

Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting minutes  
December 14, 2021

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Andrew Lasser, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Chief Trott, Francis Muzzey, Omer Ahern, Michael Leviss, Tony Sylvain, Deborah VlK

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

The following documents were signed: payroll and vendor checks; meeting minutes for November 30, 2021, HEB Engineers Contract Amendment #2 for Cross Road & Frescoln Road Bridges, timber tax for Pickett, culvert quote for Core&Main, 6 abatement requests.

Arnie reported that he received 2 affidavits from Steve Welch and Scott Blodgett in regards to Frescoln Bridge repairs in the past.

Paul reported that he had 2 quotes on purchasing culverts that need to be done on Turner and North Dorchester Rd. Arnie signed his Ok for the Core&Main quote.

Chief Trott's report is part of these minutes. He outlined his preliminary budget for 2022 which has dropped and had a quote for a new cruiser, which the money will be pulled from the Capitol Reserve.

Chief Ames report is part of these minutes. He outlined his preliminary budget for 2022 which was the same as 2021.

Paul Manson reported that the ~~E150~~<sup>F350</sup> truck was returned today. There was an electronic issue which wasn't under warranty. The International blew a head gasket – cost will be between \$5000-\$7000. Luckily it wasn't a cracked block which would have been @ \$20,000 – back in the shop tomorrow. He would like to put this truck up for bid.

No update on the gravel pit as Jordon was not in attendance.

FEMA update – received the affidavits from Steve Welch and Scott Blodgett on Frescoln Bridge as stated above. Francis Muzzey also had a written statement and it was notarized by Deb VlK in the meeting.

Broadband update – Andrew has had requests for proposals from broad band companies. There will be in Jan/Feb timeline a public hearing to discuss and prepare a warrant article for upcoming town meeting.

Arnie reported that the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance service had an increase of \$105,000 to their budget item. He recently sent a letter asking the service for a business plan and the increase, but has received no response. He has called NH Municipal Assoc and the town has no legal commitment for this service. He recommends discontinuing this service and finding alternative services in the area or residents pay for a few for service only. It was brought up if there would be any interest for town medical residents to set up an internal unit within the Fire Dept. Jeff Ames will look into this possibility of a grant for EMR training and setting up a committee.

Arnie read aloud a proposed Warrant Article for the Plummer Town Forest. Attachment included with these minutes.

At 6:41PM 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 6:53PM.


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

Arnie Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Andrew Lasser. Both voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 6:53PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Vlk, Treasurer

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Arnold Scheller, Chairman

  
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Andrew Lasser

  
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Jordan King

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 12/14/2021**

**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.**

Over the last two weeks the Wentworth Police Department has received several calls regarding suspicious vehicles in Wentworth. Chief Trott investigated these calls and determined that one of the calls pertained to a disabled vehicle which was removed the following day. Another call pertained to a call where a vehicle was seen on video in a resident’s driveway and the resident did not know the vehicle or the operator. This was determined to be someone who had located a dog running at large on Rte#25 and the person was looking to return the dog to it’s owner.

The other call pertained to some who was going door to door trying to make contact with residents asking if they had any junk vehicles, or, junk metal that they were looking to get rid of. Chief Trott has not been able to make contact with this person as of yet but is still attempting to do so. Chief Trott is asking any Wentworth residents who are approached by someone asking for junk metal or junk vehicles to try and obtain a plate number and what state they may be from. The vehicle is described as a tan colored SUV possibly a Chevrolet Tahoe. One the male subjects is described as a older man with a cane. Please be advised that they have committed NO CRIMES at this time and Chief Trott is just attempting to make contact with them for the purposes of identification and authenticity.

Chief Trott arrested a Warren resident on two electronic bench warrants from the Plymouth District Court for failure to appear. The arrest was made without incident and the subject was released on P.R. Bail and ordered to appear before the Plymouth District Court on December 13<sup>th</sup> qt 1000 hours.



Chief Trott also arrested a Bath resident on an electronic bench warrant out of the Haverhill District Court for failure to pay fines. The arrest was made without incident and the subject was released on P.R. Bail and ordered to appear before the Haverhill District Court on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 1000 hours.



## Wentworth Fire

### Calls for service

Wentworth elementary school accidental alarm activation

Mutual aid call to Orford power line down near cemetery road, found line still energized burning within 15 feet of a building. Readied truck for attack if needed. Orford was out on two other calls

### Training

Greenie group went over types of building ventilation during a fire, building construction and watched some footage on methods of venting and types of tools used.

Our regular training consisted of critiquing the last several calls, discussing outcomes and perhaps further future needs or adjustments to operations.

### Meetings

Our normal scheduled fire meetings/ trainings

The snowmachine club meeting was canceled and will be held this Saturday evening

### Other

Conversations with a couple other towns pertaining to overall operations, Ambulance, Fire, etc looking at costs of their operations Further information on this in the future

Budget prep time for us this year is going to be an easy budget prep we are looking at keeping it the same as the 2021 budget

# ROAD AGENT REPORT

December 14,2021

We have had a challenging couple of weeks , to say the least. We have had our first few storms of the season ( Small pesky ones ). We have been out plowing and sanding several times. We have had the f 550 break down a week ago , That truck is still at Hillsborough ford waiting for repair. It is something electrical and we should have that truck back later this week. Since the ford broke down , I was forced to put the plow on the international and plow. Last Wednesday morning the international broke down. I was forced to scramble and find two other truck from local residents to help plow town roads. Unfortunately the international has a blown head gasket ( \$ 5,000 - \$ 7,000 ) to repair and more than likely a cracked head ( \$10,000 - \$12,000 ) to repair. It does not make sense to spend that kind of money to repair.

We have hired a new , full time year round employee. Zach Burns will join the highway department on Wednesday , December 22<sup>nd</sup>. I think Zach will be a great addition to wentworth.

We should be in possession of our new Western star 6 wheeler on Wednesday December 15 th.