

Wentworth Select Board

Meeting minutes

April 5, 2022

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Sonia Scheller, Richard Ducheneau, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Pete Chierichetti, Francis Muzzey, Linda Brownson, Todd Bixby, Randy Rugar, 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 March 22, 2022, 3 solar exemption applications, Timber yield tax for Youngs, 13 abatement applications for Lookaway Lane with 3 requests for refunds, DMV refund request.

The Select Board addressed a complaint from Francis Muzzey regarding meeting procedures. Francis was under the impression that two SB members may have met outside of a meeting to discuss and decide on certain issues and work assignments. The SB assured him that this was not the case. F.Muzzey specifically cited the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service contract. It was already determined through warrant article that the town would continue with the service. They wanted payment up front, and S.Scheller tried to negotiate a quarterly payment schedule which they refused. The contract was signed by two SB members in a noncontemporary manner. The Board members often work on projects independently and report at the public meetings. The SB confirmed with NH Municipal Association that it was perfectly legal for an individual SB member to meet with vendors to discuss and negotiate services, make work assignments and work on projects as long as they are discussed and, if appropriate, motions made and voted on during a public meeting. Francis Muzzey seemed satisfied with the discussion.

A.Scheller announced that the Conservation Commission had their first public meeting and that he was appointed as the ex-officio representative of the Select. The Commission will meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at 10AM. The meetings will be held at the Town Office.

Pete Chierichetti provided and read a written report for the WPD, and it is a part of these minutes.

Chief Ames reported that two more volunteers are participating in the EMR training bringing the total to five. He also announced that the fundraiser raised enough money to purchase a dedicated enclosed trailer for the rescue sled and ATV

Paul Manson provided a written report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes. He announced that the Town of Warren has no grader and received a request from the Warren Select Board to use our machine. Paul recommends we do this but with the town's own operator, Alan Thououghgood.

At 5:34 PM, R.Ducheneau 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 S.Scheller. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. S.Scheller voted yes. R.Ducheneau voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Re-entered public meeting at 5:39 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.

A.Scheller made a motion to allow Alan Thoroughgood to use the grader to grade roads in the Town of Warren which is estimated to take two days. Seconded by R.Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

P.Manson requested that the Select Board choose CMI Paving to do the paving on Turner Road. The proposal is for ~\$77K.

A.Scheller made a motion to sign the contract with CMI Paving for the paving of Turner Road. Seconded by R.Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

P.Manson suggested that the town sell the International truck. He would like to post on Craigs List, Iron Planet and other heavy equipment sites. The asking price would be \$18K.

R.Ducheneau made a motion to allow P.Manson to post the International truck for sale at asking price of \$18K. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

S.Scheller made a motion to allow P.Manson to accept an offer for the International truck for no less than \$15K.. Seconded by R.Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

L.Franz announced that the order for electric service at Hamilton Field has been made. The cost for the electrician is \$2K. The Market will pay half and the town will pay half. Ron Franz volunteered to dig the trench. The town will pay the monthly electric bill (summer only). Internet service will be addressed next year.

Randy Rugar spoke about the need for a replacement compactor for the transfer station. The old one is approximately 30 years old. He got a price of ~\$10K for a refurbished one. There are not many vendors to choose from. The SB recommended that he contact the Holderness transfer station and make some other calls to get other estimates. The funds for this replacement would come from the Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund.

A.Scheller made a motion to get the compactor replaced for no more than \$10K. Seconded by R.Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A.Scheller announced that the gravel pit project is under control of the Planning Board per RSA.

S.Scheller suggested that we stay informed of grant monies that may become available for the other bridges in town that need repair or replacement.

Francis Muzzey is selling off some lots that are in Current Use. He wants to know who would be responsible for the Land Use Change Tax, the seller or the buyer. L.Franz will look into this and advise.

R.Ducheneau made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative. and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Sonia Scheller



Richard Ducheneau

WPD Activity Report
Presented 04/05/2022

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.

The Wentworth Police Department wishes to thank Jordan King for his service with our community as a member of the Wentworth board of selectmen, and we wish to welcome our newest member to the select board Sonia Scheller.

Some of you are already aware, but for those who are not, Chief Trott is out on medical leave after having some major surgery to his shoulder and bicep due to a recent injury. He is on the road to recovery and is looking forward to returning to service in any capacity soon. Even during recovery, he chooses to monitor all calls for service in Wentworth and will continue to handle any administrative calls remotely that he can.

In the interim, the town of Wentworth will NOT be without coverage. Chief Trott made prior arrangements and Wentworth will be covered by New Hampshire State Police Troop-F, the Grafton County Sheriffs Department, as well as other members of the Wentworth Police Department when available. Office hours will remain the same and will be covered by Officer Pete Cherechitti.

The Wentworth Police Department took a call for a horse that was down and unable to get up. The call was referred to our Animal Control Officer, (ACO), who responded and found that unfortunately the horse could not be helped. The ACO assisted the owner of the horse with making the necessary contacts to have the horse humanely put down by a veterinarian. Our condolences to the owner of the horse and our sincere thanks to our ACO for his efforts and continued follow-up.

The Wentworth Police Department took a criminal trespass report from a local property owner. Contact was made with the involved parties and they were issued citations. Some minor damage was done to some fencing and the property owner advised he would resolve that later after it was repaired.

Chief Trott took a report from a Wentworth resident of a fraud incident. The resident had been notified that his computer had been hacked and he needed to call an APPLE representative at a phone number given and he did so. He was then instructed to purchase a \$200.00 APPLE gift card and call the party back with the transaction code in order to have work done to his computer which he also did. After doing so he was then instructed to purchase another \$300.00 gift card and give them the transaction code for that card. He refused to do so and shortly after that it was determined to be a fraud. Chief Trott wants to remind his residents that anyone asking to be paid in gift cards is more than likely NOT a reputable person and or business, especially over the internet and phone.

Chief Trott served a stalking order on a Wentworth resident that had been issued by the Plymouth District Court. The order was served without incident and the served party also surrendered his firearms which was specified as a stipulation in the order.

Chief Trott conducted a civil standby for a Wentworth resident at a local business where the resident had been previously employed for the resident to obtain some personal property. The business was very cooperative and the property was obtained and the civil standby completed without incident.

Respectfully Submitted

Chief Wallace Trott Wentworth Police Department

Road agent report

April 5 , 2022

Over the last few weeks we have battled mud for a week or so. We have been proactive in York rakeing the roads as the weather permits. We got the grader out last Thursday and have been using it to do a little smoothing of some of our worst roads. The real grading will not start for a week or two.

We have taken the plows and sanders off the trucks , they have been cleaned but not put away just yet ! we will summarize everything in the next few weeks and put them away.

I have spoke to a few contractors about pricing for the construction work on turner road. Im pricing gravel for a couple projects and regravelling of a few roads . I have been getting quotes on vibratory rollers and for mowers in august.

We are getting very busy , we have sweeping to do , we have to wash and clean all the bridges in town and grade all the roads by the middle to end of may , we also have mike clark coming in to limb trees. There is no lack of work !

Paul Manson