

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Wentworth
August 9, 2022**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Richard Ducheneau, Chief Ames, Chief Trott, Omer Ahern, Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Brian Dubois, and Erin Ganzel

A. Scheller called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

R. Ducheneau reviewed the four town ordinances and any changes that may be necessary. It was discussed that the ordinances involving the Town Park may need to be revised.

A. Scheller reported an update on the most recent meeting with FEMA. A. Scheller stressed that there would be an 18 mile detour should the Cross Road bridge be washed out. The replacement bridge was to be a 34 foot bridge approved by the NH Department of Environmental Safety to replace the current temporary structure. This would allow the bridge to be connected to the secondary bank, which would help prevent future wash outs. FEMA will deny funding for the 34 foot bridge, stating they will only cover costs to return to pre-disaster state which is the 18 foot bridge connected to the primary bank. Finding a resolution is currently underway.

A. Scheller reported that Marina Reilly Collette has resigned from the Planning Board. She was transferred to station in a new location. Duane Brown has stepped up as the Acting Chair. The Planning Board is seeking two more members to join.

A. Scheller reported that he was called to do an interview with the Department of Justice.

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

Chief Trott discussed removing the worn picnic table by Riverside Park due to complaints regarding its safety hazards.

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

P. Koelb requested use of the Town Hall chairs and tables for the banquet he hosts on September 17th. The Select Board approved the request.

P. Koelb discussed flying a POW/MIA flag by the Veteran's Memorial. The Select Board will seek legal advice from the NH Municipal Association to determine any possible legal conflicts.

F. Muzzey reported the Wentworth-Warren Ambulance Station would have a meeting open to the Select Board on Thursday at 3pm. R. Ducheneau plans to attend.

P. Koelb shared that the Baker Valley Band would be playing live on Thursday August 18th at 6:30pm. The concert will be located on the Town Common Gazebo.

A. Scheller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57pm. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. The motion carried in a quorum.

Respectfully submitted by: Erin D. Ganzel, Administrative Assistant


Arnold Scheller, Chairman


Sonia Scheller


Richard Ducheneau

WPD Activity Report
Presented 08/09/2022

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 report from a Wentworth resident who had some work done on their property. The work was never done completely, and they felt that they had been overcharged not realizing it until the person who completed the work had left. Chief Trott explained that this was clearly a civil matter and stated that they may have resolve this matter in civil court. Chief Trott did contact the contractor that did the work and after speaking with him for some time, to show good faith on his part, he agreed to return half of the money that was paid to him which he did. The homeowner contacted Chief Trott and verified that they had received the money and thanked the police department for advocating on their behalf.

Chief Trott investigated what looked to be an abandoned vehicle that had been left at Hamilton Field for several days. Chief Trott was able to contact the last registered owner and was advised that the vehicle had broken down at that location and the owner was in the process of having it removed. Chief Trott wanted to ensure that it would be moved prior to the weekend so it did not create a parking issue for the Farmers Market. The owner assured Chief Trott that it would be moved prior to the weekend and in checking later Chief Trott found that it had been.

Chief Trott arrested a Warren resident on an arrest warrant for Cruelty to Animals-Neglect. It was an arrest warrant from our agency and had been obtained by Chief Trott due to a prior incident where our ACO had taken possession of two dogs that were subsequently taken to the New Hampshire Humane Society and left in their care/custody. The Warren resident was released on bail and will be arraigned in Plymouth Court on September 19th.



The race track has run the last weeks with a relatively good turn out and no known or reported issues.

Chief Trott responded to a Wentworth residence for a panic alarm. Upon arrival Chief Trott found no one home but the residence unsecured. Chief Trott cleared the residence as well as an outbuilding and after determining that there was no emergency there Chief Trott left a business card for the home owner and then cleared and resumed patrol.



(No Subject)

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

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 04:06 PM EDT

Calls for service

Wentworth fire toned and responded to fire alarm activation ellsworth hill road it was a detector that lost communication with the panel we did a building search found no hazards end result fault in the system.

trainings

Further training on engine/pumper operations

Greenie training Wed night will be a mixture of communication and safe truck operating skills

Correspondence and meetings,

I am Dealing with a legal firm requesting an inspection of the cell tower on Ellsworth hill, due to the fact it is considered a structure we are obliged to meet that request , I have involved the fire marshals office in this with their team for assistance as i have zero knowledge of tower construction.

Have had a meeting with Rumneys Fire chief finalizing run cards, they will be having us respond automatic response to three types of calls. Rumney rocks to assist with carry out and other as needed . next automatic response, will be Swift Water rescue for shore line and technical rescue operations. and we will be placed on automatic for all structure fires in their town.

Lastly Car Mate trailer has notified us that our trailer will be shipping out soon, it will then go to a company to be lettered after that we will then set up our training and operational guidelines for this new piece of equipment. The rescue items will be loaded and readied for service We want to take this time to thank everyone who donated, did fundraising and more to make this happen.for the fire department and town. There will be more on this to come in the future.

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department