

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2021**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Andrew Lasser, Chief Ames, Jennifer Carroll, Keith Bousquet, John and Marilyn Machett, Jared King, Pete Russell, Judy Gove, Marjorie Collicutt, Carol Cole, Omer Ahern and Linda Franz.

Called to Order: Arnie Scheller called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

At 5:03pm, 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. J.King voted yes. A.Lasser voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Re-entered the public meeting at 5:20pm.

The following documents were signed: Payroll and vendor checks; Meeting minutes for June 1 (non-public) and June 15, 2021; Driveway permit for Fahey; Order for 2022 inventory forms; Septic approvals for Loynd, Fahey and Kubik.

J.King is seeking more people to join the Class VI Road Committee. He also wants to get more information from the NHMA. Once the committee is formed, he will announce a meeting time and place. A few concerns and comments were made by residents who live on Class VI roads, and they were encouraged to join the committee for discussion and potential resolutions to their concerns.

A.Lasser is meeting with the Wentworth Webmaster on Sunday to discuss upgrades to the Town's website that will make it easier to use. NHEC held a Town Hall meeting last week. They announced that the broadband project is moving along and will start surveying this summer. Broadband should be available to all town residents in approximately two years.

J.King reported that HEB Engineers is working on the deed research for the town-owned gravel pit with nothing notable to report as of yet.

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

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

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

The floor was opened for discussion of the Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club's use of the trail along portions of Saunders Hill and Hooper Hill Roads. Keith Bousquet, BRVSC President, and Jennifer Carroll both provided written statements, and they are a part of these minutes. The Town had some concerns about the wear and tear of this section of road, and it is not fair to the residents who try to maintain it. The Town also wants the Club to use the bypass trail that runs parallel. It was reported that the bypass trail that was funded by the state was not built to replace the portion of Saunders Hill and Hooper Hill Roads, but was intended to ensure safety for the residents along that section that may need to use the road for reasons such as logging, farm transport, etc. The new trail is not a good permanent trail as it does not hold snow well, and dirt is exposed. Jordan King suggested that the Road Agent and a BRVSC representative take a ride along the trail (off season) to see what work needs to be done. Keith Bousquet was amenable to this idea and indicated that the Club would be more than happy to share in the costs to maintain that section of trail. Jennifer Carroll will write a motion for the Select Board to present at the next Select Board meeting.

Judy Gove and Marjorie Collicut spoke on behalf of the residents of Lookaway Lane regarding the preliminary reassessments. They provided a written statement, and it is a part of these minutes. They feel that their assessments for water access are too high, and that Avitar did not prorate for each property. They also feel that Avitar is using old information as some of the pictures of their homes are very old. The Select Board informed them that they have to follow instructions on the preliminary assessment letter and make appointments with Avitar to discuss and possibly get an adjustment if warranted.

A.Lasser would like to contact Avitar to get a better understanding of how they assess properties.

J.King made a motion for the Select Board to give permission for A.Lasser to contact Avitar to discuss resident concerns regarding their preliminary assessments. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A resident, Carolyn Cole, expressed her concern about the beach on the Baker River at Hamilton Field. She reported that visitors are not cleaning up after their pets, and it may contribute to a potential high bacteria count. She also mentioned the limited parking at both parks and suggested that we issue resident parking stickers.

At 6:55pm, 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. J.King voted yes. A.Lasser voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

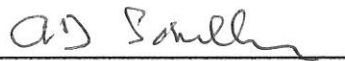
Re-entered the public meeting at 7:07pm.

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

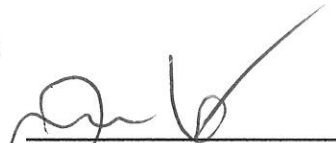
Omer Ahern, Grafton County Commissioner, issued a reminder that the County Commission meets every Tuesday at 9:00am at the Grafton County Complex and is also on Zoom. He reported that there will be no increase in the County tax for 2021. Also, the County is looking for nursing home workers, corrections officers, and a farm worker. Please refer to the Grafton County's website for further information.

