

**Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2021**

**Those present:** Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Andrew Lasser, Chief Ames, Chief Trott, Paul Manson, John Archibald, Jennifer Carroll, Omer Ahern, Dave Clark and Linda Franz.

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

The following documents were signed: Payroll and vendor checks; Meeting minutes for June 29, 2021; Driveway permit for Meadows; Current Use application for Bassingthwaite; Raffle ticket application for BRVSC; Elderly Exemption application; Property tax abatement for Dinner.

The sale of a town-owned property on Route 25 was discussed.

**A.Scheller made a motion to sell the town-owned property Map 11, Lot 4-16 consisting of 4.9 acres located on Route 25. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

**A.Scheller made a motion that the above mentioned property be sold by sealed bid with minimum bid being \$24,000 to be advertised for four weeks with bids being opened and read at the August 24, 2021 Select Board meeting. Seconded by A.Lasser. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

L.Franz will write and place the advertisement and prepare information packages for any interested parties and collect bids.

A.Scheller reported that the Farmers Market opening day was well attended. 603 Eats could not be there due to a previous engagement, but will be there for the rest of the season.

A.Scheller also announced that there will be another Dinner on the Bridge to raise funds for the Veterans Memorial and land clearing in the vicinity. It will take place on Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 5pm to 7pm and will be catered by Smokin' Bear BBQ. Tickets available online through Eventbrite.

A.Scheller also reported that the GPS project for town road culverts is moving ahead with the goal being to approach FEMA with a mitigation plan.

J.King gave a report on the first meeting of the class VI road committee. It was well attended with approximately twenty residents. He will work with Francis Muzzey on two high traffic roads to determine their classification. They will go through the road files that are available, but information may be unavailable due to a fire that destroyed early town records (1828 to 1890).

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. He also reported that the new Western Star truck has been built and we should have it in October. Also, the new backhoe should be delivered in mid-September.

As we have passed the first half of 2021, A.Scheller reminded all department heads to look at their actual expenses against budgets to be aware of where they stand.

J.King has been in contact with HEB Engineers to get a quote on rating and posting the N.Dorchester Road bridge that is in need of paving.

Regarding the land on which the old gravel pit is located, J.King contacted a couple of agencies to get alternatives should a gravel pit not be feasible. Some alternatives may include conservation, animal preservation, and state park.

J.King also gave an update on the obligation of funds from FEMA for the bridge projects. A FEMA lawyer is holding up the process due to his disagreement with NH codes and standards. It was discovered that the lawyer was using old information but now has updated information and will start process of obligating funds all over again. Paul Hatch was going through the FEMA portal and found that the town is due another \$27,000 for the 72-hour emergency period of October 30 to November 1, 2017 to repair and open roads due to storm damage.

Omer Ahern gave an update of the Grafton County Commissioners activities. For information, please visit their website.

Jennifer Carroll, representing the BRVSC, provided a written motion for the Select Board that reverses a previous motion that revoked permission to use the portion of town roads (Hooper Hill and Saunders Hill) that runs parallel to an alternate trail. The Select Board did not agree to the presented motion, deciding that more research needs to be. Therefore, the original motion made on June 1, 2021 still stands.

**At 6:43 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. J.King voted yes. A.Lasser voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

Re-entered the public meeting at 6:57pm.

**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.**

**At 6:58 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***

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

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.

A.Lasser made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Andrew Lasser



Jordan King

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 07/13/2021**

**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 conducted a civil standby between two property owners where some personal property to include a motorcycle was returned to one of the involved parties. The civil standby was conducted without incident.

Chief Trott took a trespassing complaint from a Wentworth resident regarding a company that was cutting back trees and brush for the New Hampshire Electric Co-Op and had left brush and limbs on his property without his permission. Chief Trott met with the property owner as well as the workers conducting the work and the trees and brush were removed to the satisfaction of the property owner. The trespassing complaint itself is still being reviewed.

Chief Trott arrested a resident from Atkinson New Hampshire for operating after suspension. The arrest was made during a speed enforcement patrol and the individual was released on a hand summons and is scheduled to appear in the Plymouth District Court in September for his arraignment. The individual was very cooperative, and the arrest was made without incident.

Chief Trott had received a previous complaint from a Wentworth resident regarding OHRV's crossing a shallow section of the river onto his property. Chief Trott did follow up with the original complaint and made contact with one of the violators. He was issued an OHRV violation for trespassing which carries a \$124.00 fine. With the help of the OHRV club the section of the trail that accessed that part of the river has been posted and closed and the property owner has also put up new clearly visible no trespassing signs on his property. There have been no other complaints or reports since.

W.T.

This past weekend Chief Trott also conducted two OHRV patrols on the trails. OHRV activity was high due to old home day in Warren and there was a Poker Run scheduled for the weekend. Chief Trott interacted with numerous OHRV's and one OHRV operator was issued a citation for an unregistered OHRV.

The race track did operate this past weekend with no incidents with the exception of an accident that occurred on the race track which caused approximately a 45 minute delay. No one was injured and the race tracked resumed racing after the 45 minute delay.

Wet

## Wentworth Fire

### Calls For Service

1 We had a MVA Saturday Morning early

2 We were also notified of a tree stuck by lightning on a private residence property that they extinguished

### Training,

We worked on water flow and dry hydrant operations

we did hose operations repacking some of the hose properly

Draft operations and understanding the gauge and display readings.

### Other

I did 2 fire code inspections one for Camp Pemi and another for a rental unit

We had a busy weekend with our booths at warren old home days the parade, parade as well as working the race track where we did have roll over to contend with

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We have had quite a bit of much needed rain the last couple weeks and that has hampered our efforts to get all our graveling done. That being said I am happy to report that we have had no wash outs on our roads , I attribute that to the crowning of our roads and the magnesium chloride making the road surface hard as concrete and water shedding correctly.

We just started graveling cape moonshine road and we should have enough money in the budget to get to the intersection of atwell hill rd. after finishing this section of road graveling , we will have completed graveling about three and a half miles of roads this summer , That is huge !

With the unsettled weather the last couple weeks , it has given us time to complete some much needed maintenance on all the trucks and equipment . we will keep grinding and knocking off project on our summer work list.

Paul Manson