

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2021**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, 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 November 16, 2021; tax abatements for late inventory forms, timber tax for Pasco, intents to cut for King and Yeaton, septic design for Congregational Church, Avitar new 5-year contract, Avitar preliminary DRA assessment to sales ratio for 2021.

A.Scheller reported that the Christmas on the Common was a great success with many positive comments. He thanked the organizers, especially Donna King, Renee Ferland, Sonia Scheller and Kellie Mallet.

Chief Trott was not able to attend the meeting due to training, and Martha Trott read his written report. The report is a part of these minutes.

Chief Ames commented and presented his written report. The report is a part of these minutes. Chief Ames also reported that he got some requests to possibly have a public fire pit on the common. After some discussion, it was determined that it would be against distance requirement regulations and pose a potential liability for the town.

Paul Manson reported that he will be attending training so that he can become a CDL trainer for the town.

He also reported that Clark Tree Service cannot do the tree trimming in 2021, but has rescheduled for March 2022. The budgeted amount for 2021 will come from the unassigned fund balance and stated on a 2022 warrant article.

Paul announced that the new Western Star truck should be delivered on December 8, 2021.

Paul Manson and the Select Board walked a portion of North Dorchester Road to assess repair needs. This, along with the paving estimates previously submitted, will be reviewed and projects decided upon at the next S.B. meeting.

A meeting will be set up to interview applicants for highway department. The tentative meeting date is December 2, 2021.

J.King said that there was nothing new to report on the gravel pit. He asked P.Manson for a list of large contractors so that he can contact them to see if there is any interest. In the meantime, he is still in contact with preservation agencies.

A.Scheller reported that the Select Board had a virtual meeting with HSEM regarding our pending FEMA projects. He felt that it was very unproductive, and they are just using more

delay tactics by requiring the town to provide more information. The town is still looking to get pictures of the old Frescoln Bridge. If none available, we may have to get affidavits from long-time residents.

Action Items: P.Manson to determine if FEMA declared an emergency for Oct/17

J.Ames to contact Paul Hatch to get his recollection of events

J.King to contact Francis Muzzey to see if he has any pictures or documentation of the original Frescoln Road Bridge.

L.Franz to contact Chris Fournier to get his recommendations regarding the information needed for the projects that were detailed in an email from Jennifer Harper.

L.Franz to set up a Zoom meeting with NH Senators' representatives and the Governor to get an explanation of the functions of the state and federal governments regarding FEMA projects. She will send a copy of Jennifer Harper's email.

L.Franz will inquire if the December 20, 2021 deadline to provide requested information to FEMA can be extended.

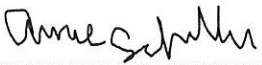
At 6:30 pm the Select Board entered into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to 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.

Re-entered the public meeting at 6:40 pm.

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

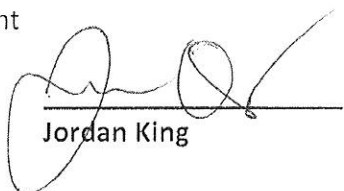
A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. Both voted in the affirmative, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman

Andrew Lasser



Jordan King

WPD Activity Report
Presented 11/30/2021

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 several calls for service over the last two weeks to include two department assist with the Warren/Wentworth Ambulance service. Because Chief Trott was on duty at the time he was able to respond to each call and arrive prior to the ambulance and give them updates upon or just prior to their arrival.

Chief Trott has had several Wentworth residents come into the police department with matters that he has been able to assist them with not requiring reports ranging from questions pertaining to New Hampshire resident requirements to the process needed to legally transfer a firearm. Chief Trott wants to remind our residents that his office is open to them at any time that they may ^{have} a question or issue that they may want to discuss in person.

Chief Trott took care of a report of a suspicious vehicle on Turner Road over the weekend that ended up being a disabled vehicle. This vehicle was also checked on by NHSP earlier as well.

The Wentworth Police Department was contacted by a business owner who was on his way to Massachusetts and realized that he had not secured his business prior to leaving Wentworth. Chief Trott who was not on duty at the time received the information from Grafton County Dispatch and responded to Wentworth and secured the business for the owner.

Chief Trott conducted several proactive motor vehicle patrols over the last weeks to include in front of the Wentworth Elementary School. Numerous warnings were issued for speed and several citations were also issued for speed as well as other motor vehicle violations such as uninspected motor vehicle and unregistered motor vehicle.



Chief Trott spoke with a Wentworth residence regarding the parking ordinance covering the Winter Parking Ban. This specific conversation pertained to parking on the Commons in Wentworth which has been an ongoing issue for several years now. Chief Trott would like to remind the residents once again that the Winter Parking Ban has gone into effect as of November 1st. Chief Trott asks that all residents be mindful of where they are parking their vehicles overnight and to be considerate of the Wentworth highway employees who are out all hours of the day and night trying to plow their roads to make them safe and passable for our residents and others commuting through our town and doing so now with only two employees.

Chief Trott and our Road Agent, Paul Manson, have discussed this issue in detail several times over the last two years. In order to keep the roads clear and passable we need the assistance of the residents in helping us with these parking issues.

Chief Trott would also like to remind our residents that winter has arrived, and it is important that they be prepared when traveling on the roadways. Make sure that your vehicle has safe winter tires and or all-season tires and that your fuel is topped off to help prevent moisture build up in your fuel lines. Check the condition of your windshield wipers and have your battery checked as well as your anti-freeze levels and be safe when traveling on the roadways.



Wentworth Fire

Calls for service

Assisted the ambulance service with a lift assist

Motor vehicle accident with entrapment hand caught between 2 areas of the vehicle used rescue tools to gain access and free patients hand removed roof line to extricate the patient

Structure fire mutual aid to Warren 2 engines responded and 6 firefighters building and most of the contents saved

Training

Chimney fire operations proper extinguishment and tools used

Meetings

Have a meeting coming up with the brvsc

Regular scheduled fire meeting/training

Other

Had personell on site and station open for Christmas on the common with santa riding in on a fire truck.

Keep your real christmas trees watered, shut the tree lights off while sleeping or not at home to include the fake trees!!