

**Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Town of Wentworth  
February 06, 2024**

Those present: Richard Ducheneau, Brian DuBois, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Omer Ahern, Izzy Mercier, Linda Franz, George Morrill, and Erin Ganzel

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

R. Ducheneau reported on the Budget Hearing held on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The library budget needed clarification, which was resolved during a special meeting held on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The budget has been finalized.

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

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I. Mercier stated the next Conservation Commission meeting would be held February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Town Offices. She inquired with Chief Trott regarding the 911 address for the entrance to the Town Forest walking trails.

Chief Trott responded that the marked entrance to the parking lot appears to be on an incorrect parcel. Mrs. Trott did inquire for more details.

D. Brown responded to concerns brought forth to the Select Board regarding the Wentworth Cemetery Association. Duane is a direction on the board of East Side Cemetery and also a director on the Wentworth Cemetery Association. The WCA oversees each of the three cemeteries in Wentworth. He reports that all cemetery boards are functioning as they should in terms of finances and leadership. Duane reminds the Board that about 2 years ago, the Town voted against taking over the cemeteries so it was to be left to be run as non-profits. According to RSA 289:2, the Town must have a cemetery or an agreement with a non-profit cemetery available to the residents. The Town is in compliance of this RSA but more land may need to be purchased in the future as populations increase. Duane briefly commented on Plummer's Will, which stipulates how monies should be disbursed. Monies received are not from the Town, but from the trust.

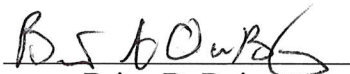
O. Ahern reports that the county is working on the budget for Fiscal Year 2024. There is a new Corrections Superintendent, Tim Lethbridge. He is working with Corrections Officers to come up with better, more flexible scheduling for employees. There are approximately 100 residents with 35 open beds due to lack of staffing. This has enticed more employees to join. Omer is hoping to start his "Just Omer" shows on YouTube out of the Plymouth TV station.

**R. Ducheneau makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:46pm. Seconded by B. DuBois. Both voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by: Erin D. Ganzel, Town Administrator



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Brian DuBois



Richard Ducheneau

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 02/06/2024**

**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.**

Since our last activity report Chief Trott has conducted several speed details as well as two (2) DWI details. The details were very productive and during one of the DWI details Chief Trott arrested a Wentworth resident for Operating After Suspension. He was later released on a hand summons.

Chief Trott was contacted by the Grafton County Sheriffs Department who advised him that they had arrested a Vermont resident on an arrest warrant issued by the Wentworth Police Department. Chief Trott forwarded a copy of signed warrant, affidavit and complaint and the subject was later released and given a future court date to answer to his charge.

The WPD has taken a report of criminal trespass which is still being investigated.

Chief Trott took care of registered a sex offender who is mandated to register with the state of New Hampshire. The registration process was completed and the required paperwork and information forwarded to the Sex Offender Registry in Concord.

The WPD took a report from a Wentworth resident regarding a property line dispute which is usually a civil matter. In looking into the matter further there may have been some other issues such as criminal trespass and or removal of boundary pins. That matter is still under investigation.

Chief Trott has also taken part in and successfully completed the following mandatory trainings, Ethics, Implicit Bias, Der-Escalation, and Prioritizing Mental Health.

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

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 03:26 PM EST

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Calls for service.

1/16 Motor vehicle off the road rt 25 a

1/24 fire alarm activation 53 east side road faulty sprinkler head

1/26 motor vehicle fire with exposure Rumney

1/31 building fire Rumney, eng 3 response with 6 fire fighters contained to attic area good save by all involved,.Wentworth and plymouth are on automatic to all building fires in Rumney

Training

level 1 students training in house at our station

air pack and ppe

pump operational training

water source training

Other

Discussion with Orfords interim chief and select board member on the issues that arose in Orford when the chief and 14 firefighters resigned recently. Discussions were only about their present needs to help them out of this bind providing fire protection in those areas. Wentworth fire to be automatic response to all calls from the Wentworth line to the top of mount cube and on first alarm for anything beyond that, while the town of Orford can regroup and rebuild their department.

Budget hearing accomplished, now getting paper work ready for town report.

Rescue sled and equipment training coming up in the very near future

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department

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