

**Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Town of Wentworth  
December 13, 2022**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Rick Ducheneau, Brian DuBois, Chief Ames, Chief Trott, Sonia Scheller, Jen Meade, and Erin Ganzel

A. Scheller called the meeting to order at 5pm.

A. Scheller reported the School Board meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> was well attended. The School Board and Town plan to hold their annual meetings together on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The preliminary budget meeting will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> for the Town.

B. DuBois has been working with the Transfer Station and Town Clerk, Deb Ziembra, to finalize a plan for a 2023 roll out of Transfer Station Permits. The new year will be a transitional period, with the hopes that by 2024 everyone is settled into the process.

R. Ducheneau spoke with the President of NH Electric Co-op to discuss a celebration on the Town Common marking the beginning of the Grafton County Broadband Project. Rick is waiting to hear back from NHEC for further scheduling.

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

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

Chief Ames reported that he has been working with Sonia Scheller regarding the purchase of a parcel owned by Scheller Rentals, LLC next to the Town Offices. Sonia had the piece of property surveyed as well as evaluated for a septic plan. The asking price is \$20,000.00. Chief Ames requested the Select Board vote the purchase the property through the site and building expendable trust. For further information, please see note from Chief Ames which is attached to these minutes.

S. Scheller discussed that as she has worked on this with Chief Ames over the years, she has noticed just how much the Fire Department does for the Town. Sonia stated that the facility they have does not meet their needs. Sonia requests that the Select Board purchase this parcel specifically for use only by the Fire Department.

Chief Ames discussed several benefits this new building will have for the town, including a geographically central location in the town.

**R. Ducheneau makes a motion to accept the agreement and purchase the piece of land for \$20,000.00 from Scheller Rentals, LLC. Seconded by B. DuBois. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

J. Meade from the Historical Society discussed the Old Town Hall. They did not get the L-Chip Grant, but they did receive a \$20,000.00 Moose Plate Grant through the State of NH. The funds from the Moose Plate Grant can be used for up to two years with the option to request an extension.

J. Meade reported that the Historical Society will need approximately \$20,000.00 more for Stan to begin working on repairing the foundation, which she hopes will begin in the spring of 2023. Jen estimates that it will cost about \$370,000.00 to complete the entire building repairs and renovations.

Chief Trott mentioned the possibility of funds being set aside in the Capital Reserve for a project such as this.

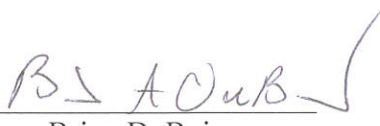
J. Meade reported the story board by the Covered Bridge is being prepped for installation, hopefully before the end of the year. The plan is to install it by Gail's spot by the fence on the other side of the bridge.

**A. Scheller made a motion to end adjourn the meeting at 5:59pm. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by: Erin D. Ganzel, Town Administrative Assistant

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Arnold Scheller, Chairman

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Brian DuBois

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Richard Ducheneau

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 12/13/2022**

**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 assisted the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service with several medical calls in Wentworth over the last two weeks. One of the calls was extensive and unfortunately the call transitioned into an untimely death. Chief Trott remained on scene and assisted the family with arrangements and coordinated with the Grafton County Attorney’s Office as well as the New Hampshire Medical Examiner’s Office to ensure that the transition could be done as quickly possible for the family. Chief Trott and members of his agency extend heartfelt condolences to the family in our community that experienced the loss of one of their loved ones.

Chief Trott took a report from a Wentworth resident who fell victim to an attempted extortion scheme via the internet. Once again, the WPD wants to remind our residents to fact check any business or person that you may be dealing with via the internet that you do not know or have not dealt with before. Internet schemes and crimes are on the increase and usually are during the holiday season. Be especially wary of any that claim to be collecting monies for the less fortunate during the holiday season. If you feel the need to donate then do it locally or with a well-known organization already established like the Red Cross or Toys for Tots or another option is your local food bank.

