

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Wentworth
February 7, 2023**

Those present: Arnold Scheller (via Zoom), Rick Ducheneau, Brian DuBois, Chief Ames, Chief Trott, Paul Manson, Francis Muzzey, Linda Franz, Deb Ziemba, Omer Ahern, George Morrill, Linda Brownson, and Erin Ganzel

R. Ducheneau called the meeting to order at 5:20pm.

Chief Ames reported that a new furnace system will need to be budgeted for the Fire Department due to a faulting system.

P. Manson stated that the quick thaw in the spring will make for very messy roads, so he would like residents to be prepared.

P. Manson requested permission from the Select Board to post roads.

R. Ducheneau made a motion to allow the Road Agent to post road weight limits at his discretion. Seconded by B. DuBois. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

B. DuBois reported on his progress with a permit system for the Transfer Station. The State Prison print shop handles printing most of the state's permits, so they will be the vendor of choice. The first year will be a trial period with the new system. There will be no charge to residents for a sticker, however they will have to prove residency when applying for a new permit. More information to follow.

A. Scheller suggested the Town website list the criteria needed to obtain a permit.

D. Ziemba stated most Town Clerk office's handle the permitting system, if there is a cost, and the Transfer Station hands the permits out.

B. DuBois makes a motion to order Transfer Station Permits and add the cost into the 2023 Transfer Station budget. Seconded by A. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

R. Ducheneau discussed the 3 bids received for the N. Dorchester Road Bridge project. Neil Daniels provided the lowest bid. HEB Engineers suggested we choose to work with Neil Daniels, thus the town has decided to move forward with them.

P. Manson stated that the amount needed for the above-mentioned project will need to be bonded.

A. Scheller has requested snowmobilers use the adjacent bypass trail rather than Hooper Hill/Saunders Hill.

B. DuBois referenced the January 10, 2023 Select Board meeting in which there was confusion on what part of Hooper Hill/Saunders Hill was damaged and needed closure.

B. DuBois made a motion to close Hooper Hill/Saunders Hill at the junction of 8 West and 8A West trails, which allows snowmobiles to use the first approximately 200 yards of Hooper Hill to access their bypass trail 8 West. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried. (Please see the attached for clarification.)

P. Manson stated there have been no applications or inquiries received regarding the opened Highway Department Employee position.

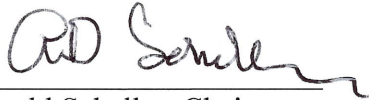
B. DuBois discussed conditions for closing the Transfer Station, specifically extremely cold weather.

A. Scheller requested Randy Rugar determine what the ideal operating temperatures are for the equipment being used at the Transfer Station.

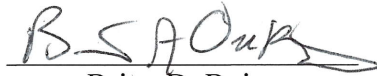
P. Manson suggested the dump be closed on extremely cold days to protect the equipment.

R. Ducheneau made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:52pm. Seconded by B. DuBois. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

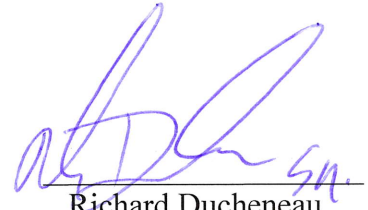
Respectfully submitted by: Erin D. Ganzel, Town Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Brian DuBois



Richard Ducheneau