

Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting minutes  
May 3, 2022

Selectmen present: Arnold Scheller, Sonia Scheller, Richard Ducheneau

Also present: Chief Jeff Ames, Paul Manson, Chief Wallace Trott, Deborah Vlk, Ron Giroux, Linda Brownson, Ilse Mercier, Francis Muzzey, Stanley Kulenski

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

The following documents were signed: Payroll and vendor checks.

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Timber Tax – Dave Thompson.

Business License-Legion Speedway -Selectmen signed agreement and received the license fee from Ron Giroux who signed the business application.

Letter from Tom Thomson - Trees are marked on Nichols Hill Rd for cutting, BOS gave permission and asked Paul Manson to get 3 bids to get the trees cut down.

Estimate for contractor for Turner Rd - Paul recommended Jared King , Richard made a motion to except bid from Jared King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arnie and all three voted in the affirmative.

Quote from contractor for magnesium chloride – Arnie signed the agreement for the quoted price from the contractor and gave the request back to Paul Manson to order.

Ilse Mercier read her oath of office in front of the Select Board accepting her 3 yr. term on the Conservation Commission. Oath of Office form was signed by Isle Mercier and the Select Board.

Jeff Ames reported mutual aid for vehicle accident in Warren. Alarm activation at the elementary school due to waxing the floors. 2 illegal burns reported – one due to brush pile getting out of control. 2<sup>nd</sup> was an outside fire caused by explosive target. Mutual aid assisted from Rumney, Warren and Campton/Thornton Fire Depts to control and extinguish the 2 acres. Both parties responsible will be making restitution to the Fire Dept. There will be a commercial burn at the Transfer Station and Arnie signed the form for Chief Ames. Fire permits are issued by the Fire Dept – Please see either Chief Ames, Steve Welch or Paul Davis Jr. Chief Ames full report is attached.

Chief Trott reported a land dispute and directed the new land owner on procedures to resolve the issue. Chief Trott and Officer Chierichetti are actively investigating a reported fraud/scam from a resident. Chief Trott wants to remind residents that bears are out of hibernation – watch your bird feeders and garbage, turkey season started– residents please be aware of posted no hunting signs on properties, burn permits are issued by the Fire Dept, and dog licenses were due April 30<sup>th</sup>. Chief and administrative assistant attended training for the new law enforcement computer system. Chief Trott’s full report is attached.

Paul Manson reported that they are grading roads in the southern part of town and working their way north. They will be putting on summer tires on the trucks. Paul received an email from Chris Fournier concerning the North Dorchester Rd Bridge – further follow up is needed concerning renewal of the contract extension with HEB. State bridge inspectors were here on May 3<sup>rd</sup> assessing the North Dorchester Rd bridge and reported there is 3 ½ to 4” of good concrete on the bridge and the 5 ton rating is accurate.

New Business:

Francis Muzzey attended the Warren/Wentworth Ambulance recent meeting. Discussion and suggestions were brought forth by Francis to make changes to their billing services but no decisions were made. Sonia Scheller is attending the next meeting.

**At 5:30 PM, A. Scheller made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II© 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 S. Scheller. By roll call vote, A. Scheller voted yes. S. Scheller voted yes. R. Ducheneau voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

Re-entered public meeting at 5:45 PM.

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

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**S. Scheller made a motion to form a committee to look into retirement plan options for full time employees. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

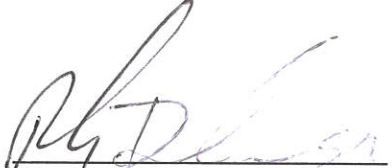
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Seconded by S. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Re-entered public meeting at 6:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Vlk, Treasurer

  
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Arnold Scheller, Chairman

  
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Sonia Scheller

  
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Richard Ducheneau

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 05/03/2022**

**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 spoke with a Wentworth resident regarding a land line dispute pertaining to some new property that they had just purchased in Wentworth. The matter is clearly civil in nature, but Chief Trott directed the new property owner in what steps to take to help resolve the matter amicably.

Chief Trott and Officer Chierichetti have been working together on a reported fraud where a Wentworth couple had been reportedly scammed out of approximately \$7,000.00. This matter remains under investigation and is being followed up on diligently by Chief Trott and Officer Chierichetti.

Chief Trott wants to remind Wentworth residents to be cautious when entering into business transactions with people, companies, and or businesses that they are not familiar with. Do not hesitate to look the people and businesses up online or run a check on them via the Better Business Bureau (BBB). Ask for references and or a list of recent customers and what kind of work was performed for them. If skeptical at all do not give them any of your hard-earned monies. If you have been scammed, do not be embarrassed, report it to your local police and allow us the opportunity to try and help you.

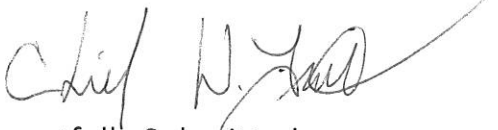
Tis the season, Bear Season, the bears are out of hibernation, and they are hungry, to include adult bears, juvenile bears, and mothers with cubs. Please take the time to take some necessary precautions to ensure that there are no negative interactions between wild bears and humans. Bring in your bird feeders or if you are having bear activity take them down all together and keep your garbage and trash where it is not easily accessible to the bears. If you have a nuisance bear call your local police or New Hampshire Fish and Game for assistance in dealing with the bear, most of the time they can be managed.

Spring is here and the snow has finally left us. People are eager to get to their spring clean up activities and understandably so. But as a reminder please remember that any outside fires now require a burn permit and need to be approved through the Wentworth Fire Department.

Another reminder to our Wentworth residents is that we are now into the month of May and that as of April 30th all Wentworth residents should have had their dogs license by now. If you have not done so, please contact the Wentworth Town Clerk and make arrangements to do so sooner than later.

The month of May also brings us the much-anticipated start of Turkey hunting season. Chief Trott wants to remind all our residents to please be careful while hunting turkeys as each year New Hampshire seems to experience a hunting accident that could have been prevented. Chief Trott also wants to remind our hunters to be sure that the property that you are hunting on is NOT posted and that you have permission to be there to hunt. Above all be safe, have fun and good luck.

Administrative update, Chief Trott and the police department administrative assistant attended an all day training for the new law enforcement computer system known as CSI/RMS last week. The new program is in effect and operational for the WPD as of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chief W. Trott", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Respectfully Submitted

Chief Wallace Trott Wentworth Police Department

(No Subject)

From: j&l redbones (jlredbones@yahoo.com)

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 07:46 AM EDT

#### Calls for service

illegal burn, brush pile got out of control

Motor Vehicle accident mutual aid to Warren

Alarm activation Wentworth Ele. School accidental activation

Mutual Aid call to Rumney for assistance with outside fire redirected to be their cover truck

Outside fire Wentworth caused by explosive target 440 Rowentown Rd 2 acre fire took Wentworth, Rumney, Warren, and Campton/Thornton to get it under control and extinguished. Called in our District Ranger and with him came the head of forest and lands division chief.

#### Meetings

Regular meeting at the station April 20th topics covered critiques of previous calls, discussed forest fire operations, went over our forestry gear and put an order together for replacement back pack pumps The old pumps needed repairs that came close to the cost of replacement.

#### Training

Pump operations from Draft, Discussed and showed what is needed in your own forest fire packs.

Went over all the forest fire hand tools, usage and names of each piece.

We had one more member complete their cpr

We have two more members starting their emr course this week

We have made arrangements with a cpr instructor to recert those who need the recert for cpr, aed and bls .

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department