

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Wentworth
August 23, 2022**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Sonia Scheller, Richard Ducheneau, Chief Ames, Chief Trott, Omer Ahern, Brian Dubois, Linda Brownson, Donna King and Erin Ganzel

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

A. Scheller discussed the elevated E coli results at Hamilton Field and Saunders Hill Rd, which are attached these minutes.

A. Scheller discussed concerns with visibility when turning out of the Town Common and Hamilton Field. A. Scheller met with NHEC and NH DOT representatives to determine a resolution. Both companies will work together to clear the trees and brush effecting visibility.

A. Scheller reported that the brush clearing is completed behind the Veteran's Memorial. The town thanks Brian Dubious and Shawn Moglia for assisting in the project. The remaining brush will be burned. Chief Ames will contact the state to organize a day-burn permit.

A. Scheller discussed the damages at the old Town Hall in addition to the brush needing to be cleared. Windows will need to repaired and/or replaced. He received an estimate for \$750.00 to complete the repairs.

A. Scheller made a motion to move a total sum of \$750.00 from expendable trust 205 and/or 0206 to be utilized for brush clearing and repair/replacement of the windows in the old Town Hall. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

S. Scheller discussed the transfer of Planning Board Chair Marina Reilly-Collette to Portland, OR. The Planning Board is currently seeking two members to finish the term.

S. Scheller reported that Saturday, August 27th will be the annual Dinner on the Bridge to benefit the Wentworth Veteran's Memorial. Out of 100 tickets, 92 were sold.

R. Ducheneau reported on the WWAS board meeting. Chuck Sackett resigned. The board is looking for several new members to join the board. Members do not have to live in Wentworth or Warren to join, however if they do not reside in either of those towns they can still join if they work for WWAS.

Chief Trott discussed his meeting with Chief Clay of WWAS. Chief Clay recently became certified for new billing processes which are now being implemented at WWAS. The billing process is more efficient so that they are receiving payments faster. WWAS is no longer in a bankruptcy status and can now qualify for grants and/or state aid.

A. Scheller reports the Select Board has purchased "thank you" gifts to present to the Wentworth Fire Department on September 7th at 7pm for their hard work fighting the Kennebec Lumber Company fire. The presentation will take place the Wentworth Fire Department.

E. Ganzel gave an update on FEMA. Chris Fournier of HEB is currently forming an updated pre-disaster cost estimate to be submitted to FEMA. The estimate is necessary step to take before going forward with a Benefit Cost Analysis for the project.

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

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A. Scheller provided an update on the paving at Turner Rd.

- A. Scheller reports that Alan Thoroughgood has resigned. The Highway Department is looking to hire an additional employee.
- L. Brownson from the Conservation Commission reported on the project involving the Town Forest. The Conservation Commission is waiting to receive two separate proposals for designing a recreational trail network through the forest. L. Brownson reports that the 1-acre parcel designated as Town Forest on N. Dorchester Rd may be sold and the proceeds used for development of the recreational trails.
- D. King reported that the fundraiser started to replace the "Welcome to Wentworth" sign had a goal of \$1600.00, however \$2950.00 was ultimately raised. D. King seeks approval from the Select Board to put any additional proceeds towards painting the gazebo on the Town Common and replacing the flag pole. The Select Board approved.
- O. Ahern reports that the Grafton County Farm is not being closed. The farm will work with a UNH co-op extension.
- O. Ahern reports that the nursing home has at least 40 beds empty as they are struggling to find staff.
- A. Scheller made a motion at 6:08pm 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. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**
- A. Scheller made a motion to exit the non-public session at 6:27pm. Seconded by S. Scheller all three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**
- A. Scheller made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by S. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**
- A. Scheller made a motion at 6:28pm 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. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**
- S. Scheller made a motion to exit the non-public session at 6:41pm. Seconded by A. Scheller all three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**
- A. Scheller made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by S. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**
- A. Scheller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm. S. Scheller seconded. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by: Erin D. Ganzel, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Sonia Scheller



Richard Ducheneau

Warren sites: July 28, 2022: morning (dry, no rain)

BKR 10	Batchelder Br	4 counts/100 ml
BKR 8	Bixby Br	26 counts/100 ml
BKR 8R	Bixby Br dupl.	31 counts/100 ml
BKR 9	Town Line Br	19 counts/100 ml

Wentworth sites: July 28, 2022: afternoon - brief rain preceded sampling)

BKR 7A	Hamilton Field	166 counts/100 ml
BKR 6	Saunders Hill Rd	96 counts/100 ml

Rumney sites: Aug 11, 2022 (dry, but rain in prior 3 days)

