

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Wentworth
August 22, 2023**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Rick Ducheneau, Brian DuBois, Chief Trott, Izzy Mercier, Richard Borger Sr, Angela & Neil Borger, George Morrill, and Erin Ganzel

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

B. DuBois reported on the Town Forest walk-thru. He reports that open discussions were had between the Select Board members, Conservation Commission, public, and abutters. He suggested a “workshop” meeting where all interested parties get together to form a Warrant Article to be placed on the 2024 Warrant.

R. Borger, Sr. requests that the town’s attorney review all final plans and documents.

B. DuBois stated that himself and R. Ducheneau will be present at the September 6th Conservation Commission meeting. He also stated that no further decisions will be made on the Town Forest until Town Meeting.

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

A. Scheller reported the Old Town Hall received a \$40,000 grant for renovations through Grafton County’s leftover ARPA funds.

R. Ducheneau reported on the School Board meeting. There are 10 new kindergarteners this year with a total of 72 students at Wentworth Elementary School.

F. Muzzey updated on the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service. WWAS has purchased two new ambulances in the last few months to increase the number of transfers they are able to do, ultimately increasing revenue. He hopes that in 2024, the WWAS will request a smaller amount from the Town. He is pushing for a “formula based” bill based on population, services rendered, etc. to give a clear explanation of cost.

G. Morrill reports that WWAS will work more closely with the Town this year during budget season.

A. Scheller makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39pm. 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 08/22/2023

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 last couple of weeks have been very busy for us for several reasons. Motor vehicle traffic has increased significantly I believe due to the summer winding down and people wanting to get what they can for vacations and day trips. As a result of that our proactive motor vehicle work has also increased.

We have conducted several welfare checks over the last couple of weeks, all of which have ended positively, and one where Chief Trott was able to assist a resident with an issue with their phone service.

We have also had an uptick in reported thefts from our community. One report where someone gained entry to an unoccupied residence and several tools were stolen. Another where entry was gained to another unoccupied residence and although it does not appear that anything was taken there was some damage done to items inside the residence. Both incidents are still currently under investigation.

This is a good time for me to remind our residents that it is important to help us be proactive in matters such as these. **“If you see something, say something”**. Even something small that may seem out of place may be helpful in us solving one of these crimes or possibly even both.

We have handled a couple of juvenile matters over the last few weeks all of which involved social media. I cannot encourage parents and guardians enough to monitor what your children may be doing on social media. I have had conversations with parents and guardians regarding this issue and some are still worried that it will create problems with their children about violating a trust issue. I would argue that as a parent and or guardian you have an obligation and responsibility to keep your child safe until they are older and mature.

Chief Trott

We have been moving forward on the two grants from the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety. The selectmen have probably already seen some additional paperwork regarding them. I want to thank and recognize Erin for working with me on these two grants. She has been instrumental in seeing that we meet our deadlines and any all additional required information is obtained and forwarded in a timely manner.

We took a report of a missing 10-year-old girl this past week from Wentworth. New Hampshire State Police had an excellent response time and prior to my arrival they had located the girl at a friends house. The parent/guardian took care of the matter with the ten-year-old and not making an adult aware of where she was or who she was with. We have a great working rapport with our sister law enforcement agencies and they deserve credit when they do a great job covering for us as well.

The race track once again was the victim of uncooperative weather. They raced once out of the last two weeks. Having said that, I have been contacted by Ron Giroux who pointed out an error in the track schedule. The race scheduled for Friday 09/15/2023 is actually supposed to be on Saturday 09/16/2023 and the next two races, 09/23/and 09/30, are also scheduled for Saturdays. Ron just wanted to make sure that everyone was aware. I advised Ron that I do not have an issue with it, but that I could not speak for Chief Ames, and that I would make the S/B aware at this meeting.

Chief Wallace Trott
Wentworth Police Department

