

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2021**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Andrew Lasser, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, 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 October 5, 2021; BRVSC trail permission.

A.Scheller reported that the contractors that were paving on Route 25 created a large rut in the soil at the Veterans Memorial. There are no updates on getting FEMA reimbursement for \$27k or other pending projects. The town is seeking volunteers to participate in the perambulation of the Wentworth-Orford town line. L. Franz will post on Facebook. Trunk or Treat at the school will take place on Friday, October 29th from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Discussion on when to hold town Trick or Treating.

A.Lasser made a motion to hold town Halloween Trick or Treating on Saturday, October 30th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Seconded by A.Scheller. A.Lasser voted yes. A.Scheller voted yes. J.King voted no. The motion carried with a quorum vote.

Chief Trott presented his written report for the WPD, and it is a part of these minutes. He also announced that that his cruiser needs to be replaced next year. He will request through a warrant article. In the meantime, the cruiser needs repairs. There was a discussion regarding manufacturer or after-market parts, prices and availability.

J.King made a motion to allow Chief Trott to purchase after-market parts to repair the police cruiser. Seconded by A.Lasser. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Chief Trott also announced that 10-digit dialing system will go into effect as of October 24, 2021. A notice will be posted on the website.

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

Paul Manson presented a written report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes. He also suggested that the town sell the old tow-behind York rake.

A.Scheller made a motion to sell the old York rake through sealed bid. Minimum bid is \$500. Bids will be opened at the next Select Board meeting on November 2, 2021 pm. Seconded by A.Lasserr. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

J.King gave an update on the gravel pit. A NRCS biologist is in favor of protecting the land. He will reach out to organizations for purchasing easements, etc. and will get back to J.King.

A.Lasser had nothing to report on broadband service to the town.

A.Scheller made a motion to give J.King permission to install an unlocked gate on Hooper Hill Road at the center of his driveway. Seconded by A.Lasser. A.Scheller voted yes. A.Lasser voted yes. J.King abstained. The motion carried with a quorum vote.

At 6:00 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 6:16 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.


A.Scheller made a motion to allow P.Manson to purchase equipment as discussed in just concluded non-public session. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.


Paul Manson followed up on his request for department heads to have town credit cards. L.Franz will follow up with the Treasurer, Deb Vlk.

A.Lasser made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant


Arnold Scheller, Chairman


Andrew Lasser


Jordan King

WPD Activity Report
Presented 10/19/2021

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 several proactive motor vehicle patrols over the last weeks in areas where we have been receiving motor vehicle complaints. During one of those patrols Chief Trott stopped a female who had a felony warrant out of the state of Illinois and was flagged to be considered armed and dangerous. In checking with the state of Illinois regarding extradition they declined to extradite from the state of New Hampshire. The female was familiar with the warrant as she has been stopped previously by other agencies. She was subsequently issued a citation for speed and released.

During another proactive speed patrol Chief Trott stopped a Thornton resident for speed and found that he had an arrest warrant of the Plymouth Police Department for theft. He was arrested, processed, and later released on P.R. Bail.

The Wentworth Police Department assisted the Haverhill Police Department with a report of a missing elderly male with Alzheimer’s who was reported missing by a family member. HPD, WPD, and NHSP started a search of the area. Fortunately, a short time later the elderly male was located.

The next to the last race of the season for RumTown Speedway was held on Saturday October 9th 2021, the races which usually last approximately 4 hours lasted 6 hours during this event. It should be noted however that even though they went over they still remained within their time frame as specified within the town ordinance. The last race was held this past Saturday, October 16th, 2021, and it ended earlier than usual and was uneventful. As the Chief of Police, I want to publicly comment on how well the track was managed this year and want to thank the owner/manager Dan Bowne for all of his hard work at the track and what the track puts back into the community of Wentworth.

wentworth fire

Calls for service, Thankfully we had no calls for service so our fire prevention program must be working.

Training

Greenie training consisted of portable pump and engine pumping operations set up and operational all performed well and even with some glitches overcame and completed the tasks of flowing water to fill trucks . We used upper baker pond as our source.

Opurtunity for level 1 level 2 trainings as well as confined space, swift water rescue, and below grade rescue has come our way at no charge via a fema grant which was pursued by Franklin fire and Lakes region mutual fire aid training division, the amount of grant 267,791 dollars will enable all 35 towns of the mutual aid to particapate in the programs We have members waiting for the schedule to come out so they can jump on board to receive the training.

We have members doing a rapid intervention team training this Saturday this will be an 8 hour course where teams will receive vital training in getting injured, downed or trapped firefighters to safety. This is a very intese rescue type training that makes us look at our operating procedures on scene to add these teams to respond and be on standby while we have firefighters in the building

This Wed traing will consist of a tour of Precision lumber co. giving all firefighters a better idea and undstanding of the mill buildings and lay out of the live hydrants. Many new members are unaware of the size of this complex an eye opener for them and a great refresher for the rest of the team

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. Had a Safety meeting at the school multiple items discussed.

Road agent report

10/19/2021

Well it's that time of year ! cooler weather is upon us and it time to start thinking snow and inclimate weather.

We have been out doing some ditching work and clearing inlets of culverts from fallen leaves , This will continue on and off until the ground freezes.

We have begun doing all our fall maintenance and preventative maintenance on all trucks and equipment. This includes changing the oil , Under coating (Northeast under coating) , greasing , thoroughly looking over each truck and repairing or replacing as necessary. We currently have the f550 ready to go. The freightliner is currently getting a new oil pan (lack of care). The new truck will not be delivered to the town until the first or second week of December. We have the international ready to go , we have done a lot of work , Not money but labor to assure us this truck can plow and sand. We have sand blasted the winter rims on the six wheelers and put primer and paint to help rust prevention.

Lastly the cost of fuel , oil and supplies is absolutely astronomical. To fight the rising cost and inflation , we need to do more and thorough prevenative maintenance , which will take more labor and shop time but cheaper in the long run. I do not know , if its possible to flatline a another budget after this year.

Paul Manson