

Wentworth Select Board
Meeting minutes
January 25, 2022

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Richard Ducheneau, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson (via Zoom), Omer Ahern, Pete Chierichetti and Linda Franz

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 January 11, 2022, Innovative Surface Solutions agreement; Oath of Office for Richard Ducheneau, Abatements for Thomas and Williams, and Veteran's Tax Credit application.

A.Scheller discussed the upcoming bond benefits hearings. Questions were asked by R.Ducheneau to be forwarded ahead of time to Consolidated Communications so they can better prepare answers. The questions are: How is the bond to be paid off? Will the more remote residents who live on class VI roads be required to pay for running a line to their homes? In any circumstance will a subscriber be required to sign up for all services (phone, internet, TV) or can they just subscribe to internet services?

Chief Trott presented his written report for WPD activity, and it is a part of these minutes.

Chief Ames presented his written report for WFD activity, and it is a part of these minutes.

Chiefs Ames and Trott reported that they met with The Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service. All parties now have a better understanding of how the service works and how they determined the cost of ambulance service. They feel that WWAS may take another look at their numbers, and they were asked to attend the February 8, 2022 budget hearing.

Paul Manson presented his written report for Highway Department activity, and it is a part of these minutes. He also reported that large trucks/vehicles are not adhering to the 5-ton weight limit posted on North Dorchester Road bridge. He has ordered signs that will be delivered in 4-6 weeks. He suggested that the Select Board consider shutting down the bridge. After some lengthy discussion it was decided to keep the bridge open. P.Manson was tasked to make temporary signs to indicate no through trucks, the weight limit and to mark a detour route.

Jordan King did not have anything new to report on the gravel pit. Perhaps there will be more interest in the Spring.

L.Franz asked on behalf of residents who inquired about having a five-member Select Board. After some discussion and comments from attendees, it was determined that it was not best for our town.

At 6:15 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. R.Ducheneau voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Re-entered the public meeting at 6:30 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.


At 6:31 PM, K.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 R.Ducheneau. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. J.King voted yes. R.Ducheneau voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

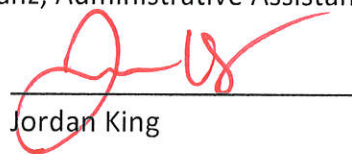
Re-entered the public meeting at 7:34 PM.

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.

J.King made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by R.Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative. and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant


Arnold Scheller, Chairman


Jordan King


Richard Ducheneau

WPD Activity Report
Presented 1/25/2022

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 and Deputy Chierichette checked on a vehicle that had been parked over night in the parking lot at the Wentworth Town Office. There was a concern that a female, who the vehicle was registered to, may have spent the night in the vehicle during the cold overnight temperatures. The vehicle was found to be unoccupied, and contact was made with the registered owner later who was safe and sound.

Chief Trott took a report of a school bus that was reportedly stuck on Atwell Hill Road. Chief Trott and members of the WHD responded and all of Atwell Hill Road and Cape Moonshine Road were checked but the bus was not located. Follow up calls to the school and bus service found that all their school buses were accounted for and apparently it had been a case of miscommunication.

Chief Trott assisted the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance with a call for service where a Wentworth resident needed to be transported to the hospital.

Chief Trott came in and worked the Martin Luther King holiday due to the forecasted snowstorm. There were numerous roads in Wentworth that had tree limbs and broken trees on them that were removed by the Wentworth Highway Department and some by Chief Trott.

During that storm Chief Trott was notified by New Hampshire CO-OP of a power outage in the area of Atwell Hill Road and Mount Moosilauke Highway. There was also a tree across Atwell Hill Road in the area of the power lines. Chief Trott contacted Paul from the WHD and as it turned out Paul was on Atwell Hill Road and he advised us that he had just taken care of the tree and the road was opened back up again.

Chief Trott came across a disabled snowmobile on the side of Mount Moosilauke Highway that turned out to be a machine that had just been involved in a slight accident. The machine had gone off trail and into a ravine. The driver and passenger had been thrown from the sled but there were no reported injuries and no damage in excess of \$1,000.00 which would have required an accident report. Chief Trott transported the adult operator and his daughter to Plymouth where they met with another adult parent, and they returned later and got the sled.

