

**Select Board Meeting
Town of Wentworth
February 20, 2024**

Those present: Arnold D. Scheller, Richard Ducheneau, Brian DuBois, Linda Franz, Phil Chandonnet, Paul Davis Sr, Darlene Oakes, Brian Thibodeau, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, and Erin Ganzel

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

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

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B. Thibodeau is the Road Agent in Dorchester, NH and a resident of Wentworth, NH. Dorchester currently uses Rumney's Transfer Station for their waste disposal. Brian, on behalf of the Dorchester Select Board, is requesting the Town of Wentworth consider forming a contract with Dorchester to dispose of their waste in 2025. The Select Board has approved this request and will look into the process for 2025.

P. Davis, Sr and P. Chandonnet discussed the "Swap Shop" at the Transfer Station. Many items are being put in there that should not be, which is accruing a cost for the Town. Campton/Thornton Transfer Station closed theirs due to the same issue. Discussion followed on how to resolve this issue, including clearer signage and posting to the Town's website.

A. Scheller reported on behalf of the Road Agent. He states that 5 projects have come to fruition, including Frescoln Rd Bridge (80% State, 20% Town), North Dorchester Rd Culverts (90% Federal, 10% Town), Cross Road (75% Federal, 25% Town), and the Rowentown Rd Culverts (90% Federal, 10% Town).

Discussion regarding the usage of the Unexpended Fund Balance ensued. L. Franz states that the UFB should not be used before Tax Rate Setting in the case we need to use the funds to reduce our tax rate. Chief Ames replies that at a Town Meeting several years ago, it was made clear the townspeople wanted department heads to carry over their unexpended funds to reduce the amount raised through taxation the following budget year. The Select Board agreed to consider these points and discuss them with the Department of Revenue to clarify for the 2025 Budget.

There was discussion regarding Article 09 on the 2024 Warrant Articles: *"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$142,710 for the operating expenses associated with Ambulance Services."* Chief Ames reported Plymouth Ambulance Services have contracted with Rumney for the approximate cost of \$105,000. Rumney is required to run a rescue piece to back to Plymouth to fill the station. Plymouth Ambulance bills the Towns directly for any uncollected monies. It was stated that there isn't much flexibility when it comes to reducing the amount requesting, as the service simply won't be available should we choose not to wholly fund it.

A. Scheller makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm. 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 02/20/2024

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.

Chief Trott coordinated with a police department in Homosassa Florida to have one of their residents served with a Notice Against Trespass for a piece of property in Wentworth. The request was made by a Wentworth resident and they completed the Notice Against Trespass for the property that they own or are in control of.

Chief Trott responded to a reported fire at Precision Lumber. Chief Ames arrived right after Chief Trott and assumed command of the scene. Chief Ames will cover details in his report.

Chief Trott responded to a burglar activation at a Wentworth residence on the south side of town. Upon arrival it was determined that the alarm was set off by some canines inside the residence.

Chief Trott checked on a suspicious vehicle that had been left on the side of Buffalo Road. It had been left there temporarily and was later removed by it's registered owner.

Chief Trott responded to a residence in Orford to assist Orford P.D. and Piermont P.D. with a residential burglar alarm activation. Upon arrival it was found that the alarm had been accidentally set off by contractors who were working on the outside of the residence at the time.

Chief Trott was contacted by a Wentworth business owner as well as a couple of residents regarding a large sign that had been at the intersection of Rte # 25 and North Dorchester Road. The sign promoted the Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club as well as some other businesses. The sign is now missing. If anyone has any knowledge as to what happened to the sign please contact Chief Trott.



Chief Trott received a call from a resident in North Carolina that was concerned about a friend who resides in Wentworth that he has not heard from in some time and has been unable to contact him. He requested a welfare check be done. Chief Trott made contact with the Wentworth resident who stated that he would contact his friend and thanked Chief Trott for checking on him.

Chief Trott was invited to a staff meeting at the Wentworth Elementary School and asked to discuss the topic of "Mandatory Reporting". Chief Trott met with staff and they reviewed and discussed the WES policy on mandatory reporting and then they held a round table to field any follow up questions and or concerns.

Chief Trott assisted the Windsor Vermont Police Department with the service of a Notice Against Trespass. The WPD requested assistance in getting a Wentworth resident served notifying him that he was not allowed on any school property covered by the Windsor Vermont Southeast Supervisory Union. Chief Trott met with the Wentworth resident and he was served in person and given a copy of the Notice Against Trespass.



(No Subject)

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

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 10:39 AM EST

Calls for service

2/6 building fire Precesion lumber, Rumney Warren to assist. quick knock down, caused by an electric motor
2/15 Placed on Automatic for all calls for Rumney while they were in Canaan on a building fire
2/17 outside fire seen from rt 25 was on turner road Borger property was a legal burn
2/17 another call to the Borger property for same brush pile call seen from rt 25

Training

Combined training with rescue boggan, snowmobile rescue gear 2/18. Had 5 members attend from Warren Wentworth ambulance service. Seven from the fire department, discussed operations, cold weather gear, and patient care. and then operated with equipment, and packaged patient to extricate from the accident area. Review our Facebook page for information and pictures.

Greenie training consisted of hose deployment, hose packing, and the various different hose lays
Full department training consisted of going over water source operations. and the various appliances used.

Other

Meetings,

We had our building committee meeting, We also had a grants committee meeting.
Had a fire commissioners meeting.

Upcoming meetings and programs

Ladder training to include victim removal down a ladder

Forest fire training

Safety meeting at the elementary school

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department

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