

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2020**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Palmer Koelb, Steve Davis, Jim Folsom, John Meade, Kathy Keefe, Andrew Lasser, and Linda Franz. Omer Ahern intermittently by phone and Janice Thompson by phone.

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Select Board signed the following documents:

Vendor and payroll checks.

Minutes for July 28, 2020.

Driveway permit for Carroll/Machett.

Approval for town-wide yard sale to take place at Hamilton Field on Sept. 5 from 10am to 3pm.

Rules to be posted to Face Book.

Purchase inquiry for town-owned property put on hold pending further research to determine fair market value, bid process, etc. Interest was lukewarm.

Appointment of an ex-officio Select Board member for the Planning Board is pending further information regarding responsibilities from John Meade.

Jordan King reported that Hooper Hill Emergency Lane needs culverts and gravel with an estimated cost of \$1,200.00. Paul Manson said that the Town has extra culverts and gravel and can complete the project very easily. Some discussion about using Capital Reserve as opposed to just coming out of Highway budget as the cost is not much. John Meade and Jeff Ames feel that the townspeople may show concern that we appropriated funds for emergency lanes and did not use it. After some discussion, it was determined that keeping the capital reserve intact and use for future emergency lane repairs.

J.King made a motion to use materials already on hand, purchased by the Highway Dept. (culverts and gravel) to repair Hooper Hill Emergency Lane. Seconded by A.Scheller. J.King voted yes, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted no as he felt it was a conflict of interest because J.King lives on that road. Motion carried with a vote of 2 to 1.

Riverside Park issues were discussed. A.Scheller stated that there are four jurisdictions comprising the park: The Town; the library; the Paiges and the river itself. Rhetorical questions: what is ultimate goal; what things are in our control and what things not in our control. Problems include trash (barrels and DPW pick up), sanitization (porta potty) and crowd control (policing).

Arnie Scheller spoke with Fish and Game, and was advised that the Baker River is a level 3 per RSA 483-B 4 XVI C. Public must be allowed access to the highwater mark.

Steve Davis informed that the 2011 hurricane Irene, FEMA would not fund cleanup as the park was open to residents only. Town volunteers cleaned the park. The Town then decided to

open it up to the public as they felt it was the good thing to do. We did receive FEMA funding for the 2017 storms. Many surrounding towns are having similar issues with trash, crowds, etc. Steve suggests that we close the park due to COVID-19 until we come up with a plan.

Palmer Koelb gave a brief history of the park. In 1985 a skating rink was built where the existing tennis courts are. There was a lot of trash being dumped there, so a Parks & Rec committee was formed. They decided to build a tennis court instead. This was very popular for a time. They also had volleyball, horseshoes and fundraisers. A.Scheller said it was a noble mission and we should strive to back to this. A series of floods washed part of the river away. A large rock that is in the middle of the river today, used to be the edge of the river before flooding. The Town had many activities at the park.

Chief Trott addressed the ordinance regarding the park. Problem is that restrictions, rules have no signage. Chief Trott and Chief Ames to work on updated ordinance with a public hearing. **A.Scheller made a motion to have Chief Trott and Chief Ames look at current ordinance and propose updates. Seconded by J.King. Two voted in the affirmative and motion carried.**

John Meade conducted a small poll. Taxpayers indicated that they would like residents only at Riverside Park. Select Board needs to hear feedback directly.

J.King says that we need a Parks & Rec committee. He made a plea for community involvement, just don't complain on social media without making an effort to help. If there are concerns, email the office, make a phone call, write a letter and the Select Board will address and help to fix. SB can't do all of this themselves.

Kathy Keefe informed that she inquired on social media if there was any interest in forming a Parks & Rec committee. There was no interest at all.

Chief Trott addressed a situation that happened today. A family from Wentworth was swimming at the park and wearing masks. They were mistaken by other residents for being out of stater and started throwing rocks and sticks at them from houses and bridges. This is mob mentality and that is not how to handle things. Jeff Ames said we should enforce ordinances.