BKR 4A	Sand Hill Rd	70 counts/100 ml
BKR 4AR Sand Hill Rd dupl		55 counts/100 ml
BKR 4	Main St Br	44 counts/100 ml
BKR 3	RV Park, Rte 25	50 counts/100 ml

Plymouth sites: Aug 11, 2022

BKR 2	Smith Bridge	55 counts/100 ml
BKR 1A	Silver Bridge (Tenney)	44 counts/100 ml
BKR 1	Green Bridge (Rte 3)	81 counts/100 ml

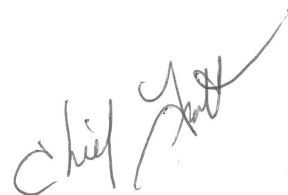
WPD Activity Report
Presented 08/23/2022

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 assisted an elderly Wentworth resident with contacting the local phone company regarding issues she was having with her phone line. She is elderly and has some medical issues and the phone is an important commodity for her as her emergency medical response button is connected to the phone line. Chief Trott contacted her phone service and reported this issue to them and was assured that someone would respond and address the issue expeditiously.

Chief Trott met completed the required paperwork for a registered sex offender who is required to register with the sex offender registry quarterly. The paperwork was completed and checked for accuracy and then forwarded to the sex offender registry in Concord.

Chief Trott, Selectman Rick Ducheneau, and Wentworth resident /former selectman Francis Muzzey, as well as Wentworth residents George Morrill and Kathy Keefe attended meetings over the last two weeks with the Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service (WWAS), and members of their board. During one of those meetings two members of the New Hampshire Attorney Generals Office were also present. That meeting was somewhat productive, there were problems identified, concerns voiced, and direction given to the WWAS by the NHAG’s Office as well as other members present. It was good to hear that some progress has been made and implemented regarding the billing aspect of the business, but, more work does need to be done.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chief Trott", is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

Chief Trott was made aware of a traffic safety issue on North Dorchester Road. It pertained to vehicles, specifically delivery vehicles but applies to all vehicles, that make a right turn off of North Dorchester Road onto Vlk Mountain Road. Because of the entrance onto Vlk Mtn Road it requires the vehicle to make a wide right hand turn which is hazardous to oncoming traffic. In speaking with the resident I advised that I would convey their concern to the select board and recommend that a "NO RIGHT HAND TURN ALLOWED" sign be posted on North Dorchester Road prior to Vlk Mountain Road to try and help alleviate that problem.

Chief Trott took a suspicious persons report from a Wentworth resident. In checking the location Chief Trott found that it was a worker who was legitimately working on a building in town and the report was closed out.

Chief Trott attended a regional Chiefs of Police meeting which included the Chiefs in the North Country, the Grafton County Sheriff, the Coos County Sheriff, the Director for the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training as well as Lt: Michael Cote from N.H.S.P. Troop-F, and Colonel Nathan Noyes from N.H.S.P. The main topic of this meeting pertained to the Emergency Management Plans for each one of the schools in each community and the collective responses from each one of the above agencies. It was an extremely productive and beneficial meeting.

Over the last two weeks the race track has continued to run on time. At one of the races there was an incident with a driver and his pit-crew that had to be addressed by the Chief Trott and another officer. That driver and pit crew has been banned from the race track with the support of the race track owners. At the most recent race there was a crash on the track that required a driver to be extracted from his race car on the track. The ambulance service on scene, with the help of members of the Wentworth Fire Department was able to do so quickly and effectively. Chief Trott contacted Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service for an intercept. Chief Trott and the track ambulance service set up a staging area in the parking lot where the intercept took place and the driver was transported to the hospital by Warren-Wentworth Ambulance. When the track ambulance service returned to the track area the races resumed.



(No Subject)

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

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 02:12 PM EDT

Calls for service

Fire alarm activation turned out being a structure fire a Kennebec lumber. companies involved 3 engines from Wentworth one engine from warren, a tanker and engine from Rumney. Wentworth responded with 12 members Warren had 3 on first due engine Rumney had 6 with their two pieces. Departments were able to contain and stop the fire into one building along with the sprinkler system

Although not toned/called Wentworth fire provided fire safety and aided in extraction operations at the race track during an on track accident, working with Golden Cross ambulance service. During our normal operations at the track. The patient was taken to speare with possible head and neck injuries.

Training

Continuing education on all on scene operations

Went over safe start up and handling procedures of chainsaws.

Critiqued in house, the mill fire, will be doing a multiple department critique near future

Other

Correspondence with *Captain Doolan, EMS Operations/Licensing & Education state of nh*

Correspondence via text with **Plymouth regional High School for a active event test alert for emergency services.**

Conversation with the trailer dealership on the time frame to take delivery of trailer.

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department