Chief Trott attended the fund raising event at the Baker River Snowmobile Club (BRSC) while on patrol this past Saturday. The fund raiser was for the purpose of raising monies for a Rescue Sled that will be donated to the Wentworth Fire Department for emergency extractions from the trails. The event was well attended and the BRSC did an excellent job promoting the event.

In closing I feel compelled to share some recent information that the law enforcement community has been made aware of. Sadly 2021 was the deadliest year on record for law enforcement officers. Last year this country lost more law enforcement officers in the line of duty than any other year on record. I share this statistic not for the purpose of debate, but so that people will know what is taking place all around us. This statistic should not be acceptable to any of us. I hope and pray that 2022 does not supersede 2021 and that we can bring this country and our communities back to where we all need to be.

Respectfully Submitted



Chief Wallace Trott

Wentworth Police Department

Wentworth Fire

Calls for service

Lift assist Ambulance

King Pine Industries Alarm activation

Hazardous condition Ip vent pipe cap assembly blew off roof

Carry out/lift assist Dorchester mutual aid

Smoke in the building Mutual aid to Warren

Meetings

Met with the ambulance service and the board of directors for an approx 3 hour meeting discussing pricing increase to the towns ambulance budget, discussing possible ways to lower those prices and asking for their representation at the public budget hearing as well as town meeting (I need to send them dates and times for those). The overall outcome was favorable and i felt we left the meeting with good understanding of their issues and they better understand ours and am in hopes they may bring forth a different number if they possibly can.

Meeting with Warren fire and The trail director for the Moosealauk atv club discussing the rescue sled and atv tow behind rescue. We needed to provide them with better information on the items as well as responses to their areas, as we stated these pieces are available with Wentworth crews for any mutual aid call for trail emergencies with a good quick safe response to all those needs. This meeting helped some answer many question from their part

Meetings, E mails, and phone discussion with the baker river valley snowmobile club on the fundraiser for the purchase of rescue sled and atv piece . We and the club advertised the items we are looking at purchasing on the fire department facebook page as well as the Wentworth Bulletin board page The club also posted numerous times on their page and others. The Wentworth fire page alone had 3900 people view the information . The club has raised approx. 2,200.00 dollars on their first fundraiser event to this point. The total investment for the items will be around 6,000.00 dollars. The club has alloted space in their shop along with a machine to tow the rescue sled, we also will be being trained on their groomer to enable us that to use if needed. They have given us 24/7 access to the buildings to allow us quick streamlined responses with out needing club memebtrs to unlock etc.. The atv wheeled rescue piece will be housed at Mr Meades hanger as he graciously offerd Which is right next to the atv trail also along with usage of a tow vehicle to expadite rescues on the atv trails. These pieces will be available to other towns for mutual aid responses. We will be looking at further fundraising for

other items, for patient care and possibly a trailer to transport rescue pieces beyond our local areas. In the interim we have some department members trailers we will put in place.

EMR course Wentworth has three firefighters in the state certified emr course and are moving along at a good pace. They do two nights a week 4 hrs each night on line instructor led and one Saturday for 6 hours for 5 consecutive Saturdays doing their practical portion. They have just completed their first practical and also on their own doing a Monday night group study night. This is a six week course. The dedication that these people give is incredible. Please follow them and all the Wentworth Fire happenings on our facebook page.

Road Agent report

January 25, 2022

The last couple weeks have been very quiet for a change. We have had a few snow storms to deal with. All our equipment and trucks are in great shape and we go thru them , wash and clean them inside and out after every storm. We have been blessed with some really cold weather over the last ten days and that has created quite a challenge to keep our paved roads clear. I have had a few phone calls about the paved roads not being bare and rough. After all it is winter and we can not use salt when the temps are below 10 degrees , so a lot of our paved roads get sanded several times weekly , sand is about \$8.50 a yard and salt is close to \$80 a yard , so I like to use salt spareingly !

I have had several complaints from residents on North Dorchester road , about oil trucks and log trucks and delivery trucks using the bridge. I have had several discussions with chief Trott , He can not patrol the bridge 24/7 ! The bridge is clearly marked , I have ordered signs and it will take about 4-6 weeks for delivery . Next I need 6 signs per side spaced out and placed in appropriate places , the cost of these signs is close to \$800. Two small snow events and it has cost the town \$240 to plow / sand and maintain that section. I think we need to have a serious discussion about closing the Bridge ! It is cutting into my subcontractors budget and my budget for signs.

Paul Manson