Janice Thompson was concerned about the recent cleanup of feces at Riverside Park. She felt that proper procedures/precautions were not used and volunteers could have been exposed to parasites, bacteria, and COVID-19, etc. and wanted to know where it was dumped. A.Scheller said it was dumped on his farm. Suggests to get direction from DES should this happen again.

After these discussions about Riverside Park, the following motions were made:
A.Scheller made a motion to delineate public rights of way citing the Guideline of NH Public Rivers and Streams Conservation Act 2016, specifically RSA 483-B:4 XVI C as it applies to Baker River being a 3rd order stream, public has access to highwater mark, public has access to the flood plain. A meeting will be set up with Select Board, Fish & Game, resident representative to look at the area. Seconded by J.King. Two voted in the affirmative and motion carried.

A.Scheller made a motion for the Town of Wentworth to establish a parking area on Town land only. Parking area will be delineated by signage and fencing. Rules and ordinances to be enforced by the police. Seconded by J.King. Two voted in the affirmative and motion carried.

A.Scheller made a motion that the Town of Wentworth Road Agent provide a way to delineate parking lot using cull logs from local lumber yard. Seconded by J.King. Two voted in the affirmative and motion carried.

A.Scheller met with Gayle Paige to discuss her feelings about Riverside Park. She has some wishes that are a part of these minutes.

A.Scheller made a few inquiries about getting rid of the bottles at the Transfer Station, but no interest yet. Jim Folsom stated that he thought it was decided to go to VT food bank. Jim will follow up.

Chief Trott provided a written report for the Police Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

In addition to his report, Chief Trott announced that he would like to do a Jail and Bail fundraiser to raise money for body cameras and accessories and services needed. He was informed that he would have to set up a 501c3 and should talk with Sonia Scheller about possibly holding money raised in her 501c3 for the Veterans Memorial.

Chief Ames provided a written report for the Fire Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

Road Agent, Paul Manson, provided a written report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

In addition to his report, Paul Manson reported that the 2012 International truck is costing the Town approximately \$10,000 per year to maintain and repair. The Town of Bedford has a 2014 International with 31K miles (60K fewer than ours) that will be sold through a closed bid. Paul will explore further. The backhoe is also on its way out. May have to consider buying one and leasing the other. He has also researched some grants.


Pertaining to the gravel pit, J.King is expecting to have a site meeting with DES and Select Board later this month.

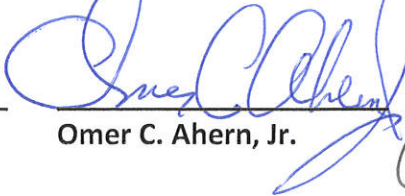
Andrew Lasser sent out Requests for Information to Consolidated Communications and Spectrum. He is still looking into getting some funding from the state and has been in touch with State Senator Giuda.


A.Lasser also introduced the idea of starting a Town Face Book page. The Select Board is not in favor and felt that it would take too much administration. They prefer face to face through Zoom. There have no participants for the last couple of meetings. A.Lasser will come up with a proposal for getting a large screen television and camera to conduct more effective Zoom meetings.

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. Two voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant


Arnold Scheller, Chair


Omer C. Ahern, Jr.


Jordan King

Gayle Paige's Wishes

Gail would like to have everyone come and enjoy the swimming hole that has been opened to the public by her father.

She requests that people:

- Limit time spent at the swimming hole so others may enjoy.
- Show respect for others.
- Use good judgement.
- Exhibit common courtesy.
- Carry in and carry out.
- Groups of 10 people maximum.
- No large gatherings or all day picnickers without authorization.
- JOYFUL NOISE ONLY.

WPD Activity Report
Presented 08/11/2020

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 continues to take part in in the scheduled conference calls held during the week regarding updates concerning COVID-19, as well as Law Enforcement Update calls. These calls still remain a priority for us.

The WPD was made aware of a domestic violence petition that had been issued by the Plymouth Family Court for a person currently staying in Wentworth. Chief Trott was contacted by Voices Against Violence and a safety plan was put in place for the involved party.

Chief Trott took a report of a stolen kayak that had reportedly been delivered to the wrong address in Wentworth by UPS. That matter is still under investigation.