A.Lasser made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant


Arnold Scheller, Chairman


Andrew Lasser


Jordan King

WPD Activity Report
Presented 06/29/2021

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.

Chief Trott handled a civil standby between two Wentworth residents and assisted with the return of some personal property between both parties. The property was returned, and the residents went their separate ways without incident.

Chief Trott arrested a man from Corinth Vermont during a motor vehicle stop for a subsequent offense of operating after suspension. The arrest was made without incident and the man was later released by the Plymouth District Court on P.R. bail and given an arraignment date in September to answer to his charge.

Chief Trott assisted NHSP Trooper Alex Tucker with an arrest on Rte#25 in Warren. Trooper Tucker arrested an individual for being a habitual offender and Chief Trott transported the subject to the Haverhill Police Department for Trooper Tucker where the booking process took place.

Chief Trott assisted the New Hampshire Fish & Game and NHSP with a reported missing elderly female from Benton NH just off of Rte#25. A silver alert was put out with a description and several other local agencies joined in the search. There were two different civilian search teams and two K-9 search teams that also assisted in the search. The elderly female was found the following day and transported to the hospital for treatment and evaluation.

Rumtown Speedway Racetrack ran both weekends and was uneventful with the exception of an unruly driver who caused a disturbance on the pits. The driver was trespassed from the track with the backing of Dan Bowne the track owner/operator and left the track the night of the incident. The WPD and Dan Bowne have a zero tolerance for any confrontational issues that require intervention by the police department and enforcement actions will be taken.

Chief W. Trott

calls for service,

Wentworth Fire toned and responded to Warren for an outside fire/brush fire June 18th, we were responding in 6 minutes with first due in, engine 3 . We had 7 firefighters on scene. We handed the investigation over to the district ranger after extinguishment.

Training

We again this year have helped the race track with water, we were able to shuttle 11 thousand gallons of water to the track last week, pumping and filling trucks from one of our dry hydrants multiple fire fighters participated in this training, items covered were large diameter hose flow, deployment of various large diameter appliances, along with some driver training.

We will be flushing our dry hydrants Wed along with possibly filling a pool.

Other

Race track duty, we did have a vehicle fire on the track we took care of,

The warden/fire chief worked with our district ranger to obtain 2 category 4 a.k.a. commercial burn permits for the town

We have a rental home due for inspection in the near future and a fire inspection at Camp Pemi on July 7th

Our next fund raiser will be at Warren old home days, we will have multiple raffles with various prizes in one booth and games in the other, those dates are July 9th, 10th and 11th

ROAD AGENT REPORT

6/29/2021

Since my last report on June 2, 2021 , we have been working our butts off. We have replaced culverts on currier hill rd , one on ellsworth hill and one on cheever rd , before we graveled. The bridge runners got replaced on eastside road bridge. We have successfully graveled all of ellsworth hill from the pavement to camp victory , with 4" – 6" of 3/4" gravel. We have used a total of 1300 cubic yards +/- . We are very close to finishing cheever road, as I write my report. This road is going to take about 1500 cubic yards of gravel +/- ,we also ditched cheever road both sides before graveling. Alan and cole have been excellent , driving trucks and running equipment , we have also had warren s&g hauling with their trucks. I have done the math for our hourly rate from warren sand and gravel for trucking , compared to us trucking the material. Believe it or not , the cost for us to haul gravel to cheever road , comes out to \$16.22 a yard , factoring in fuel , hourly pay and warren sand and gravel comes out to \$16.03 a yard. On ellsworth it was a much shorter distance but still warren s&g were cheaper , our cost per yard was \$15.45 and Warren S&G was \$14.98. we only get 7 yards a truck and they get 14-16 yards a truck. With any lick after graveling cheever road we will do cape moonshine

road , depending on my gravel budget. July is fast approaching and august is not far behind, we will keep grinding.

Paul Manson