

Select Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Wentworth
May 16, 2023

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Rick Ducheneau, Brian DuBois, Ron Giroux, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Linda Brownson, and Erin Ganzel

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

A. Scheller reported a Town resident called on behalf of the N Dorchester Rd bridge construction. The diaphragm will be completely redone.

R. Ducheneau commented on the driveway application for Adams. He requests that the driveway not go over the railroad bed unless legal.

A. Scheller recognized Chief Trott for National Police Week.

A. Scheller stated the WES Student Council will be placing flags at all Veteran's graves in honor of Memorial Day on Friday May 26th.

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

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

Chief Ames reminded the community that Fire Permits are required for all outside burning, including portable and/or raised fireplaces.

A. Scheller reported on behalf of the Road Agent. The Highway Department has been continuing to grade roads and put down magnesium citrate where warranted. The Highway Department is still looking for a third person to join the team.

A. Scheller discussed the bid received for Nichols Hill Road. The road needs to be widened about 100 feet. The Road Agent will be away for vacation, so Dylan Leonard could do the job. Paul would help with rip rap in the ditch and seeding the hill when he returns.

R. Ducheneau made a motion to rent Scheller LLC's excavator trucks for the project needed on Nichols Hill Rd. Seconded by B. DuBois. Both voted yes, and the motion carried.

L. Brownson reported on behalf of the Conservation Committee. The CC spent time training with DES on proper water testing procedures. They will be responsible for testing at Paiges, Saunders Hill Rd bridge, and the bridge by the Warren/Wentworth town line.

A. Scheller discussed the Town Moderator would like to step down from his position at the next election. We must focus on filling the position, perhaps with someone who could shadow Steve over the next couple of years.

A. Scheller discussed the meeting on Hooper Hill Road. There were several members of the public present, including the State Forest Warden, Trails Bureau, and BRVSC. It appears that there was a bridge where the culvert is now. The culvert was put in temporarily when the bridge was destroyed, however it was not returned to its prior state. The culvert cannot handle the amount of water coming down. The Trails

Bureau strongly recommended replacing the culvert with a bridge. The culvert must stay in place until a permit is obtained from DES because there is an active brook at the location.

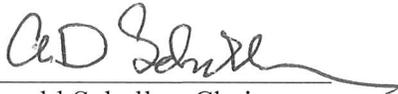
R. Ducheneau made a motion to allow the Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club to replace the washed-out culvert on the Class 6 section of Hooper Hill Rd. Replacement is to be a skidder bridge, with concrete blocks and skidder panels, as discussed with all parties at the meeting on site on 05/09/2023. The Snowmobile club will work with the Trail Bureau to file permit application with NH DES. Upon completion and inspection by the Road Agent, the road closure will be lifted and returned to normal Class 6 status including snowmobile use in the winter. Seconded by B. DuBois. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

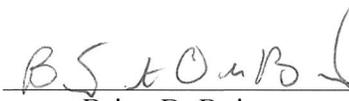
R. Ducheneau makes a motion to have the deed retrieved for the property just below the washout of the Class 6 section. Seconded by A. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

R. Ducheneau reported on the recent School Board meeting. Their Fiscal Year ends in July, thus an adjustment to their budget has been made for Special Ed funding. An estimated \$50,000 should be returned to the Town to offset costs.

A. Scheller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. Seconded by B. DuBois. All three 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 05/16/2023

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.

This is Law Enforcement Appreciation Week so first and foremost I would like to just take a moment of silence for all of the fallen officers across our country.

The last couple of weeks has seen some uptick in calls for service mostly related to the good weather. We have had several calls regarding motor vehicle complaints, ranging from speeders to reckless operation calls. We deals with these calls as best we can and have started being more proactive, I would just ask for some patience and understanding seeing where we have only two officers on our roster right now.

To help curb speeding complaints in the area of the Wentworth Elementary School, we have once again allowed the WES to utilize our radar dolly which is placed outside the school daily during school hours and when weather permits. I have also partnered with Chief Semertgakis from the Warren Police Department and we have set up and run radar on both sides of the WES. This has proved to be beneficial and motor vehicle traffic has slowed down considerably.

Since our last S/B meeting I/we have not received any further complaints or issues regarding the sub-contractors that working in our area to install the high speed internet lines. I have also noted an increase in the number of people that they are using for traffic control, an issue I spoke with one of the road site supervisors about. Apparently he was listening to our concerns and addressed them.

Chief Trott handled a call for a suspicious person at an unoccupied residence in Wentworth. With the help of some residents we were able to identify the female and speak with the property owner.



The matter was resolved and there did not appear to be any criminal intent with the suspicious person, they had been friends with former residents and were looking to check on them not knowing that circumstances had changed there.

Chief Trott attended an information meeting with local Chiefs of Police as well as the Grafton County Attorney, Marcie Hornick, and two of her Deputy County Attorneys. The meeting was for the purpose of updating departments on how the GCAO is prioritizing felony cases and how the process will change when the pilot program Felonies First becomes non-existent as of July 2023. The meeting was very productive and informational.

Chief Trott conducted a civil standby this past weekend on Mothers Day. The civil standby involved 4 different people, all family members with the exception of one. This was scheduled and organized with Chief Trott prior to the event and although it was lengthy it completed without incident.

Chief Trott and our Office Manager, Martha Trott, continue to utilize the RMS/CSI computer system and are still taking advantage of any trainings regarding RMS/CSI whenever they are available.

Chief Trott continues to be active in the school and has several public relations events scheduled between now and the end of school.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials or a name, enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

(No Subject)

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

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 03:55 PM EDT

Calls for service

5/8 lift assist aid ambulance

5/11 Mutual aid Warren Fire Alarm activation cancelled en route

5/12 Mutual Aid to Rumney for a woodland fire caused by camp fire it went to a first alarm due to the wind and high fire danger

5/16 Smoke investigation Red oak hill, illegal burn, improper time of day, improper material, improper distance from building home owner extinguished and was educated on the open burn laws in NH

Training

Twin State training programs went well, the Wentworth fire fighters all passed their areas being trained in, Gas metering, Auto extrication, and stop the bleed, cpr and aed.

Several fire fighters attended the training with Canaan fire on wildland fire, getting some hands on during the live burn session.

Greenie training went fantastic as we prepared the new members for upcoming race track duty they went through various extinguishers, foam, hose deployment and other various tools.

Other

Fire permits required for all outside burning, we have limited the allowable burn categories to 1 and 2 with no brush pile burning cat 3 at this time due to high fire danger. Watch on our face book page for future updates on outside burning.

Outside Portable fire pits/places require a burn permit, view our question and answers pertaining to permits on our Facebook page Dont forget our plant and bake sale May 27th at the station from 9 to 1

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department

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