Chief Trott and Officer Eck responded to the upper end of Rowentown Road after one of the race track details for a report of an explosion and possibly some gunshots or fireworks. Chief Jeff Ames and members of the WFD also responded and staged in the area. Chief Trott and Officer Eck found that the source of the explosion had been some people shooting some “tannerite” targets which are targets that explode when shot. There were also fireworks that had been set off. Everything taking place was legal and there were no violations so after speaking with the involved parties Chief Trott and Officer Eck cleared and then informed Chief Ames of their findings.

Chief Trott has conducted several OHRV patrols over the last weekends and has made numerous contacts with OHRV riders during those patrols. There were no reported issues and Chief Trott conducted several safety checks during these patrols.

We has no reported issues at either Hamilton Field or Riverside Park this past weekend. The Farmers Market appeared to be another success this past weekend and it was even a little more busier in the area because of a wedding off of Rte#25 that was taking place at the same time.

Chief Trott met with a Wentworth property owner who turned over 48 used syringes that had been found in a closet in a building on his property. The WPD took possession of the syringes and they were disposed of properly.

We have worked two more details at Rumtown Speedway race track with no reported incidents. I am pleased to say that this is the smoothest that the race track has run since I have been Chief of Police here which is 5 years now. The owner/manager Dan Bowne deserves a lot of credit for running such a tight ship and for being so considerate of the Wentworth community.

As you know last Tuesday we were paid a visit by tropical storm Isaias. The Wentworth Police Department, Wentworth Fire Department and Wentworth Highway Department were all out in that storm managing calls as we were receiving them, and as some of you may know, some of those calls were coming in back to back. As first responders we train and prepare time and time again for emergency situations just like that night. I will say that I am very proud to be part of a community where it's volunteer fire department takes so much pride in the work that they do and when the time comes they answer that call for service. It was an ugly night, and as the night went on it got even uglier, but, all of these agencies stepped up and did what they had to do. I want to personally, and professionally, thank Chief Jeff Ames and the members of the WFD, the Wentworth Road Agent Paul Manson and the members of the Wentworth Highway Department, as well as our New Hampshire Department of Transportation shed #202 and their leader Mark Green. All of these people, did an outstanding job and should be recognized for it. Thanks You.

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Wentworth Fire

Calls for service. Wentworth fire has recently responded to seven calls, two motor vehicle accidents one in Wentworth one in Warren. Events of the recent storm we had five calls for service that night four of which were trees down blocking town or state roads and or trees into wires, We then had an alarm activation at King Forest industries which turned out to be a broken sprinkler head with water flow. Each call had multiple members at and we worked closely with both state and town road crews as well as our chief of police.

Training, Wentworth fire has for years been big on training we are in constant traing mode during our meetings, some as basic as location of items onboard apparatus and usage to multiple types of rescue and fire. We are in the motor vehicle accident extracation training now. We do both in house and out of house programs, utilizing the academy, and other outside resources.

Wentworth Members. We again are a growing team we have had two new members come on board in the past 30 days one experianced in some forms of emergency services and a younger gentleman who is going into our explorer program.

Road agent report August 11th 2020

Over the last two weeks we have worked on ditching the roads sides and clearing run off and cleaning culverts on atwell hill road and we have done the paved section of buffalo road.

The evening of august 4th we were called by grafton county dispatch with multiple trees down on town roads, john and alan were called in and we cleared roads so they were passable and worked until 9:00 pm. The following day we removed trees from roads and cleaned up all debris on the roads.

Our backhoe broke down and had to go to the dealer , we have had rental the last two weeks. The back hoe is done and it is running , we need to baby this for the next few months and reaccess! The freightliner went to the dealer and was inspected , it needed minor repairs that the town paid for but had a lot of expensive warranty work done. The international and the F-550 are do for inspection .

Paul Manson

**Wentworth Select Board
Special Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2020**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Omer Ahern, Paul Manson, Francis Muzzey, Steve Welch, Paul DuBois, Andrew Lasser, and Linda Franz.

