

Wentworth Select Board

Meeting minutes

March 22, 2022

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Sonia Scheller, Richard Ducheneau, Chief Ames, Paul Manson (via Zoom), Pete Chierichetti, Kay Bailey, Francis Muzzey, Linda Brownson, Brent Santy, Omer Ahern and Linda Franz

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

The following documents were signed: payroll and vendor checks; meeting minutes for March 8, 2022, 2022 MS-232, Abatements for Chalbeck and Common Land.

With the election of new Select Board members, A.Scheller provided the following work distribution for 2022.

Sonia Scheller will be responsible for emergency services. She will meet with the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service to review the contract and establish a payment plan from the town to the ambulance service. She will also establish the business metrics to be followed by the ambulance service to allow continuance of payment. Other duties include the update of emergency operations plan (EOP) for the town, work with Jeff Ames to improve emergency services, and serve as Ex Officio for the Planning board.

Rick Ducheneau will work to finalize the broadband project for the town. He will work with Andrew Lasser, the broadband committee chairman, to establish the metrics in evaluating which proposal, either New Hampshire Electric Coop or Consolidated Communications, is best for the town. He will evaluate and apply for any grants necessary to complete the project. He will analyze the metrics that will be utilized delivering service. This will include the number of houses serviced, the time to installation, funding, supply chain issues, the quality of service and support of the town's municipal services. He will evaluate each company's plan on supporting the town and obtaining grant funding, and lastly the overall cost of maintenance of the systems.

Arnie Scheller will continue with the FEMA projects for Crossroad and Frescoln Road bridges. He will discuss with the State of New Hampshire Bridge Funding Program for support of the North Dorchester Road bridge and the Eastside Road bridge. These bridges have been red-lined by the NHDOT. He will continue with the work done by Jordan King on developing the gravel pit off of route 25. He will approach the library on their plans for operation and renovation of the structure. He will work with Jennifer Meade on the restoration of the old town hall building. He will also work with Linda Brownson in the development of the Conservation Commission and management of the town forests. With assistance from Jordan King, he will continue to work with Jeff Ames and Paul Manson to finish the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He will help coordinate the digital information from Galen Robinson regarding the GPS location of all culverts and bridges which will allow the town to apply for grant funding.

S.Scheller gave an update on her meeting with the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service. Their staff is down to 5 from 15 due to covid resignations. They only collect on transfers and cannot collect on 911 type calls. Robert Clay is planning to take a medical coding and billing course and will seek the help of a credit collections service. Sonia asked for a quarterly payment plan for the \$105K fee for 2022. She will await their response before signing new contract. Services will end on March 31, 2022.

Pete Chierichetti did not provide a written report for the WPD but stated that he is checking logs and keeping abreast of road conditions during this mud season.

Chief Ames provided a written report for the WFD, and it is a part of these minutes. He announced that the racetrack will hold races on Friday evenings from 7-10 pm. There will be an Easter egg hunt on April 9th at 9 am on the common for ages 0-7 and at 10 am at the school for ages 8-12. He is working on getting the WFD ambulance license reinstated, and the Fast Squad is in discussion. The fundraiser for the dedicated enclosed trailer for the emergency sled and atv will wrap up on Saturday, March 26th at Big Daddy Joes.

Paul Manson did not provide a written report for the Highway Department but stated that the town's roads are in better shape than most of the surrounding town's roads and they are doing their best to manage the mud. He also stated that the paving company that will do the work on Turner Road is not going to increase their price and will remain at ~\$77K.

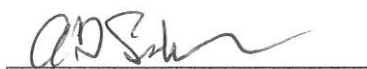
A.Scheller spoke about getting electric service for Hamilton Field. The project will cost approximately \$2,000. L.Franz will contact Renee Ferland for more accurate costs and information and will look within the existing budget to help fund. Linda will report to the board at the next meeting.

Brent Santy addressed the board regarding the snow buildup on Saunders Hill Road at the end of his driveway. It appears that a neighbor has been pushing the snow from his property onto the road in front of Santy's property causing a 7-foot bank. Francis Muzzey offered to remove some trees on his own property so that the town can push the snow off the road and into the brook. Paul Manson and Francis Muzzey will meet to discuss this.

Omer Ahern gave a brief update for Grafton County. They are starting their budgeting process on Thursday, March 24th, and those that wish to may attend via Zoom. The county is still facing ongoing staffing challenges for the nursing home and the corrections facility. The nursing home is forced to reduce capacity by 36 beds, and the corrections facility is down by 14 employees.

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by S.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative. and the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Sonia Scheller



Richard Ducheneau

Wentworth Fire

Calls for service

Motor vehicle fire Ellsworth Hill Rd, turned out to be an overheated engine,

Motor vehicle accident Mutual Aid to Warren roll over

Alarm activation King pine industries sprinkler head broke

Mutual Aid to warren MVA

Lift assist for Ambulance

Fire Alarm activation rt 25 A accidental activation

Fuel leak from an outside heating oil tank Frescoln road Wentworth, we createad a vacuum on the tank and stopped the leak until fuel company came and pumped the tank out

Ambulance call, lift assist and driver operator needed.

Trainings

Hose, appliance and types of hose lay training.

Rescue sled, brvsc groomer training. Pictures to be posted on the FD facebook page soon

Meetings,

Regular scheduled business meeting last Wed, topics focused on stokes litter purchase via our fundraising monies, Discussed the various fund raisers that are up and coming, (will be posted on the FD facebook page)Discussion on race track duty as well as the race track ordinance. Discussion and preperation on the Easter egg hunt April 9th at the town common at 9 am for ages 0-7 and at the Elementary School at 10 am for ages 8 to 12, Easter bunny coming to town!!!

Met with Fire commisioners on ambulance service items,working on getting our ambulance license reinstated, also a meeting and discussion on future planning for possible property and fire station. A meeting and discussion on a department by law change Fire Commisioners.

Other

Attending the Lions club fundraiser Saturday March 26th at Big Daddy Joes resturaunt at 4 pm,

the proceeds from these fundraising activities will go towards the purchase of a enclosed trailer for the rescue sled/atv unit. The goal is to make these items mobile and available in the region via Wentworth Fires response table.