I am sure that you are all aware of the state wide fake active shooter threats that New Hampshire dealt with last week. As many as eight (8) and up to ten (10) schools were affected by these fake threats. Local, State and Federal law enforcement are still working diligently to try and find out who was responsible for these fake threats. If anything good came out of this it was the fact that our law enforcement community in conjunction with our fire departments and EMS personnel were and are prepared to respond to events such as these.



Last week our Animal Control Officer (ACO) Bill Melanson handled a call where a dog had been struck and killed on Mount Moosilauke Highway on the south end of town. ACO Melanson was able to make contact with the dogs owner who took possession of his dog as well as another one of his dogs that was on scene but not harmed during the incident.

Chief Trott took a call regarding a suspicious vehicle at an unoccupied residence in Wentworth. With the assistance of the Grafton County Sheriffs Department and Deputy/Officer Pete Chierichetti, the involved vehicle and parties were located and determined to be there legitimately. This was another great example of "If You See Something Say Something". We would rather air on the side of caution than find out later that a crime was being committed and we were not called. Thank you to the Wentworth resident who stepped up and made the call.

As you know all department heads have been working diligently on their budgets and I am no exception. My draft budget has been completed and each selectboard member should have a copy of it. I know that this is a hard year especially with the town navigating through the significant increase in the school budget. Please know that I have done my best to bring forward a budget with as little increase as possible and still be able to give the community the coverage and services that it deserves from it's police department.

Chief Trott

(No Subject)

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

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 03:24 PM EST

Calls for Service

Unknown type fire called in by neighbor seeing flames from their house turned out to be a legal brush pile fire 3 truck from Wentworth 1 truck from Warren was on the response along with the ambulance

Call to aid the ambulance on a cardiac arrest

Alarm activation at the school turned out to be Burnt pop corn

Training

road names and discussion on 911 mapping

Other

Further discussion on future property with landowner

Budget prep and discussions

School Safety Meeting

Future training planning

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department

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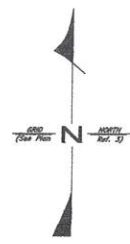
Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 10:59 AM EST

Over two years ago I approached Sonia Scheller about purchasing a piece of property owned by Scheller Rentals for the purpose of building a fire station. This piece of property abuts property already owned by the town, the piece I reference is next to the town office (view the surveyors map and line lot adjustments), so after many discussions, hurbles, ideas and working closely with the Scheller Family we came up with a plan and Sonia had the piece surveyed, We also looked at the acceptance for septic, water and ease of access. The lot has an asking price of \$20,000 dollars. The fire department has for many years been asking the town to put funds into an expendable trust at town meeting for the purpose of purchasing land and start the process of building. The funds to be expended by a vote of the select board at the request of the fire department and its fire commissioners. So I am now putting forth that request for the select board to vote to purchase the lot shown in the surveyors maps and the planning boards line lot adjustment approval and that the sum of 20 thousand dollars to be withdrawn from the fire department site and building expendable trust for the purchase of said property.

