

**Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2021**

**Those present:** Jordan King, Andrew Lasser, Chief Trott, Paul Manson, Omer Ahern, Brent Santy, Dave Clark and Linda Franz. Arnie Scheller attended via Zoom.

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

The following documents were signed: Payroll and vendor checks; Meeting minutes for March 23, 2021; Pemi-Baker Solid Waste letter; Three purchase requests for the Highway Department; Intents to cut for Cark, Youngs and Thompson; and Timber tax invoice for Davis.

**J.King made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 23, 2021 as written. Seconded by A.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes, J.King voted yes, A.Lasser voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

**A.Scheller made a motion to purchase magnesium chloride from Innovative Surface Solutions, purchases made periodically as needed. Seconded by A.Lasser. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes, J.King voted yes, A.Lasser voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

Chief Trott presented his written report for the Wentworth Police Department, and it is a part of these minutes. The Chief wished to acknowledge the Road Agent and Highway Department employee for assisting in the clean-up and disposing of the trash and items that were dumped alongside Buffalo Road.

Chief Ames was unable to attend this meeting and did not provide a written report for the Fire Department.

P.Manson presented his report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

In regard to the Town's gravel pit, HEB Engineers presented their contract for the survey in the amount of \$5,000. There is some concern regarding a paragraph in the contract that addresses liability. J.King will contact Chris Fournier at HEB for clarification. The contract was not signed, pending this clarification.

J.King addressed the issue of FEMA funds obligation for the Frescoln and Cross Road bridges. FEMA lawyers are involved with the State of New Hampshire regarding uniformity in the way the state handled 2017 claims. It was determined that FEMA can obligate funds without permitting, contrary to what was previously understood. Chris Fournier of HEB Engineers and Paul Hatch, FEMA liaison, will meet on Thursday, April 8, 2021 to prepare for any possible issues with obligating funds.

Omer Ahern gave an update of the Grafton County Commissioners' Office. The County Nursing Home is dealing with a high rate of Covid-19. There are many employment opportunities with the County that are listed on their website. Revenues are down due to Covid-19.

Property owner, Brent Santy, addressed the Select Board regarding snow removal on Saunders Hill Road near his driveway. According to RSA 231:93, the municipality has no obligation to maintain a Class VI road. It was suggested, as a best possible resolution, that Mr. Santy get permission from abutters to push snow to the sides of the road along their properties. The Select Board will review RSA 231:27 and 228:35 to see if there may be any other resolution.

The Planning Board requested that an Ex-Officio of the Select Board be appointed. A.Lasser expressed an interest.

**J.King made a motion to appoint Andrew Lasser as Ex-Officio to the Planning Board. Seconded by A.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes, J.King voted yes, A.Lasser voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

After some discussion of upcoming vacation time of key personnel, it was decided to cancel the next Select Board meeting, scheduled for April 20, 2021. The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 4, 2021. If need be, a special meeting may be called.

**J.King made a motion to cancel the April 20, 2021 Select Board meeting. Seconded by A.Lasser. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes, J.King voted yes, A.Lasser voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

A.Lasser requested that the Town consider purchasing a speakerphone device to connect to a laptop to be used for Zoom meetings. The cost would be approximately \$250 and would come from the administration budget for office equipment.

**A.Lasser made a motion to purchase a speakerphone device for Zoom meetings. Seconded by J.King. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes, J.King voted yes, A.Lasser voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

**At 6:11pm, A.Scheller made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) *The hiring of any person as a public employee.* Seconded by J.King. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes, J.King voted yes, A.Lasser voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**


Re-entered the public meeting at 6:34pm

The just concluded non-public session was in regard to hiring a third Highway Department employee. Applications were reviewed, and a plan of action was determined.

**J.King made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by A.Lasser. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes, J.King voted yes, A.Lasser voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

**A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes, J.King voted yes, A.Lasser voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.**

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

  
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Arnold Scheller, Chair

  
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Andrew Lasser

  
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Jordan King

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 04/06/2021**

**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.**

Update on the illegal dumping report on Buffalo Road that was called in two weeks ago. With the assistance of the WHD, Paul Manson and Allan Thoroughgood, the site has been cleaned up and is being monitored.

Over the last couple of weeks the WPD has been busy with proactive motor vehicles patrols and will continue to do so as the weather continues to get nicer. For informational purposes we are still conducting proactive speed patrols around the Wentworth Elementary School sporadically both in the mornings and afternoons.

Chief Trott handled a call where a vehicle was struck on Rte#25 by a large wild bird. There was no reported damage to the vehicle, but the bird did not survive striking the vehicle. It was removed from the roadway and disposed of by Chief Trott.

Chief Trott took a fraud report from a Wentworth resident who sent \$1,150.00 into a company that presented themselves to be a legitimate lending institution. Unfortunately, this was not a legitimate company and the resident has been scammed out of that money. Chief Trott is encouraging his residents and businesses to be cautious when dealing with new people and or companies. Please take the time to even check with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and run a check on these companies.

Chief Trott conducted a building check on a residence in town for a property owner who was out of town, but, had been notified by his security cameras and security system that his house may have been struck by a large tree. Chief Trott confirmed that it had been and sent the property owner some pictures of the damage. They were able to make the necessary calls after getting the pictures.

W.F.  
Chief Trott

# Road Agent Report

April 6 , 2021

Spring is here ! We have got all the plows and sander off the trucks , waiting for a rainy day so we can paint them and put them in summer storage. We have been busy doing spring cleaning on our town roads. All the roads are swept , we were busy with trees down and debris in the roads a couple days , when we had high winds. We started washing and cleaning bridges and should be done with all of them by the end of the week. The grader has been brought in and thoroughly gone thru , degreased , cleaned inside and out , replaced three grease fittings and greased the whole machine. We do need two front tires for the grader , they are worn and almost balled. We have job applications and resumes to go thru and conduct interviews. Hopefully we will have a new employee within a couple weeks. Looks like the next couple weeks we will be doing spring grading of the gravel roads , the roads have dried up and mud season was minimal. I will be taking all road posted signs down this week.

Paul Manson

Road Agent