

Wentworth Select Board
Meeting minutes
June 28, 2022

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Sonia Scheller, Richard Ducheneau, Chief Trott, Linda Brownson, Omer Ahern, Francis Muzzey 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 June 14, 2022; intent to cut for Green; tax supplement for Morse; land use change tax for Blodgett; veterans tax credit for Meadows; DRA form for federal and state forest land; DRA request for PA-28 forms for 2023; HEB letters of agreement for Rowentown and N. Dorchester Road culverts grant application assistance; pay rate changes for the highway department employees.

Discussion about removing the Families First Coronavirus Response Act from the Personnel Policy which required an employer to grant paid leave for up to two weeks for employees who contracted Covid-19. The act expired on December 31, 2020, and the NH state of emergency was lifted on June 21, 2021.

A.Scheller made a motion to remove the “Families First Coronavirus Response Act” from the Personnel Policy. Seconded by S.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

S.Scheller reported that two more members of the Wentworth Fire Department completed their MR coursework.

R.Ducheneau attended the last school board meeting. They are continuing to work on the budget and will allocate another \$10 k for capital reserves. The school board also decided to keep the school open during the fall voting.

Broadband review: NHEC sent an email of 300+ pages to R.Ducheneau, and he will forward it to Andrew Lasser for review. Andrew reported that the SB-445 has been signed by the Governor. This is a matching grant initiative and was changed from 50% to 75% match. This may be sufficient for the Consolidated Communications proposal, if not enough, Consolidated Communications would most likely cover the difference. NHEC is using RDOF FCC grants for their buildout.

Chief Trott discussed activities of the WPD and provided a written report which is a part of these minutes.

Chief Ames was not in attendance but provided a written report of activities for the WFD, and it is a part of these minutes.

Paul Manson was not in attendance but provided a written report of activities for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

Linda Brownson gave an update on the Conservation Commission activities. The committee is getting advice from various sources and has applied for conservation easements. The Baker River Watershed has been actively involved in the process. The committee is pleased to be in partnership with the Pemi-Baker Land Trust, and it is an advantage that the town forest is contiguous with federal land.

Francis Muzzey expressed his frustration with the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service in regard to their lack of desire to collect fees for non-transport calls that would reduce the cost of the service to the town. He complained that the Chairman does not attend meetings regularly, meetings are canceled without notification, and sometimes no notice at all of upcoming meetings. Also, there are no updated bylaws. F.Muzzey would like to write a letter of complaint and possibly have the Select Board endorse it.

Omer Ahern reported that the Grafton County Delegation approved the 2023 budget, and it is down by 1.67%. The complex did not plant the vegetable fields this year as there is not enough labor.

At 5:38 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 6:30 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.

At 6:32 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 R.Ducheneau. 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 6:45 PM.

A discussion with the Tax Collector regarding tax deeding was conducted in the just-concluded non-public session.

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 R.Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative. and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Sonia Scheller



Richard Ducheneau

WPD Activity Report
Presented 06/14/2022

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 has received two separate harassment complaints from Wentworth residents that required him to meet with a speak with all involved parties. In each of the two complaints the harassment was due to a civil matter that none of the parties could agree on. They were advised to take their matters to the civil court and have them heard there instead of harassing each other thus possibly turning their civil matter also into criminal matters. All involved parties agreed not to contact each other and further and agreed to have a civil court decide regarding their differences.

Chief Trott was contacted regarding a domestic issue where a complainant was reported to have been threatened by a female party who had been previously involved in a relationship with the complainant’s new partner. In reviewing the reported threats, it was determined that they were not criminal in nature and the complainant was referred to the family court for other resources.

Chief Trott took a theft and fraud report from a Wentworth resident who reported that someone had stolen two checks from him and then later cashed those two checks without his authorization. The matter is under investigation.

Camp Pemigewasset opened on June 16th to administration and staff members for training. Campers arrived Saturday June 25th with estimated camper population of 250. Chief Trott and staff have been in contact with each other regarding the camps activities and as usual we will be interacting with each through the summer.

Chief Trott followed up with the complaint on the property on Saunders Hill Road that the board received at the last meeting via the Wentworth Road Agent. In doing so he has found no visible health violations and in speaking with the property owner they were very cooperative and forthcoming. This information was passed onto our assistant health officer.

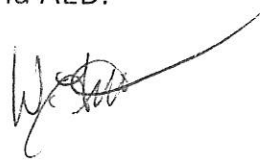
Chief Trott was contacted by the Plymouth Animal Hospital regarding a dog bite incident where the animal hospital was given permission by the dogs owner to have the dog to be tested for rabies. The dogs head was then preserved and transported to the New Hampshire State Rabies lab in Concord by the WPD where it was tested. Chief Trott was later contacted and advised that the dog had tested NEGATIVE for rabies and the involved parties were notified. In doing so it was also determined that the actual dog bite incident had taken place in Groton NH not Wentworth NH.

Training Update

Over the last few weeks both Chief Trott and the police department office manager Martha Trott completed on online training for Basic Life Support CPR and EAD. They then both completed the hands on practical exercises and are now both RECERTIFIED in Basic Life Support CPR and AED.

Respectfully Submitted

Chief Wallace Trott Wentworth Police Department

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

Town of Wentworth

From: j&l redbones <jlredbones@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:51 AM
To: Arnie Scheller; Sonia Scheller; Richard Ducheneau; Town of Wentworth
Subject: fire report

Good morning all

First i will not be able to make the meeting tonight due to work etc.

Calls for service

Structure fire in Rumney, a quick knock down by the Rumney crew Wentworth was enroute to the fire when they switched us to cover their station, Plymouth also enroute was cancelled Rumney crews did a great job.

We were toned and responded to a line down on rt 25 turned out to be phone line we were able to remove the line from road allowing traffic flow.

We aided the golden cross ambulance service at the race track on a heart attack, Wentworth crew did a great job aiding the patient who is doing good now

Training

Two more of our members have finished their emr class and passed the state exam now will move on to the national testing. Certified level one ff has started and we have one member taking that 200 plus hour classes. We had a good training on motor vehicle accident response and extrication at our last meeting

Other

I had two inspections one at Camp Pemigewasset. Inspections of the cafeteria and the housing unit including their fire system as well as detectors. brief discussion on possible dry hydrant installation and placement in the future for shared usage. A home inspection for future foster care (state required) inspection. We will have a truck in place on July 16th for touch a truck at the open air market We also will have our booths set up at Warren old home days July 8th and 9th. We will have trucks in the parade and items on display our fundraising efforts have purchased.

Jeffry Ames
Chief Wentworth Fire Department

Road agent report

6/28/2022

We have been busy and completing some projects. Over the last two weeks we have replaced 5 culvert crossings on turner road and built headers, we have also dug out and graveled the swail on the hill. I do not have a exact date for paving but it looks like it will be the week of July 11th or July 18th.

Our next project is to do some much needed ditching. We will start on libby road and move to buffalo road before we gravel.

There is no lack of work at the highway department , we will keep plugging away and doing all we can as the summer progresses.

Paul Manson