Respectfully

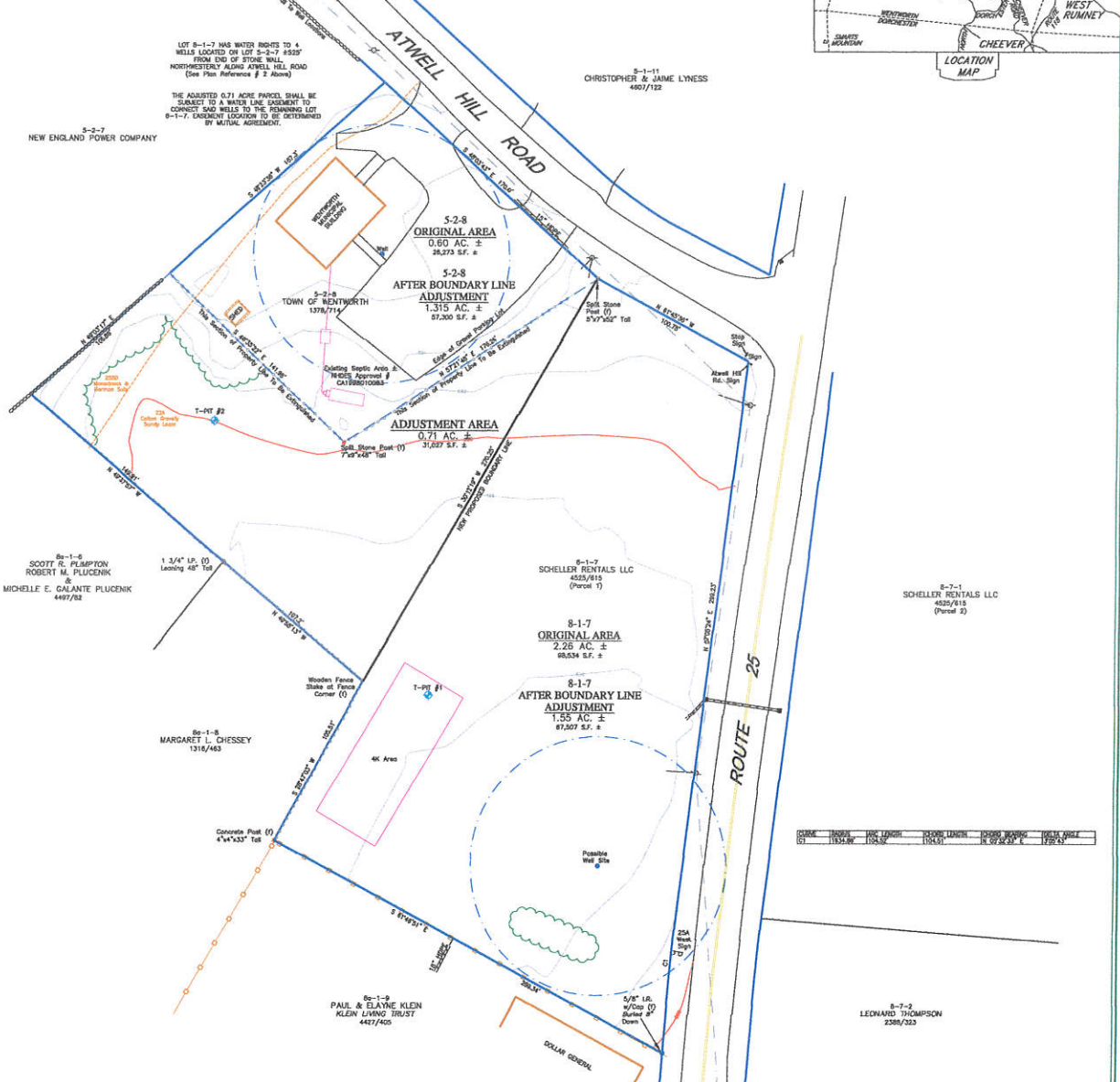
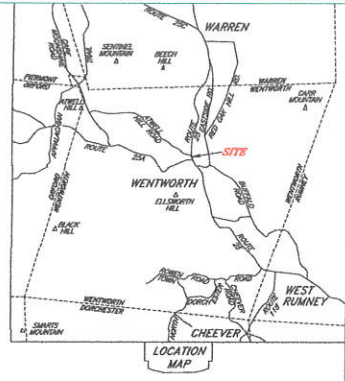
Fire Chief Jeffry Ames





- NOTES**
- 1) SURVEY PERFORMED WITH A TOPCON GIP GNSS TOTAL STATION HAVING AN UNBROUGHT ERROR OF CLOSURE BETTER THAN 1:10,000.
  - 2) SOIL TYPES ARE TAKEN FROM THE SOIL SURVEY OF GRAFTON COUNTY.
  - 3) ELEVATIONS ARE ASSIGNED, CONTOUR INTERVAL = 2 FT.
  - 4) THIS PLAN SHOWS A DIVISION OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MINOR LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT/BOUNDARY AGREEMENT AS DEFINED IN THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH AND APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD.
  - 5) PER DEP. OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SUBDIVISION APPROVAL FOR LOT 8-1-7 (1.55 ACRES AFTER ADJUSTMENT) IS SA000111001 DATED 1/15/2022.