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

A.Scheller reported that the cull logs were placed at Riverside Park and worked well over the weekend. This limits the parking to 7-10 cars, and no evidence of anyone trying to get around the logs.

P.Manson reported that the backhoe had been at the John Deere dealer, Nortrax, for two weeks for repairs. The Town rented a backhoe during that period. The cost for repairs and rental was approx.\$4,400. Soon after getting the backhoe back from the dealer, it started to lose power and quit. As this is a commercial machine, it needs to be serviced at the dealership. Cost for diagnosis estimated to be from \$1,500-\$2,000. Something wrong with wiring or ECU. He also reported that the Town has spent approx. \$50,000 for repairs during the last 2 ½ years. He submitted three quotes for lease or purchase of new backhoe. He would like to try them out before making any recommendations.

O.Ahern made a motion for P.Manson to arrange to try out three backhoes for one week each if possible. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

J.King made a motion to get the Town's backhoe diagnosed by Nortrax. Seconded by O.Ahern. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Discussions pursued regarding leasing verses purchasing or bond. F.Muzzey and S.Welch stated that the Select Board has the authority to enter into a lease agreement. Bond procedure may be too complicated. F.Muzzey calculated interest on quoted lease amount to average about one percent interest per year, so probably not worth going with a bond. Purchase option would require a vote at a Town Meeting.

J.King feels that it should be decided at next March Town Meeting. He is not in favor of a Special Town Meeting as attendance may be low due to pandemic. He suggested repairing the backhoe and either sell it or keep as a spare.

A.Scheller is leaning toward a lease and no Special Town meeting as it can get expensive and would like to keep things simple. S.Welch provided some procedures for holding a Special Town Meeting, and they are a part of these minutes.

F. Muzzey asked how long the quotes were good for. P.Manson will find out.

Also discussed was the possibility that the Town may have to replace the International truck in the near future and the use of capital reserves.

Discussed the need to appoint an ex-officio for the Planning Board, either a Select Board member or an appointee. O.Ahern expressed his interest as he had served before.

J.King made a motion to appoint O.Ahern as ex-officio for the Planning Board. Seconded by A.Scheller. J.King voted yes. A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern abstained. The motion carried with a quorum vote.

S.Welch presented his plan for the upcoming State elections.

Due to COVID-19 and in an attempt to keep everyone safe, the following procedures will be enforced at the September 8, 2020 State Primary Election:

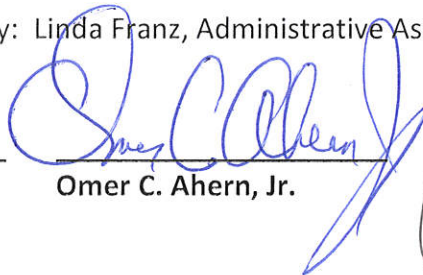
- Elections to be held at the Wentworth School, and no classes will be in session.
- Police or Select Board member or appointee will monitor the school entrance.
- Anyone entering the school must wear a mask.
- If refusal to wear a mask, the Moderator or Town Clerk will deliver a ballot outside in the parking lot. After completed, they will bring to the ballot box.
- Hand sanitizer, wipes and small pencils will be provided.

O.Ahern made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

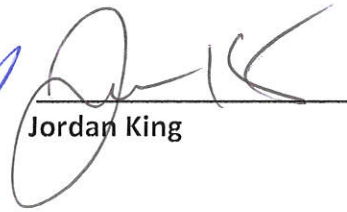
Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chair



Omer C. Ahern, Jr.



Jordan King

practice to put all petitioned articles on the warrant, unless the select board has a clear legal opinion from the town's attorney, or a ruling from a court, stating that the article can be omitted.

D. Special Meetings

When calling a special meeting, the select board must publish a copy of the warrant in a newspaper of general circulation in the town within one week after posting the warrant. RSA 39:4. No money can be raised or appropriated, nor can any appropriation previously made be reduced or rescinded, at any special meeting unless voting is by ballot and the number of ballots cast is equal to at least half of the number of legal voters on the town checklist at the preceding annual or biennial election. RSA 31:5. Otherwise, superior court permission is required. As a practical matter, almost no town can expect a turnout of half the voters, so the alternative of petitioning the superior court must be used. The court must find that an "emergency" exists. If the court grants permission, then the special meeting has the same authority as an annual meeting over the particular emergency expenditure. RSA 31:5.

