

Wentworth Select Board

Meeting minutes

May 31, 2022

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Sonia Scheller, Richard Ducheneau, Chief Ames, Chief Trott, Omer Ahern, Frances Muzzey, Paul Ducharme and Linda Franz

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

The following documents were signed: payroll and vendor checks; meeting minutes for May 17, 2022, exemption application for Rourke, abatement application for Comsteller, land use change application for Meadows, current use application for King, intent to cut for Mack, auditor questionnaire, bridge expendable trust payment request for HEB Engineers, police cruiser capital reserve payment request for Irwin Auto Group, Certified Computer quotes for upgrades, driveway permit for Woodbrey

A.Scheller received a call from a resident regarding the library and how it can better serve the community. A newspaper article about the offerings of the Wolfboro Public Library was presented that has some good ideas that the library may want to explore. A copy of the article will be given to the Library Trustees. He also recommends that the Trustees contact Graton Associates regarding repairs needed for the library building. He also reported that the Memorial Day service at the Veterans Memorial was well attended. To show support for Ukraine, a garden was prepared and sunflowers were planted by the attendees. Thank you to John Cuomo for rototilling and to the Scheller grandchildren for starting the sunflower plants.

Chief Trott provided a written report, and it is a part of these minutes. The content of the report addresses a subject of great concern, high-profile shootings. He announced that the school is training for emergency response plans and conducting drills. The school is being monitored and taking every measure to ensure safety and security.

R.Ducheneau reported that people were camping at the dam on Ellsworth Hill Road. Chief Trott will look into who has jurisdiction over the dam.

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

Paul Manson provided a written report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

Deb Ziemba inquired about getting a town credit card for her office.

R.Ducheneau made a motion to add Deb Ziemba as a card holder on the town credit card with a spending limit of \$250.00. Seconded by S.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A resident, Paul Ducharme asked for permission to retrieve aluminum gutters and troughs from the dumpster at the Transfer Station. The Select Board agreed that it would be too much of a liability to

the Town. They asked Mr. Ducharme to work with the Transfer Station employees to have them possibly set the items aside. He will come up with a plan and present it to the Administrative Assistant.

A Records Retention Committee was discussed briefly. Members will be Sonia Scheller, Deb Vlk, Dave Clark, Linda Franz and possibly Deb Ziembra.

S.Scheller made a motion to name Dave Clark as the Select Board's designee for the Records Retention Committee. Seconded by R.Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Omer Ahern said that the Grafton County Complex may have an incinerator where we can burn the old records. He will look into it and report.

Chief Trott requested that the Town purchase a new flag for the Town Offices building.

A.Scheller made a motion for L.Franz to purchase a new flag for the Town Offices Building. Seconded by S.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Francis Muzzy attended the board meeting for the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service. Charging for non-transport calls was discussed and voted against 4 to 1. They are looking for other ways to generate revenue. Chief Trott will attend next meeting to follow up on discussions that he and Chief Ames had with them previously.

S.Scheller made a motion for Chief Troll and R.Ducheneau to attend the next board meeting of the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service. Seconded by R.Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

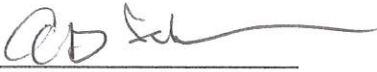
At 6:35 PM, A.Scheller made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall 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 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 6:55 PM.

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

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by S.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative. and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Sonia Scheller



Richard Ducheneau

WPD Activity Report
Presented 05/31/2022

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.

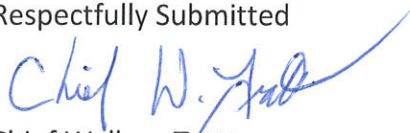
This activity report will be brief as I will focus on addressing a concerning issue that is on the minds of many in this country right now and I am sure some of the residents of Wentworth.

Over the last couple of weeks this country has seen and heard of several high-profile shootings with multiple victims and fatalities to include children in schools in our country. This is a threat that all schools and law enforcement agencies across the country face and fear. Although there is no way to assure everyone that no other school shootings, and or school incidents, can be prevented entirely in the future, what I can assure people of is the fact that the school systems and law enforcement do their best every day to try and prevent these horrors.

Wentworth is no exception. Without going into detail, the Wentworth Elementary School and the Wentworth Police Department have developed emergency response plans for numerous types of incidents specific to the school itself. These plans are gone over, scrutinized, and then exercised. We are diligent about seeing that the plans are exercised throughout the school year to ensure that everyone is aware of what their role is if an incident were to happen.

Even though Wentworth is covered by a part time police department most of the patrol time during school year is done during school hours. It is also important to note that we actively partner with our other law enforcement agencies such as New Hampshire State Police, Grafton County Sheriffs Department, Orford PD, Piermont PD, Rumney PD, Plymouth PD, Haverhill PD, who would all respond to Wentworth to assist. Most will respond automatically until notified to stand down. I just wanted to share some information regarding our safety measures but am unable to go into any specific detail to ensure the security of the emergency plans.

Respectfully Submitted



Chief Wallace Trott

Wentworth Police Department

ROAD AGENT REPORT

5/30/2022

We have been very busy with finishing up our spring maintenance work , before summer construction work begins.

All gravel roads have been graded and magnesium applied to all roads except a portion of beech hill rd , a section of atwell hill road and frescoln road. Those roads we were asked not to use magnesium at residents request. All town bridges have been cleaned and washed. We fabricated some brackets and installed them for the guardrails on ellsworth hill bridge. We have installed all 12 signs warning of the 5 Ton bridge limit and detour for N Dorchester road bridge. We did a little shoulder graveling on red oak hill and on N Dorchester road , where rain had done some washing to the road edges.

Our next projects will consist of , ditching buffalo road before we gravel it . In the next couple weeks we will start replacing culverts on turner road before paving. Im still hopeful that mike clark plans on doing the trimming that was promised last year. We have put the trash cans out at the ball field and both swimming holes. I have had a few call asking for the porta toilets at the park , I have referred them to the selectboard.