town's equipment. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

A.Scheller also announced that there will be a service at the Veteran's Memorial on November 11, 2021 at 12:00 pm, officiated by Margaret Bickford. The flag at the memorial will be retired, and the Meade family donated a new one.

The Planning Board has received a 30% response for the Master Plan survey. June Garneau of M.A.P.S. will provide a public review of the results and answer any questions at a meeting to be held at the Wentworth Elementary School on Saturday, November 13 at 1:30 pm.

Christmas on the Common will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There will be the tree lighting, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, goodie bags for the children, and shopping with the vendors that will be there as well.

Chief Trott requested a moment of silence for New Hampshire State Trooper, Staff Sergeant Jesse Sherrill, who lost his life while on duty. His funeral is expected to be well attended, and Chief Trott will be on call for service to sister communities if needed.

Chief Trott introduced Dan Bowne from Rumtown Speedway and potential buyer of the speedway, Ron Giroux. Mr. Giroux spoke about his plans for the future should he become the new owner. He would like to upgrade the lighting, sound and bathrooms as well as seeking sponsors. He also offered the use of the large, grassy area to the town for any events they may want to have.


Town credit cards for department heads were discussed. The town's auditors recommended writing a policy as the first step. Deb Vlk and Linda Franz will work on the policy and present at the next Select Board meeting.

Chuck Huckins from Consolidated Communications gave his opinion on pursuing broadband service. He explained that CC is more readily prepared to run fiber as they do the work themselves and do not involve outside contractors. CC also has the necessary poles to service the town. He suggests that we look into getting a bond in place. Towns with bonds get priority on their schedule. A.Lasser will contact a CC representative to speak at a public hearing aimed at educating our residents of the process. A possible date for the hearing is Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 2:30 pm following the meeting for the Master Plan survey. A notice will be posted when confirmed.

Paul Manson presented his written report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes. He also informed that he will be asking for 2022 appropriations for paving on Turner and N. Dorchester Roads. He will prepare proposed warrant articles for budget meetings in December. He also mentioned that the town garage will need a new roof within five years.

**A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.**

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

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 11/16/2021**

**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.**

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had a vast array of calls for service.

Chief Trott conducted a civil standby where some construction equipment was returned to it's owner after having been kept on a job site for almost two years without the owners being able allowed to get it. Chief Trott was able to act as a mediator between the involved parties and the equipment was returned without incident.

Chief Trott conducted a welfare check on two Wentworth residents at the request of a close friend who had been unable to contact them and was concerned because of health issues both were having. Chief Trott was able to make contact with the residents and the calling party was notified.

Chief Trott received and handled two reports of minor motor vehicle accidents involving deer being struck by vehicles. Chief Trott wants to remind our residents and people traveling through Wentworth that this his deer hunting season and mating season for deer so extra caution should be exercised.

During the windstorm last week there were several limbs and parts of trees that had come down across a few of our roads. There were cleared with the assistance of the Wentworth Highway Department, the Wentworth Police Department and the Wentworth Fire Department. Once of those which occurred just over the Wentworth/Warren town line also caused a power outage shutting down the Wentworth Town Offices.

Chief Trott was contacted by New Hampshire Department of Children and Youth Services regarding a report of child abuse/neglect. After reviewing the information it was determined not to have taken place in Wentworth and was referred to correct law enforcement agency.



While conducting some proactive motor vehicle work Chief Trott stopped a vehicle on Buffalo Road for being unregistered and uninspected. In doing so he also found the driver to be under suspension and the registration to the vehicle had been previously revoked by the director of motor vehicles. The owner operator was subsequently arrested for operating after suspension and the license plates were confiscated by Chief Trott. After a booking process was completed, the operator was later released and ordered to appear in the Plymouth District Court on December 13<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Chief Trott took part in the raising of the new United States Flag at the Veterans Memorial on Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup>. The WPD wants to thank Arnie Scheller and all of the people that attended and made this ceremony happen as well as the person who donated the new flag to the Veterans Memorial.

A handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly 'WJ', enclosed within a hand-drawn circle. The signature is written in dark ink and is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

# ROAD AGENT REPORT

November 2, 2021

We have been busy in the shop and out on the roads. All our trucks and equipment are ready for winter weather , plowing and sanding. We have spent a lot of time working on the international , to insure that it is in good condition and safe for winter weather. We should receive our new truck around December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Working out on the roads , we have installed a new culvert on cross road. The old culvert had separated and was partially crushed. We have installed new guard rails on the N Dorchester road bridge. We have done some ditching work and cleaning ditch lines of leaves on some roads. Our roads held up excellent from the heavy rains Saturday night and Sunday morning , No wash outs !