1. Special Notices

If the select board votes to seek court permission for a special town meeting, a copy of that vote must be posted within 24 hours, and the court petition cannot be filed until at least 10 days later. Within 24 hours of receiving notice from the court of the date of the hearing, the select board must post notice of that court hearing date. Both notices must be posted at the select board's office as well as at two other public places and must be published in a newspaper. RSA 31:5, IV. On or before the date of filing the petition with the superior court, the select board must forward a copy of the petition and warrant article(s) by certified mail to the commissioner of the department of revenue administration.

2. What Is an Emergency?

In order for the superior court to grant a petition from the select board for a special meeting to appropriate money, without half the town's voters present, there must be "an emergency ... requiring an immediate expenditure of money." RSA 31:5, I(b) and (c) provide as follows:

'Emergency' for purposes of this section shall mean a sudden or unexpected situation or occurrence, or combination of occurrences, of a serious and urgent nature, that demands prompt or immediate action, including an immediate expenditure of money. This definition, however, does not establish a requirement that an emergency involves a crisis in every set of circumstances.

To verify that an emergency exists, a petitioner shall present and the court shall consider a number of factors, including:

- The severity of the harm to be avoided.
- The urgency of the petitioner's need.
- Whether the claimed emergency was foreseeable or avoidable.
- Whether the appropriation could have been made at the annual meeting.
- Whether there are alternative remedies not requiring an appropriation.

A similar statute, RSA 197:3, largely identical in wording, applies to school districts.

Once court permission is granted, the special meeting can be used to act on other warrant articles that the select board may wish to insert, even though the court order doesn't include those articles, so long as the town does not try to appropriate money for a purpose not approved by the court.

3. Exceptions to Requirement of Court Permission

There are two exceptions to the requirement that special meetings called to appropriate money must have court permission.

Disaster Funds: If the purpose of a special town meeting is to authorize the expenditure of federal funds allocated to the town as a result of a major disaster as declared by the governor and to appropriate the local matching share for such funds, the law allows this to be done without either meeting the 50 percent voter attendance requirement or receiving court permission. The authorization to expend federal funds and the appropriation of matching funds are the only actions that can be taken at this kind of special meeting. RSA 31:5-a.

Collective Bargaining: When an article dealing with collective bargaining agreement cost items or a fact finder's report has been placed properly on the warrant for the annual meeting, a contingent article may be inserted by the governing body or by petition allowing the governing body to call a later special meeting if the cost items or fact finder's report are rejected at the annual meeting. The suggested wording is: "Shall [the local political subdivision], if article ____ is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article ____ cost items only?" RSA 31:5, III.

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2020**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Omer Ahern, Jordan King, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Francis Muzzey, Kay Bailey, Andrew Lasser, and Linda Franz.

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Select Board signed the following documents:

Vendor and payroll checks

Minutes for August 11 and 18, 2020

Septic approval-Boucher

Request for payment from capital reserve-HEB Engineers

Form M-1

The Personnel Policy was presented for approval. O.Ahern had one change. He would like more time to review. **A.Scheller made a motion to hold off on approval of the Personnel Policy/Employee Handbook until next meeting. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and motion carried.**

Discussed the results of the E.Coli testing of the Baker River. Counts were a little higher this testing, but still below the accepted level. No immediate concerns. The BRWA has acquired their own testing equipment so will be able to do more testing at the same cost to the Town. **J.King made a motion to double the number of E.Coli tests for the same cost as we are now being charged. Seconded by A.Scheller. J.King voted yes. A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern abstained. The motion carried with a quorum vote.**

Discussed the New Hampshire Electric Coop notice regarding a Zoom meeting on October 20, 2020 to discuss and vote for a change in their services to include broadband expansion. Andrew Lasser will attend the Zoom meeting to gather information. He and committee are currently pursuing options with other broadband companies as described in past meetings. O.Ahern expressed concern that he does not want 5G technology for the Town. A.Lasser explained that 5G is wireless cellular service and would not bode well and be unreliable due to interference with the terrain irregularities in this area.