- PLAN REFERENCES**
- 1) SEE PLAN ENTITLED "WENTWORTH VILLAGE SCHOOL LOT BOUNDARY SURVEY WENTWORTH, NH" SUBMITTED BY ANDREW A. HORNELL AND RECORDED AT THE O.C.R. BY PLAN BOOK 1179 PAGE 8.
  - 2) SEE PLAN ENTITLED "PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF WELLS ON LAND OF NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY IN WENTWORTH, NH" SURVEYED 3/20/73 BY ELMER C. MACDOUGHER AND RECORDED AT THE O.C.R. IN PL 71 P.03.
  - 3) SEE PLAN ENTITLED "TREATMENT SEPTICAL SYSTEM DESIGN ON PROPERTY OF TALE MAJ SA BLOCK 1 LOT 8 DOLLAR GENERAL & HW ROUTE 25A WENTWORTH, NH" DATED JAN 2018 BY WM STANG ENGINEERING, LLC AND ON FILE AT DEPOT APPROVAL #GCA0218012916. THIS PLAN WAS USED AS THE BEARING AND FOR THIS SURVEY.



**A BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT**  
 BETWEEN  
**THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH**  
 TAX MAP 5 LOT 2-8  
 AND  
**SCHELLER RENTALS LLC**  
 TAX MAP 8 LOT 1-7  
 ROUTE 25 & ATWELL HILL ROAD  
 WENTWORTH, N.H.  
 GRAFTON COUNTY  
 SURVEYED FEB. 2022  
 BY FRENCH LAND SERVICES INC.  
 SCALE 1 INCH = 30 FEET



TOTAL ADJUSTMENT AREA = 0.71 ACRES +/-

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
 25A (Soil Series Sandy Loam) = 67,007 - 15,888  
 27B (Soil Series) = 8,831 #2,026 #1 = 138 # 208  
 = 2,880 G.P. Min. Loamy 77' 88' #8 #8 #8 = 700 G.P.  
 (200-14 1000.00, 1000-4)

- LEGEND**
- STONE WALL
  - SPLIT RAIL FENCE
  - WIRE FENCE
  - SPLIT STONE POST
  - CONCRETE POST
  - IRON PIPE
  - IRON ROD
  - FOUND
  - SET
  - UTILITY POLE
  - UTILITY LINE
  - SOIL TYPE LINE
  - TREE LINE
  - COMPUTED POINT
  - GRAFTON COUNTY REGISTRY
  - CULVERT
  - TAX MAP #

"THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH AND NOTICE OF ACTION ARE A PART OF THIS PLAN AND APPROVAL OF THIS PLAN REQUIRED THE COMPLETION OF ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NOTICE OF ACTION AND THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS EXCEPTING ONLY ANY MODIFICATION OR WAIVER SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE OF ACTION"

FINAL PLAT APPROVED BY THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, N.H. PLANNING BOARD ON \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_ SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

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 Rumney, NH 03269  
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 french@frenchland.com

PROJECT LINES, SUBDIVISION PLANNING, TOPOGRAPHY - DEEP RESEARCH - CONSULTING, SITE PERMITS

8-1-6 SCOTT R. PLUMPTON, ROBERT M. PLUCZNIK 4497/82  
 8-1-8 MARGARET L. CHESSEY 1316/463  
 8-1-9 PAUL & ELAYNE KLEIN, KLEIN LIVING TRUST 447/405  
 8-7-1 SCHELLER RENTALS LLC 4025/818 (Parcel 2)  
 8-7-2 LEONARD THOMPSON 2358/233