

Wentworth Select Board
Meeting minutes
May 17, 2022

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Sonia Scheller, Richard Ducheneau, Chief Ames, Chief Trott, Omer Ahern 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 May 3, 2022, timber yield tax for Jackson (2), Green Woodlands, Arden Forest and Scheller Farm, intent to cut for Jackson, land use change tax for Meadows, abatement requests for Camp Pemi, Reardon, Clayton, Ostrander (denial), 3 veterans tax credit applications, wage changes for highway department employees, 4 septic approvals.

A.Scheller announced that Fraser and Red Oak Hill Roads were washed out during the recent storm, and the highway department is working to repair. He also suggested that we watch "Just Omer" either on the Pemi-Baker TV or You Tube for updates on the county and other interesting topics.

R.Ducheneau confirmed that the parking lot at the Elementary School will be paved over the summer. Adjustments to the original proposal include removing the islands and increasing the width of the driveway on the side of the school where cafeteria deliveries are made. A drawing of the plan is attached to these minutes.

Chief Trott provided a written report, and it is a part of these minutes.

Chief Ames provided a written report, and it is a part of these minutes. In addition, he reminds everyone that the WFD will hold its annual plant and bake sale on Saturday, May 28th from 9am-1pm. Donations are currently being accepted.

R.Ducheneau was again in contact with NHEC and Consolidated Communications on May 7, 2022. No response to his inquiries as of yet.

Paul Manson provided a written report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

Jennifer Meade presented a proposal for the Town Hall building that will enable the opening of the first floor for public purposes. The capacity of that area is approximately 60. Opening the second floor to the public would require a sprinkler system and possible other ADA requirements that would make it too expensive. The proposed budget is \$399,472. You may view the budget in the office for more information. Jen is applying for a matching grant for approximately \$70K (which is the balance in the Expendable Trust) and is seeking authorization from the Select Board to represent the town in signing the applications. This project is expected to take 3-5 years to completion.

S.Scheller made a motion to authorize Jennifer Meade to apply for and sign grant applications for the Town Hall restoration on behalf of the town and to expend necessary funds from the Town Hall Expendable Trust. Seconded by A.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Omer Ahern reported that the Grafton County may award \$50K to every town in the county to help with power. The county is pushing for solar energy and possible use of slightly used nuclear fuel to power towns. The federal government has allotted \$42 billion for this. We are currently awaiting to hear something from the Governor's Office. For more information, go to website wastetoenergynow.org. In addition, the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2023 shows a decrease of .16% from fiscal year 2022.

At 5:45 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 6:04 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 adjourn. Seconded by S.Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative. and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



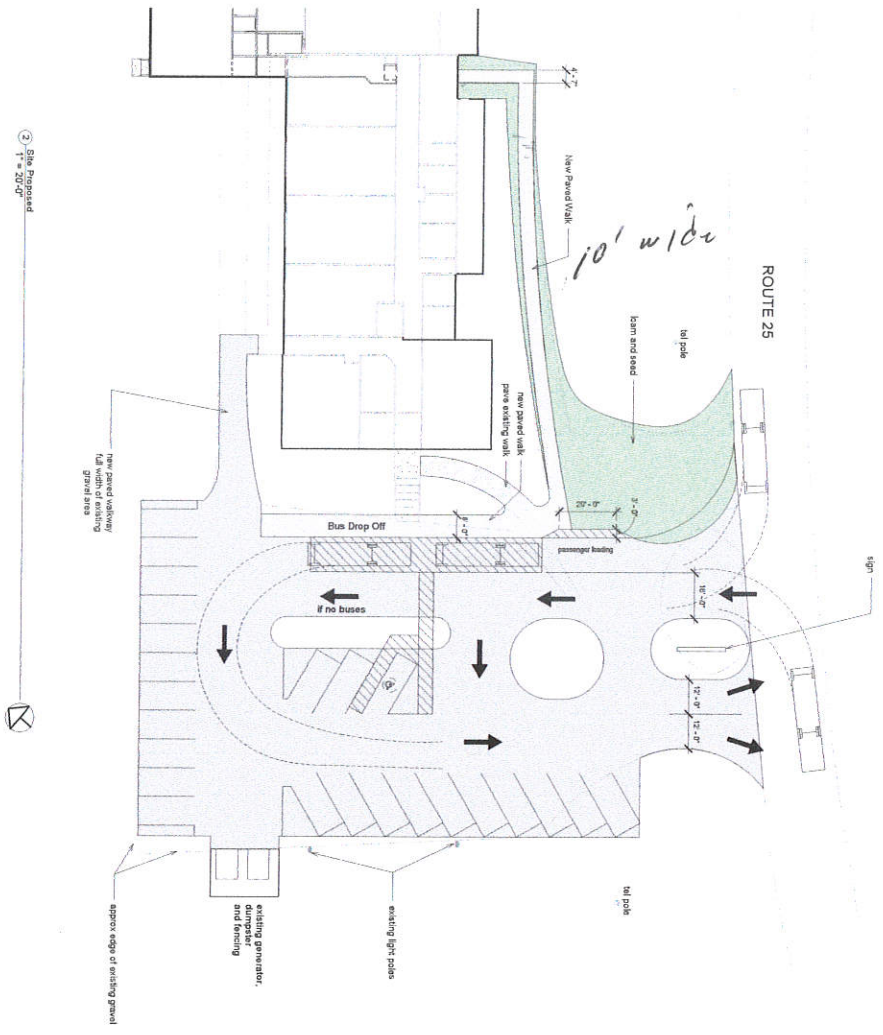
Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Sonia Scheller