L.Franz will refer the North Country Council's Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan to the Planning Board.

Per DOT notice, repaving of part of Route 25 is delayed until 2021.

Per Avitar letter, there will be no inside inspections in 2020 due to Covid-19. They will be conducted in 2021.

A.Scheller reported that cull logs were placed in Riverside Park designating the parking area, which should help to decrease the number of people in the park at the same time. The porta

potty was also moved. He thanked John King for donating the logs and using his equipment to move them, the police for directing traffic during the move, and all others who were involved.

A.Scheller also discussed the issue of either repairing/purchasing/leasing a backhoe. He says that everyone has been helpful and understanding. O.Ahern suggests the option to purchase used equipment that will cost less and may not require servicing at a dealership. A.Scheller is looking to get innovative ideas from residents.

Chief Trott provided a written report for the Police Department, and it is a part of these minutes. He also reported that the ATV Club is doing their own trail patrols.

A.Scheller advised that people who were attending the farmer's market were inquiring about how they could donate towards body cams for the Police Dept. When the 501c3 is set up, he will notify on how to donate.

Chief Ames provided a written report for the Fire Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

Road Agent, Paul Manson, provided a written report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

In addition to his report, P.Manson addressed an Atwell Hill Road resident's inquiry regarding water pouring on to his property. Water needs to be rerouted, and various options were discussed. Highway Dept. will dig out around culvert and put stone to slow the flow of water and see if this will ease the situation at all. If not, it will be addressed at a later date.

P.Manson reported that the backhoe is back from the dealership. It was full of sludge. It was power cleaned and is now working well so far. He is hoping it will last through the rest of the year.

P.Manson also reported that the International truck is in need of repair for an estimated cost of \$6,840. **O.Ahern made a motion to authorize the repair of the International truck for an approximate amount of \$6,840 and that the Road Agent will take this amount from the Highway Dept. budget. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and motion carried.**

Francis Muzzey expressed concern about making motions involving costs that are broadcast on the internet as it may affect bids.

A.Scheller asked P.Manson to put together a preventative maintenance plan for each piece of town-owned equipment and trucks. Plan should include a breakdown of what employees, Kevin Knapp and dealership can do. He also requested a plan to decrease washouts during sudden rains, especially on critical steep roads.

P.Manson stated that he keeps detailed maintenance logs and schedules. He will put together a complete plan for maintenance and needed equipment and trucks before December's budget meetings. Chief Ames suggested putting together a committee of residents, headed by

P.Manson, for advice on needs and plan. Possible members include John Comeau, Jared King, John King, Brian DuBois and Francis Muzzey.

A.Scheller made a motion for P.Manson to form a committee of community volunteers to support him in coming up with a plan for action items regarding trucks and equipment needs of the Town. Seconded by O.Ahern. All three voted in the affirmative, and motion carried.

J.King reported on the gravel pit. He is in the process of setting up an informational meeting with DES for week of Sept 7-14 regarding an alteration of terrain permit and other things needed. His plan is to have information for town meeting to see if residents want to proceed.

J.King also reported that the engineering study being performed by HEB Engineers for the Frescoln and Cross Road bridges is about 50% completed and is on track with their schedule.

J.King will take a look at the town-owned property that someone is looking to buy to determine a value before Select Board makes a decision to put up for sale or not.

Kay Bailey addressed a few of her concerns about Select Board meeting procedures, interaction with the public in attendance, and decision making by the Select Board.

At 7:04 pm, A.Scheller made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* Seconded by J.King. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

Reentered Public Meeting at 7:12 pm.

A.Scheller made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

At 7:14 pm, A.Scheller made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* Seconded by J.King. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

Reentered Public Meeting at 7:40 pm.

