

**Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Town of Wentworth  
December 27, 2022**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Rick Ducheneau, Chief Ames, Chief Trott, and Erin Ganzel

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

A. Scheller reported that the storm from 12/23 and 12/24 was named Winter Storm Elliot. The costs for damages, repairs, replacements, etc. may be eligible for reimbursement through NH ESM. The Individual Application for Assistance must be submitted to itemize our estimated costs.

A. Scheller reminded the community of the town complaint policy. Complaints can't be anonymous and must be filed through the Select Board's office or Town Administrator. A solution should be drafted for consideration by the Select Board. To be timely, complaints should be received by the Town Administrator no later than the Thursday afternoon before the next meeting.

A. Scheller reported that the Town of Orford ran out of fuel, so it is important that all Road Agents are assessing fuel levels to make any adjustments to contingency plans ahead of time.

E. Ganzel stated all mediation meetings with Avitar Assessing have been scheduled, and a report will be filed with the Town and BTLA upon completion.

**A. Scheller made a motion at 5:07pm 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. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

**A. Scheller made a motion to exit the non-public at 5:09pm. 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 R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

A. Scheller reported the just concluded Non-Public Meeting was held to discuss matters regarding the Transfer Station.

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

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

Chief Ames reported that he could activate the Emergency Operation Center while he is on the road, and then he arrives at the Fire Station he operates out of that location. He will report to the State EOC what is going on within the town of Wentworth, such as road closures, bridge washouts, etc.

P. Manson reported the town received much more rain than anticipated, so there is a lot of road clean up ongoing. Paul thanks Chief Trott and the Fire Department for all of their help throughout the storm.

A. Scheller reported that a flood in 2017 had 10-15 volunteers help with clean-up efforts. Due to a lack of proper follow-up and documentation, these volunteers were unable to be reimbursed for their efforts.

Chief Ames reports that the Town is working with Paul Hatch from FEMA to be sure the IDA application is completed correctly.

Chief Trott asked that the Select Board confirm review of the Axon Purchase Agreement.

**R. Ducheneau made a motion that the quote from Axon for the updated Camera Software/Hardware System be accepted. A. Scheller seconded. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

**A. Scheller made a motion to end adjourn the meeting at 5:44pm. 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 12/27/2022**

**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 criminal trespass complaint from a Wentworth resident. The resident did not wish pursue and criminal charges but did ask that one of the involved parties be contacted and asked that it happen again. Chief Trott spoke with that individual and made them aware of that complaint and was assured that it would not be a reoccurring issue. That matter was resolved.

Chief Trott took a complaint of a snowmobile operating on Cape Moonshine Road. Chief Trott was able to locate the snowmobile as well as the operator. The operator was issued an OHRV violation for operating on a public way. Chief Trott wants to remind all owners/operators of snowmobiles that any snowmobile found to be operating on a public way in Wentworth will be issued an OHRV citation and possibly have their snowmobile towed depending on the circumstances.

Chief Trott attended the Grafton County Chiefs of Police meeting which was held at the Grafton County Courthouse and hosted by Sheriff Jeff Stiegler. The Chiefs of Police that attended were briefed on current and upcoming issues, topics and information by the following agencies or their representatives.

Grafton County Sheriff, Jeff Stiegler  
Grafton County Attorney, Marcie Hornick  
NH Police Standards & Training, Director John Skippa  
NH Drug Task Force, Commander  
Senator Hassan’s Office-Representative Sara Hennessey  
NESPIN- Bill Irving

The meeting was well attended and very informative from each of the offices.

Chief Trott took a trespassing report from a Wentworth resident who just wanted the trespassing party spoken with. Chief Trott contacted the involved party and advised that the residents land was clearly posted and any further trespassing complaint could result in criminal charges. The matter was resolved amicably and no further action was needed.

Chief Trott took a report of an attempted fraud from a Wentworth contractor. The contractor had been contacted by someone from out of state and asked to perform some work, but, asked that if he sent a check for money than what was being charged if the contractor would still cash it and then pay someone for another service. This was clearly a scam as this is obviously how business if not done. Once again, please be aware of the scammers that are out there looking to victimize someone new.

Last weekend was a very stressful weekend for the town and the town employees. Christmas weekend was greeted with one of the first problematic storms of the season and it came in fast and furious. Although we were not hit as hard as far as power outages and the duration of an outage we still were hit hard with flooding, roads being washed out and downed trees. I want to commend the highway department, the fire department and everyone else that came together to assist us in putting our community back together as best as it could be but in time for Christmas.

Even the Police Cruiser and Chief Trott became trapped on North Dorchester Road between a completely flooded unpassable road and a large down tree which had come down behind the cruiser while Chief Trott was preventing vehicles from attempting to cross the flooded road. Thank you to the highway department for coming and cutting the tree up and freeing Chief Trott and the cruiser up to handle more calls for service.

(No Subject)

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

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM EST

Calls for service

Dec 16th MVA auto response to Warren MA

Dec 18th Tree low hanging rt 25 Wentworth cut tree removed debris.

Dec 19th Chimney Fire automatic response mutual aid Warren

Dec 20th lift assist aid the ambulance

Dec 22nd Tractor fire Redoak hill 1,500 gal water used 2 engines, foam usage for extinguishment

Dec 23rd Tree on house no injuries or endangerment

Dec.23rd Car Fire rt 118 in warren automatic response mutual aid

Dec 26th Alarm activation elementary school extended on scene time due to a faulty detector

Training

Continuing with truck operation

Response table per truck

Communication ops

up coming training Technician level ice rescue training in Feb. Center Harbor will be the host department Lakes Region

mutual aid training division sponsored, 16 hr class, various evolutions

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department