

**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Town of Wentworth**  
**August 08, 2023**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Rick Ducheneau, Brian DuBois, Phil & Kim Chandonnet, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Craig Pasco, Linda Brownson, Kathy Keefe, Izzy Mercier, Richard Borger Sr, Richard Borger Jr, John Comeau, Kaytlynn Monroe, Omer Ahern, and Erin Ganzel

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

A. Scheller reported that the Road Agent will be off for the week. Dylan will be helping Adam with the roads.

R. Ducheneau spoke to the group heading the Broadband project. NHEC has agreed to fund internet for some municipal buildings.

A. Scheller reported that residents must go to the NHEC website to sign up for Broadband.

B. DuBois inquired about the progress of the new Transfer Station permits. P. Chandonnet responded that they have been going without issue.

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

C. Pasco inquired if the NH Humane Society would annually hold a dog and cat food drive. Chief Trott responded he was unsure as this was the first event of its kind.

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

L. Brownson reported on the most recent Conservation Commission meeting. Motions were made to appoint Jordan King as Town Forester, to adopt a new recreation plan for the town forest, and to amend the map of the walking trails.

**A. Scheller makes a motion to accept and sign Jordan King's contract as Town Forester. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

A. Scheller suggests the Board makes a vote on the Conservation Commissions amended trail plan.

R. Borger, Sr suggests we do not vote on the plan as is and that it should go before Town Meeting.

C. Pasco states that the Select Board is not listening to the Town when it comes to this matter.

B. DuBois states that the Conservation Commission has requested permission to use the skidder paths as walking trails in their amended plans. The plan should match up to the plan presented by Jordan King.

R. Borger, Sr wants it to be written into the plan, to be presented before Town Meeting so discussions can take place.

B. DuBois states he believes the vote should be held until Town Meeting. He requests assistance from R. Borger, Sr and abutters, and the Conservation Commission in working up a plan.

C. Pasco states he is concerned with the Conservation Commission taking grant money that may impose restrictions on the use of the land. L. Brownson stated that no grants will be received that would do such.

R. Ducheneau states he does not want the Conservation Commission taking any federal grant monies that may impose land use restrictions.

Chief Ames states that if rules and regulations were to be posted, there is no way to enforce them without a Town Ordinance.

R. Borger, Jr states that he was please with the turnout at the last meeting. He requests safeguarding statements in the new plan that reiterate the trails will not be expanded and it will only be the loop trail as agreed upon. L. Brownson responded that it would be included in the final plan.

J. Comeau states he is concerned that if the map of the trail is not amended, then people will end up behind his house or onto abutters properties because there are other skidder trails that are within view of the proposed loop trail.

R. Ducheneau states that he believes the vote on the plan needs to go before Town Meeting.

B. DuBois requested 6-8 people to get together to walk the loop trail and discuss the plan. Several of those present agreed to attend on Saturday August 19 at 3:30pm.

R. Borger, Sr has requested the final plan be reviewed by attorney before being presented at Town Meeting.

L. Brownson stated the next Conservation Commission meeting is September 6<sup>th</sup>.

J. Comeau inquired what would happen to the existing skidder/logging trail. A. Scheller reported that the next round of cut should not affect the walking trail, but if it does then the cut takes precedence.

K. Chandonnet inquired if the Conservation Commission was managing the Town Forest? A. Scheller reported that yes, they are entitled to managing it with Jordan King as the Town Forester.

**A. Scheller makes a motion to accept the bid from United Ag & Turf for the 2023 X350 John Deere Tractor priced at \$3680.00. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

K. Monroe gave a presentation from Twin States Clean Energy Link, which is attached to these minutes.

R. Borger, Jr voiced concerns about property values dropping for abutters.

K. Keefe inquired if there were any health concerns that abutters should be aware of with the higher voltage coming through the new lines.

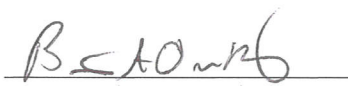
K. Monroe states that there would not be construction until 2027, but long before then there will be an open house held in Wentworth for residents to attend where they can get more information.

**A. Scheller makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. R. Ducheneau seconded it. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

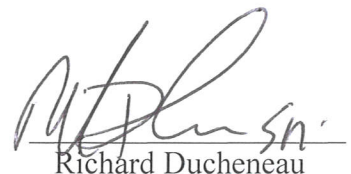
Respectfully submitted by: Erin D. Ganzel, Town Administrator



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Brian DuBois



Richard Ducheneau

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 08/08/2023**

**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.**

The WPD has taken care of several administrative items over the last two weeks consisting of VIN verifications and 911 address assignments and follow ups.

Chief Trott was invited by New Hampshire State Police to take part in the dedication of two new granite crosses at the Wentworth Warren town line where two troopers and a civilian lost their lives in a tragic accident over 39 years ago. The event was organized by New Hampshire State Police and was well attended.

Chief Trott took a fraud report from a Wentworth resident who had sold an item on Face-Book Marketplace and the transaction was completed by the buyer using what looked to be a valid PayPal transaction. After the item that was purchased was shipped out to the buyer the seller realized that the PayPal transaction was a fraudulent one. The matter is also being investigated by another agency where the item that was sold was shipped to.

Chief Trott wants to remind our residents that social media sites continue to be the playing fields for criminals who are well versed in utilizing computers to scam people out of money. Please be sure that the people, companies, and organizations that you are dealing with are legitimate.

There were races scheduled for the last two Fridays and the weather cooperated on one Friday and not the following Friday. The Friday that the races did run there were no reported incidents and it was well attended. Despite the rain the track manager Ron Giroux still maintains a positive attitude and encourages people to come and check the race track out and the new positive changes that have been made.

The Wentworth Open Air Market has been up and operating for the past two weekends now. There have been no reported issues and both days seemed to be very active and productive.



Chief Trott conducted two more OHRV patrols in our community over the weekend. This is just a reminder that these patrols are funded by a grant that Chief Trott applied for and was granted by New Hampshire Fish and Game. These patrols are at no cost to the town of Wentworth or its residents.

Chief Trott took part in a public relations event with the New Hampshire Humane Society in conjunction with CHEWY.COM. Chief Trott as well as numerous other agencies in the area associated with the New Hampshire Humane Society was invited to their facility in Meredith where CHEWY.COM donated dog food, cat food, chicken food, horse food, dog and cat carriers, dog and cat beds, as well as healthy items for dogs such as GREENIE treats that assist dogs in keeping their teeth healthy and helps fight tartar build up. These items were donated by CHEWY.COM free of charge and distributed to communities for people and families within the communities that may need help with feeding and caring for their animals. Chief Trott returned and over the next few days distributed approximately 1100 pounds of pet food and various supplies to Wentworth residents. This program was well received and the Wentworth residents donated to were very appreciative and thankful.

Between our Town Clerk Deb Ziembra and Darlene Oakes, as well as the Wentworth Police Department, we have been able to minimize the list of residents that have not licensed their dogs yet to just a handful of people, and, those people have been contacted and have assured us that they will be in to take care of the licensing of their dogs with the town clerk ASAP. Good job Deb and Darlene.

I have worked the past couple of weekends and during the heavy rains and I have to say that Paul and the WHD has done a great job on the roads and the repairs. They held up great and they should be recognized for that.

Chief Wallace Trott  
Wentworth Police Department

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calls for service

Mutual aid fire alarm activation Warren

Tree Wires down rt 25a Wentworth

Trauma Injury mutual aid to Orford injured hiker

Motor vehicle accident mutual aid in Warren

Dhart landing zone ambulance assist Wentworth

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department