

**Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2021**

**Those present:** Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Andrew Lasser, Leo Dwyer NHEC (via Zoom), Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Renee Ferland, Donna King, Keith Bousquet BRVSC, 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 September 21, 2021; Racetrack permission; 2021 MS-1.

Leo Dwyer from New Hampshire Electric Co-op gave an update on proposed broadband service. It is still a possibility that the town will have service in 24 months. Wentworth is considered a priority because it is mostly underserved. There is plenty of funding available through ARPA and the Federal Infrastructure bill. They are subcontracting the fiber build out with Conexon who is currently working in Acworth and Sandwich. Conexon will also handle operations and support.

A.Scheller continues to push his FEMA contacts to get the town's bridge projects approved. Part of the hold up is due to past Select Board's lack of attention at the time the damages occurred, so the projects were assigned to mitigation. Next step is to send projects to FEMA's CRC for review.

The Farmers' Market has been a great success this year. October 9<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the season, and it will also be a yard sale day. There will be free face painting, a 50/50 raffle, and baked goods. Renee Ferland and Donna King requested permission to look into getting electric power installed at Hamilton Field. This would attract more vendors and encourage other events. The Farmers' Market would fund most of this but may need some help from the town. They will get a plan and estimates and present to the Select Board.

**A.Lasser made a motion to allow the managers of the Farmers' Market to pursue getting electric power installed at Hamilton Field. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

Chief Trott spoke about the Police Department report that was presented at the last meeting and was included in those minutes.

Chief Ames provided a written report for the Fire Department, and it is a part of these minutes. He also confirmed that the dispatch center in Laconia is being sold, and the town will need to look into other dispatchers. The WPD uses Grafton County Dispatch which may also work for the WFD.

Paul Manson provided a written report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes. He also presented three quotes for winter salt, and it was agreed to purchase from Cargill at the price of \$72.77 per ton. He also informed that the new backhoe will arrive any

day now. The new dump truck is waiting for the body to be built, so the Highway Department will have to rig the International truck for plowing.

A.Lasser still plans to have Chad Huckins from Consolidated Communications attend the next Select Board meeting to discuss the town's broadband needs and get his perspective on what NHEC proposes. He also reported that the Planning Board received approximately 230 responses to the Master Plan survey. Other Planning Board activities include a lot line adjustment for the Congregational Church and speculation for a large subdivision of a 77+ acre lot on Frescoln Road.

Keith Bousquet from the BRVSC reported that he and the club are working with landowners who live along snowmobile trails on Saunders Hill Road and will purchase and install unlocked gates. They also plan to put up a removable snow fence in front of Green Camp to discourage trespassers.

**J.King made a motion to allow BRVSC to install three unlocked gates on different sections of Saunders Hill Road in accordance with landowner wishes. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

**J.King made a motion to allow BRVSC to use Class VI portion of Saunders Hill Road as a trail, and that the Select Board will sign the Snowmobile Trail Permission form provided. Seconded by A.Lasser. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**


**At 6:29 pm, J.King 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 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.**

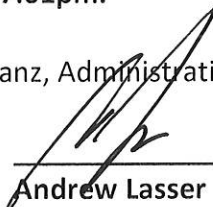
Re-entered the public meeting at 7:00 pm.

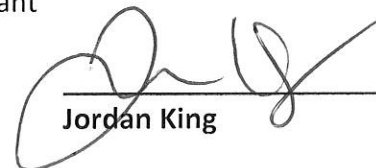
**J.King made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

**K.King made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.**

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

  
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Arnold Scheller, Chairman

  
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Andrew Lasser

  
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Jordan King

## wentworth fire

### Calls for service,

We had two alarm activation calls, both were water flow activation king pine industries. Mutual aid call to Warren we were canceled

### Training

3 meetings in a row working with rescue tools with the end result working on a vehicle at night in the rain performing various tasks of extrication the greenies stepped up to the plate and did a great job. Upcoming programs to include breathing apparatus, ropes and knots, ladders and chimney fire procedures.

### Fire permits

Multiple fire permits have been out for brush pile burning. We do our best to keep people updated to the general location of these will be on the fire department facebook page

### Meetings

on going meetings dealing with the possible moving or changing of our dispatching operation, will keep the board aware of issues as we have more information on the selling of the state property the dispatch center sits on.

# Road agent report

10/5/2021

The last two weeks , we have done some touch up grading on beech hill road , ellsworth hill road and Nichols hill road. Nichols hill road is going to need some work next year , ditching , widening the road in a 200' section and some tree cutting. We also have completed ditching all of frescoln road , and Thayer mountain road. We also did some ditching and crowned and grading for our yearly maintenance on hooper hill road . This road is in very good condition and im confident that all emergency vehicles can navigate this road safely , Including all fire trucks ! We have had our trucks under coated . We have done the yaerly maintenance and cleaning on our waste oil furnace.

Over the next couple weeks we will be cleaning up the yard, putting the spray tank and pump away for the winter and getting our winter equipment out and checked over. Yes it is that time of year.

Quick update on our equipment , We should have our backhoe any day ! The truck , is in limbo , we do not have a hard date on this to be delivered or finished at TENCO. They are still waiting

for delivery of the dump body. I may have to get the international ready to plow and sand , I will monitor this closely as we will need a few shop days just for the international and some fabrication on the dump bed.

Paul Manson