A.Scheller made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

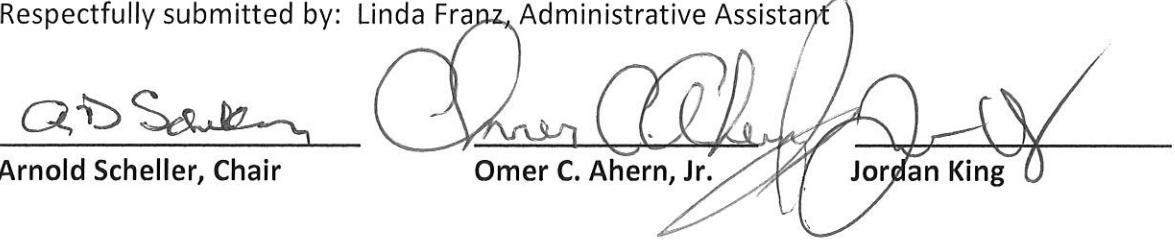
O.Ahern made a motion that the Board grant deed waivers for three agreed-upon properties, map and lot numbers 2-5-4, 4-2-3, 8-7-7 and to enter into tax payment agreements. The

deeding of three other properties will be discussed at a meeting on September 1, 2020. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and motion carried.

O.Ahern discussed the need for appointment of Select Board designees for elections taking place from 8am to 7pm on September 8, 2020. Each Select Board member will provide 2-3 names and preferred times of coverage.

O.Ahern made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Handwritten signatures of Arnold Scheller, Omer C. Ahern, Jr., and Jordan King are shown above their respective printed names. The signatures are written in black ink on a white background. Arnold Scheller's signature is on the left, Omer C. Ahern, Jr.'s is in the middle, and Jordan King's is on the right. Each signature is written over a horizontal line that extends across the width of the signature.

Arnold Scheller, Chair

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We had no reported issues at either Hamilton Field or Riverside Park the past two weekends. The cull logs that were put in place thanks to Arnie Schellar, John King and John Wayne Comeau seemed to be effective and I have had no reported complaints. The Farmers Market as well both weekends appeared to be busy and successful and no reported issues there either.

Chief Trott took care of a sex offender registration and the proper paperwork was completed and forwarded to the sex offender registry in Concord.

Chief Trott also took care of a change of information for a registered sex offender who was moving out of the town of Wentworth. The proper paperwork was completed and sent to the sex offender registry in Concord.

Chief Trott would like to extend a huge thank you to Wentworth Town Clerk Deb Ziemba. Deb came in on a Saturday when contacted by Chief Trott pertaining to a found dog with a dog license from 2011. With Deb’s help the dog was reunited with it’s owner. This could not have been accomplished without her help.

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Wentworth Fire

Calls for service

Canaan forest fire mutual aid

Orford for cover truck then reassigned to Fairlee VT for water shuttle forest fire.

Piermont fire alarm activation general alarm at home on Cape Moonshine Road, Piermont could not cover this call

Warren outside fire mutual aid

Wentworth tree in road rt 25a

Wentworth Alarm activation home alarm false rt 25a

Personal

We again have an increase in our team as another new member has joined our ranks making 3 new members in the past month.

Training

Recently we broke out into two groups the probationary fire fighters in one group mixed with some experienced fire fighters, this group has been going over trucks and appliances terms and uses of appliances, the second group worked with our other set of rescue tools on engine 3 operating and test running.

Road agent report august 25, 2020

over the last two weeks , we have been busy ditching buffalo road , from the intersection of turner road to east side road. Last week we started mowing the road sides and pushing back and cutting branches hanging over the roads. We will be done mowing this Friday and we can go back to ditching , starting on eastside road.

Our backhoe has been giving us problems in and out of the shop , we just got it back and will keep our fingers crossed we get thru the year. In my opinion its time for new equipment. Our international went for inspection and it needs work , liberty suggested we do not drive it , so it will be at liberty international until next week some time. The town needs to have a serious conversation about replacing our backhoe and or our international truck! The money the town is pouring into these two pieces of equipment yearly is mind boggling and its handcuffing the highway department budget.

We are coming down to crunch time , with many project still trying to complete before cold weather sets in. we will be busy the next 7 – 8 weeks trying to complete what we have set out to do for the summer and fall projects.