Richard Ducheneau



2 Site Proposed
1" = 20'-0"



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Scale: 1" = 20'-0"
Date: October 28, 2021
Revision: March 17, 2022

Proposed Site Layout

Wentworth Elementary School
Wentworth, NH

Project number: 2009.105

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WPD Activity Report
Presented 05/17/2022

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.

Over the last two weeks the Wentworth Police has taken care of the following basic (CFS) calls for service.

(2) VIN Verifications for a vehicle

(1) Hull Verification for a boat

(2) New 911 Address Assignments

The WPD also took a theft report and further investigation showed that it was a civil matter between family members who were disputing over possessions belonging to another family member who had just recently passed away. They were advised to have the matter resolved in probate court.

The WPD also took a report from a resident who claimed that they had been scammed out of \$1,500.00 for work on their property that was never completed. This matter remains under investigation.

The WPD completed a Sex Offender Registration (SOR) on a Wentworth resident who is mandated to register with us on a quarterly basis. The required paperwork was completed and then forwarded to the Sex Offender Registry in Concord.

Chief Trott and Martha took part in another training session pertaining to the new RMS/CSI computer program for the police department. This was the second segment of a multi-segment training process and will continue into May and June.

Our flags are at half-staff for the following reasons.

A Proclamation on Remembering the 1,000,000 Americans Lost to COVID-19

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Today, we mark a tragic milestone: one million American lives lost to COVID-19. One million empty chairs around the dinner table. Each an irreplaceable loss. Each leaving behind a family, a community, and a Nation forever changed because of this pandemic. Jill and I pray for each of them.

As a Nation, we must not grow numb to such sorrow. To heal, we must remember. We must remain vigilant against this pandemic and do everything we can to save as many lives as possible. In remembrance, let us draw strength from each other as fellow Americans. For while we have been humbled, we never give up. We can and will do this together as the United States of America.

In memory of the one million American lives lost to COVID-19 and their loved ones left behind, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and on all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset May 16, 2022. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same period at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

The flags remain at half-staff in accordance with President Bidens following proclamation.

Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 15 through May 21, 2022, as Police Week.

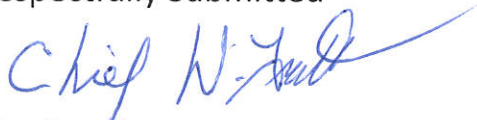
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2022, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 15 through May 21, 2022, as Police Week. I call upon all Americans to observe these events with appropriate ceremonies and activities and salute our Nation's brave law enforcement officers and remember their peace officer brothers and sisters who have given their last full measure of devotion in the line of duty. I also call on the Governors of the United States and its Territories, and appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day. I further encourage all Americans to display the flag at half-staff from their homes and businesses on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

I would ask at this time that we all take a moment of silence and remember the fallen law enforcement officers that have sacrificed their lives for our safety.

Respectfully Submitted



Chief Wallace Trott Wentworth Police Department

(No Subject)

From: j&l redbones (jlredbones@yahoo.com)

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 04:20 PM EDT

Calls for service

Mutual aid to Rumney for out of control outside fire, canceled as Rumney quickly extinguished

Mutual Aid call to Orford for hiker rescue on Mount Cube. Orford has a special response guide for this type of situation. That brings in OFD, Lyme Fire, Hanover Fire, Thetford Fire, Wentworth along with NH F & G it was decided that A Black Hawk chopper was brought in to air lift the patient for immediate care.

Training

Greenie training consisted of communications size up, fire ground communications truck and portable, step 2 for this will be interrogability and learning how to function through the channel banks and channels.

next regular training this wed tanker/pumper shuttle operations

2 of our firefighters are in the first part of the registration process for the level 1 certified ff class starting in the end of June going through Nov.

Road agent report

May 17.2022

The most important thing is our roads held up pretty good to the heavy rain last night. We did have some washing , The worst was Frazier road , it was barely passable , north Dorchester road had some washing on the edge of pavement and red oak hill had some washing , but all in all we are in good shape.

Over the last two weeks we have been final grading the gravel roads. We only have a couple roads to go and we will be done , we also have been applying magnesium to most roads or parts of roads. I have had two 4300 gallon deliveries of magnesium. Lastly we have cleaned and washed all bridges except for ellsworth hill bridge. All this should be done and complete by the end of this week !

Paul Manson