

Town of Wentworth  
Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2022

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Sonia Scheller, Richard Ducheneau, Omer Ahern, Leo Dwyer, Paul Manson, Chief Ames, Kathy Keefe, Donna King, Andrew Lasser, Chief Trott, Francis Muzzey, Chief Trott, Linda Franz, and Erin Ganzel

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 June 28, 2022, charcoal/propane grill permit for Asquamchumauke Valley Snowmobile club, raffle ticket permit for Wentworth Open Air Market, and Wentworth Broadband Committee support letters for Consolidated Communications and NHEC.

- A. Scheller reported the E. Coli levels provided by the Baker River Watershed Association. Locations tested included Saunders Hill bridge, Hamilton Field, and the town park. Levels were well below the limit of 88 counts per 100 mL.
- A. Scheller reported a Public Hearing was held at Dorchester Town Hall concerning a request by Vertex Towers, LLC to seek two variances to the Town of Dorchester Land Use Regulation Ordinance to presumably install towers.
- A. Scheller reported that the Wentworth Elementary School parking lot was paved. The pitch of the walkway was adjusted to help with the voting process.

Chief Trott shared his report, which is attached to these minutes.

Chief Trott reported concerns received by the Police Department from town members regarding visibility when exiting the Transfer Station. There is a blind spot on the right making it difficult to see oncoming traffic. The Transfer Station attendants will remove approximately 30 yards of brush along the fence line. By the suggestion of K. Keefe, A. Scheller will help by using a natural spray which will kill the brush, making it easier to remove. Installing a mirror will be considered for the future. Chief Trott will reach out to the Grafton County Department of Corrections to determine if there is a program operating with inmates that could help with removal.

Chief Trott requested permission from the Select Board to put the old police cruiser up for bid, which the Select Board approved. Chief Trott has asked that the Select Board set the minimum bid rate.

Chief Ames shared his report, which is attached to these minutes.

P. Manson reported that the Highway Department is gravelling areas of Buffalo Rd and will move onto Zoe Rd. P. Manson discussed his concerns with his fuel budget due to the increased cost of fuel. P. Manson suggested a warrant article be written next year to include money in the budget for a used roadside mower.

The Broadband Matching Grant Initiative support letters were discussed. A. Lasser discussed Consolidated Communications (CC) commitment to customer service and his concerns with the New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC). Cables are fiber optic for both Consolidated Communications and NHEC. CC will offer free internet to municipal buildings. L. Dwyer requested a letter from CC so that NHEC could offer the same service. F. Muzzey made the point that NHEC was non-profit and member owned.

**R. Ducheneau made a motion to sign both letters of support and hold. Seconded by S. Scheller. A. Scheller voted no. The motion carried in a quorum.**

A. Scheller requested a letter of commitment from L. Dwyer with NHEC regarding free internet for municipal buildings.

**S. Scheller made a motion to exchange letter of commitment from CC to NHEC regarding free internet for municipal buildings. Seconded by A. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

D. King discussed replacing the “Welcome to the Town of Wentworth” sign and requested permission from the Select Board to raise funds to cover the cost, which is estimated to be around \$1600. D. King discussed the painting that needs to be done on the gazebo.

**A. Scheller made a motion to allow Donna King to raise funds for the “Welcome to the Town of Wentworth Sign”, with any extra funds going to cover the cost of paint for the gazebo to be painted by volunteers. Seconded by S. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

O. Ahern reported the Farm Manager at Grafton County will be resigning on July 31, 2022. Anyone interested in the position can contact the County Administrator Julie Libby.

F. Muzzey reported there will be an upcoming Wentworth-Warren Ambulance Service (WWAS) meeting and all are invited to come. The Attorney General will be attending. The date of the meeting is to be determined. F. Muzzey stated that the WWAS was operating on by-laws that are 8 years old.

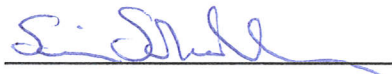
**A. Scheller made a motion to allow P. Manson to advertise the old police cruiser for \$5500.00 on Facebook Marketplace. Seconded by S. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

**A. Scheller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by S. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.**

Respectfully submitted by: Erin D. Ganzel, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller  
Chairman



Sonia Scheller



Richard Ducheneau

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 07/26/2022**

**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 took a harassment complaint from a person regarding some social media posts and text messages sent to them. After speaking with the complainant and reviewing the messages Chief Trott contacted the person who had posted the social media comments and sent the text messages. Chief Trott spoke with the author of the messages and the matter was resolved amicably.

Chief Trott took 2 separate criminal mischief reports from two Wentworth residents who reported that their vehicles had been damaged sometime during the night. Although these were separate reports with separate victims they both took place at the same location. The matter remains under investigation.

Chief Trott responded to a residential burglar alarm in Wentworth last week. Upon arrival he made contact with the property owner and it was determined that the alarm was caused by a short power outage and then a power surge. The alarm was reset and did not activate again.

Our Animal Control Officer (ACO) William Melanson was called out late one night last week for two dogs that had shown up at a Wentworth residence. This was during one of the very hot and humid days/evenings and when we were having the heavy thunderstorms. ACO Melanson attempted to make contact with the dogs owner from Warren and was unable to do so, as a result the two dogs were transported to the Humane Society in Meredith. By the time ACO Melanson was finished with this call for service it was 0130 AM. I mention this because this is why we have an ACO in our town budget. As Chief of Police I feel that ACO Melanson does an excellent job for the community of Wentworth and I think we are very fortunate to have him.



The race track has not run in two weeks now so there is nothing new to report there. The new owner continues to make improvements to the track and is very dedicated in making the race track a family friendly venue.

**New Suicide and Crisis Hotline  
Dial 988**

Nationwide: New Suicide and Crisis Line 988 - Beginning Saturday, 07/16/2022, dialing the new three-digit dialing code "988" will route calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, across the United States.



fire

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

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 12:07 PM EDT

#### Calls for Service

Toned and responded to Orford for cover truck and manpower while they were out on a call to another town with other multiple departments

Toned to Dollar General, fire alarm activation light issue, unplugged reset alarm and ran thermal imaging cam throughout the building.

#### Training

Pump operations engine 2

Hose appliances engine 2

Communication training, learning how to access interoperability channels, example dhart Hanover Fire Twin state and others.

#### Other

The touch a truck at the open air market went well.

Public building inspection at the Library top floor/main floor passed, basement area does not pass at this time for public use, a list will be provided to the library trustees for items in need of repair Reinspection can be done at a later date this by no means stops the normal library open times it pertains to public safety in the bottom of library only..

#### Meetings and correspondence

Regular scheduled fire meetings,

Meeting in reference to possible future property for fire station

Correspondence with the sau 48 for fire inspection report for the Wentworth Elementary school for year 2021 as well as signing documents pertaining to future possible grant monies involving items of discussion during our safety meetings for items of possible need.

Will be arranging with the School when in session a fire safety code inspection. and fire alarms requirements discussion.

Respectfully

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department