

**Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
July 26, 2022**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Sonia Scheller, Richard Ducheneau, Omer Ahern, Chief Ames, Chief Trott, Izzy Mercier, Deborah Ziemba, and Erin Ganzel

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

The following documents were signed: Payroll and vendor checks, meeting minutes for July 12, 2022, driveway permit for Clarkin, charcoal grill/propane permits for Dunne and Baker River Valley SC, intent to cut for Wilms, and wage changes for administration.

- I. Mercier from the Conservation Commission reported that she met with a Grafton County Forester and director of the AMC to discuss services offered to form a town forest. The CC is working on creating a mission plan.
- A. Scheller discussed meeting with FEMA regarding Frescoln Br and Cross Rd bridges. Duplication of benefits requires the Frescoln Br project be funded through the NH Bridge Aid Program. Funding for the Cross Rd bridge will continue to be pursued with FEMA. The town's action plan includes working with FEMA and NH DES to determine which NH DES Codes & Standards do not meet FEMA's requirements in order to seek grant approval.
- R. Ducheneau reported that Consolidated Communications sent a letter to the town stating they would offer free internet services to 4 municipal buildings. R. Ducheneau sent the letter to Leo Dwyer with NHEC seeking a matching commitment letter. Deadline for the letters to be submitted has been changed to July 29, 2022.

Chief Trott shared his report, which is attached to these minutes.

Chief Trott discussed the new Suicide & Crisis Hotline formed on July 16, 2022. The number is 988. Operators are trained in handling Suicide & Crisis situations. This will also offer relief to 911 operators.

Chief Ames shared his report, which is attached to these minutes.

E. Ganzel updated the Select Board on laptops for Paul Manson and herself. Seeking refurbished laptops through Plymouth State University at the suggestion of Chief Ames.

S. Scheller discussed two new education funding lawsuits against the state of NH involving ConVal and Grafton County.

Chief Ames discussed revisiting and making necessary changes to the Town Ordinances, in particular regarding ATVs on Hamilton Field.

O. Ahern reported that he met with the Plymouth Select Board at their most recent meeting and reminded the community Grafton County is still seeking a Farm Manager.

**A. Scheller made a motion at 5:46pm 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. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

**A. Scheller made a motion to exit the non-public session at 5:58pm. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

**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.**

**A. Scheller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm. S. Scheller seconded. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by: Erin D. Ganzel, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman

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Sonia Scheller



Richard Ducheneau

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 07/26/2022**

**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 took a harassment complaint from a person regarding some social media posts and text messages sent to them. After speaking with the complainant and reviewing the messages Chief Trott contacted the person who had posted the social media comments and sent the text messages. Chief Trott spoke with the author of the messages and the matter was resolved amicably.

Chief Trott took 2 separate criminal mischief reports from two Wentworth residents who reported that their vehicles had been damaged sometime during the night. Although these were separate reports with separate victims they both took place at the same location. The matter remains under investigation.

Chief Trott responded to a residential burglar alarm in Wentworth last week. Upon arrival he made contact with the property owner and it was determined that the alarm was caused by a short power outage and then a power surge. The alarm was reset and did not activate again.

Our Animal Control Officer (ACO) William Melanson was called out late one night last week for two dogs that had shown up at a Wentworth residence. This was during one of the very hot and humid days/evenings and when we were having the heavy thunderstorms. ACO Melanson attempted to make contact with the dogs owner from Warren and was unable to do so, as a result the two dogs were transported to the Humane Society in Meredith. By the time ACO Melanson was finished with this call for service it was 0130 AM. I mention this because this is why we have an ACO in our town budget. As Chief of Police I feel that ACO Melanson does an excellent job for the community of Wentworth and I think we are very fortunate to have him.



The race track has not run in two weeks now so there is nothing new to report there. The new owner continues to make improvements to the track and is very dedicated in making the race track a family friendly venue.

**New Suicide and Crisis Hotline  
Dial 988**

Nationwide: New Suicide and Crisis Line 988 - Beginning Saturday, 07/16/2022, dialing the new three-digit dialing code "988" will route calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, across the United States.



fire

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

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 12:07 PM EDT

Calls for Service

Toned and responded to Orford for cover truck and manpower while they were out on a call to another town with other multiple departments

Toned to Dollar General, fire alarm activation light issue, unplugged reset alarm and ran thermal imaging cam throughout the building.

Training

Pump operations engine 2

Hose appliances engine 2

Communication training, learning how to access interoperability channels, example dhart Hanover Fire Twin state and others.

Other

The touch a truck at the open air market went well.

Public building inspection at the Library top floor/main floor passed, basement area does not pass at this time for public use, a list will be provided to the library trustees for items in need of repair Reinspection can be done at a later date this by no means stops the normal library open times it pertains to public safety in the bottom of library only..

Meetings and correspondence

Regular scheduled fire meetings,

Meeting in reference to possible future property for fire station

Correspondence with the sau 48 for fire inspection report for the Wentworth Elementary school for year 2021 as well as signing documents pertaining to future possible grant monies involving items of discussion during our safety meetings for items of possible need.

Will be arranging with the School when in session a fire safety code inspection. and fire alarms requirements discussion.

Respectfully

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department