

Wentworth Select Board
Meeting minutes
February 22, 2022

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Richard Ducheneau, Chief Ames, Paul Manson (via Zoom), Omer Ahern, Brian DuBois, Bernie Sullivan, Dave Clark, Pete Chierichetti, Leo Dwyer and Linda Franz

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

The following documents were signed: payroll and vendor checks; meeting minutes for February 8, 2022, TC refund request for a registration.

Leo Dwyer, Director at NHEC and Chair NH Broadband subsidiary did a slide presentation of the planned installation of broadband and future services. Also present via Zoom were Randy Klindt and Jonathan Chambers of Conexon. Conexon is the contracted vendor that will build the network, train NH Broadband employees and provide back-office support and all other ISP services. This broadband installation will be at no cost to the town. NH Broadband would own all equipment. Any resident that has an electric meter will be able to get the broadband service. Prices would be approximately \$55/mo for 100 mbps up and down, \$85/mo for 1 gig up and down, and \$100/mo for 2 gig up and down. Telephone would be approximately \$30/mo. NH Broadband would negotiate with the town about using the ARPA funds of \$101,000. NHEC/NH Broadband is having a meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022 and will have more information about the timing of the installation and will convey this to the Wentworth Select Board.

A.Scheller spoke about a complaint the town received about the plow truck turning in their driveway and causing damage. Both Paul Manson and Jordan King went to the property and determined that no damage was done.

J.King made a motion to allow Paul Manson, Road Agent, to post roads at his discretion. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Pete Chierichetti presented a written report for WPD activity, and it is a part of these minutes.

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

Paul Manson provided a written report for the Highway Dept., and it is a part of these minutes. He also reported that he has been receiving many petty complaints. He will direct them to the website to retrieve and complete a complaint form.

Dave Clark gave his opinion about having two family members on the Select Board referring to Arnie and Sonia Scheller. He stated that although it is lawful, he does not think it is appropriate. There is a potential for conflict of interest. A.Scheller stated that Sonia is her own person and is organized and

highly experienced in negotiating and office management and would be a valuable asset to the community.

George Morrill spoke about the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service, and asked if anyone could help get them on track, instead of just criticize them. Jeff Ames said that they do not seem to want help. They have been invited on a few occasions to come to a Select Board meeting to explain their needs and see how the community could possibly help out. They do not respond.

Omer Ahern announced that Julie Libby is the new Grafton County Administrator. The Grafton County finance report is on track. The mask mandate has been terminated for the Grafton County Complex. There is an overabundance of potatoes produced at the farm and they are available to anyone in need. Contact Grant Nelson, Farm Manager at 603-787-2755.

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 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 6:46 PM.

A.Scheller made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by R.Ducheneau. 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 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Jordan King



Richard Ducheneau

**WPD Activity Report
Presented 2/22/2022**

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 recently took part in a 3-day training session with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (F.B.I.) covering their N.I.B.R.S. system. NIBRS stands for “National Incident Based Reporting System”. This is a reporting system that multiple law enforcement agencies across the country are part of, on every level, to include federal, state, county, tribal and local law enforcement. The NIBRS system is a valuable tool utilized by law enforcement agencies across the county not just for statistical purposes but also data bases with collected categorized information that is widely used by law enforcement in solving crimes.

Respectfully Submitted

Chief Wallace Trott
Wentworth Police Department

Wentworth Fire

Calls for service

MVA Rowen town road vehicle on it side all were ok

Fire alarm activation Dollar General possible over heated electric heater removed from the building

MVA Buffalo Rd 2 patients both needing transport to hospital for injuries and a seizure patient. two ambulances needed on scene warren wentworth and Plymouth ambulance

Cardiac arrest assisted the ambulance with a working code performing cpr

MVA rt 25a minor accident no injuries did have air bag deployment

Trainings

We still have 3 people performing the emr training

We did pump and hose appliances with the greenie group

Total department training was rescue tool operation and discussion on various operations for MVA

We will be doing groomer/snow cat and skandic snow machine operation training with the Baker river snowmobile club at our next regular meeting.

Other

Meetings and phone discussions with the Lions club discussing our need for a trailer to haul rescue sled/atv combo unit along with the tow vehicles for same, to other areas in providing mutual aid assistance, It was voted on by the Pemi Baker Centennial Lions Club to help with fund raising for the purchase of a enclosed trailer to meet those needs. Check out the Lions club, fire department, and bulletin board facebook pages for further information.

Meeting with the baker river snowmobile club to discuss and obtain the rescue equipment. Funding was met. There were many donations coming from other clubs and businesses and many dollars raised from the supporters of the club and fire department.

Wentworth fire has been offered a good functioning snowmobile to also aid in trail side emergencies and it was decided at the last fire meeting to accept that offer if still available.

Road agent Report

2/22/2022

Its been a busy few weeks. We have had a couple snow storms to plow and clean up , we have sand ed and sa;ted the roads several times. We have had afew small projects in the shop to do and we have washed and cleaned the trucks and equipment.

We have already had a couple complaints about mud. There is not much I can do this time of year , its too early to use stone because of the thaw and refreze. That being said I anticipate a horrible mud season , with the frost as deep as it is , we will be prepared ! last week and thru the weekend we chased frozen culverts and water over our roads , we successfully have thawed 4 culverts and with the warm weather and rain coming , I anticipate many more culverts froze. I do have a couple roads that concern me as we havine some etching and sides of roads starting to show signs of edges washing out. We need to monitore this closely ! We were both Saturday and Sunday last weekend and I worked a while on Monday the holiday.

All our town roads will be posted with weight limits very soon , within the next 7 – 10 days.

Paul Manson