

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Wentworth
September 20, 2022**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Sonia Scheller, Richard Ducheneau, Chief Trott, Brian Dubois, Paul Manson, Duane Brown, Linda Brownson, Deb Ziemba, Deb Vlk, Francis Muzzey, and Erin Ganzel

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

A. Scheller reported that Duane Brown is retiring as Deputy Treasurer.

D. Vlk requested the Select Board appoint Linda Franz as Deputy Treasurer.

S. Scheller made a motion to appoint Linda Franz as Deputy Treasurer for the Town of Wentworth. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A. Scheller recognized Donna King for all of her efforts in organizing the painting of the gazebo on the Town Common.

S. Scheller reported that the Wentworth Elementary School Student Council volunteered to scrape the paint off the Gazebo.

A. Scheller reported that Nancy Masterson has received two bids for clean-up around the library and fire station that the Trustees must vote on.

A. Scheller reported the window on the back of the old Town Hall has been repaired. A. Scheller recognized Brian Dubois for his efforts in repair and debris removal.

A. Scheller reported that Wright Tree Co based out of Iowa was contracted by NHEC to remove tree brush.

A. Scheller reported that the NHDOT has yet to meet their promise of removing tree brush 50 feet from the center line of Route 25. E. Ganzel will follow up with the NHDOT.

A. Scheller discussed a letter of complaint received regarding a test pit done on Frescoln Rd. The complaint was submitted by a neighbor concerned that the digging was done during the winter, however P. Manson confirms it is common for test pits to be dug during this time. A. Scheller reported that the test pit results were officially stamped, thus this is a matter for the neighbor to bring to the designer and/or state of NH.

A. Scheller reported that a sugar house will be put in on Nichols Hill Rd.

S. Scheller reported the results of the Planning Board meeting, with specific mention of complaints from Lookaway Lane. The resident facing complaints has separated their lots and will be putting in a separate septic for the new ADU to meet NH DES codes and regulations. S. Scheller reported that Lookaway Lane is an HOA, thus many matters must be resolved within the association.

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

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

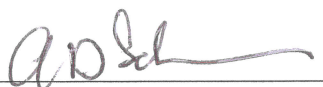
P. Manson shared his report, which is attached to these minutes.

L. Brownson reported that the Conservation Commission continues to move forward with their goals. L. Brownson reported that the CC will be meeting with the Pemi-Baker Land Trust to discuss their application, which could take up to a year to process.

L. Brownson requested permission from the Select Board to sell the approximately 1-acre parcel designated as Town Forest in order to supply funds for the Town Forest Management Fund.

- A. Scheller reported that the CC made a formal written request to sell the approximately 1-acre parcel, which is attached to these minutes.
- A. Scheller made a motion to accept the Conservation Commission's request as it reads and requests a vote from the Select Board to give permission to the CC to sell the 1-acre parcel with proceeds going to support the CC. Seconded by S. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**
- F. Muzzey reports that the Conservation Commission must have current authorization to spend with this year's budget, thus the proceeds must be put into next year's budget.
- F. Muzzey reported that the WWAS will be meeting at 4:30pm on September 27th.
- R. Ducheneau thanked the late Randy Morrison for his 8 years sitting on the Select Board, as well as for all other contributions he has made to the community.
- R. Ducheneau requested a moment of silence for Randy Morrison.
- A. Scheller made a motion at 5:49pm 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 6:16pm. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. 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 R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**
- A. Scheller made a motion at 6:17pm 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 6:31pm. 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 R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**
- A. Scheller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm. R. Ducheneau seconded. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by: Erin D. Ganzel, Town Administrative Assistant


Arnold Scheller, Chairman


Sonia Scheller


Richard Ducheneau

Town of Wentworth

From: j&l redbones <jlredbones@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 9:08 AM
To: j&l redbones; Arnie Scheller; Sonia Scheller; Richard Ducheneau; Town of Wentworth
Subject: report

Arnie , Sonia, Rick,

Due to a back issue i will not make tonight's meeting i have sent for you to read the following fire department report.

calls for service

in the past couple weeks we have had multiple calls

motor vehicle accident rt 25

tree down across road rt 25

assist ambulance driver needed

mutual aid to Orford for cover truck

Mutual aid automatic response to Rumney Structure Fire 3 pieces from Wentworth Station

Another Mutual aid automatic response to Rumney for another structure fire 3 pieces from Wentworth Station

Training

Driver operator training for the greenies

Pump operations

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department

WPD Activity Report
Presented 09/20/2022

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 Chief Trott has conducted three (3) Civil Standbys for two Wentworth residents who had obtained a court order dividing property between them. The civil standbys were requested on the part of both parties to ensure that there would be no confrontations and or false allegations. Chief Trott conducted all three (3) and they were done without incident.

Chief Trott responded to Wentworth after hours last week in regards to a person that had shot a bear in Wentworth. While attending to that bear two cubs/yearlings and a mother bear showed up and unfortunately the hunter found himself between the two cubs/yearlings. The mother bear bluff charged the hunter and the hunter tried to back away, at the same time one of the cubs/yearlings let out a distress call and the mother charged the hunter. The hunter had to shoot the second bear in self-defense.

Chief Trott came down and documented the scene and then interviewed the hunter because New Hampshire Fish and Game were tied up on a rescue call and were not expected to be done until well after midnight. The following day New Hampshire Fish and Game also interviewed the hunter and viewed the scene.

It was determined that the actions of the hunter were justified and no further actions were required by New Hampshire Fish & Game or the Wentworth Police Department. The second bear was taken by New Hampshire Fish and Game for processing and the meat will be donated to a family in need. Although there was clear evidence to support that there were several bears at that scene, to include smaller bears probable cubs or yearlings, they were not seen by either Chief Trott or New Hampshire Fish and Game so it is very probable that they are old enough to fend for themselves.



Chief Trott conducted the last of the OHRV patrols which were uneventful. OHRV activity has decreased now that school has started back up again and other activities are taking its place for families such as after school sports programs and fall fairs.

Chief Trott worked the races the last two Fridays at the Legion Speedway. The races ran very well without incident and well within their required time frame. There are only two races left on the schedule for September 23rd and September 30th. If anyone is interested, please check the Legion Speedway's webpage for details.

Over the last two weeks Chief Trott has assisted the Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service with four (4) medical calls for service in Wentworth two (2) out of the four (4) medical calls for service required someone being transported to the hospital by the ambulance.

The Wentworth Police Department hosted an informational/training meeting pertaining specifically to the new RMS/CSI computer system being utilized by Grafton County Dispatch. Chief Trott, Sheriff Jeff Stiegler, and Chiefs and OIC's from fourteen (14) other law enforcement agencies from Grafton County and Coos County took part in that meeting.

Chief Trott testified in a trial in Plymouth Court last week regarding a North Dorchester resident that had been arrested by Chief Trott for Conduct After an Accident. The individual was found guilty and the court implemented fines.



Town of Wentworth

From: william manson <wentworthhwydept@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 2:57 PM
To: Town of Wentworth; Arnie Scheller; Richard Ducheneau; Sonia scheller
Subject: Daily

9/20/2022

Dylan and I changed all fluids and filters on the western star. All equipment is maintained for the fall and winter. The only thing left is winter tires and plow frames which will be done in the next month.

Paul manson

Town of Wentworth

From: william manson <wentworthhwydept@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 12:27 PM
To: Town of Wentworth; Arnie Scheller; Richard Ducheneau; Sonia scheller
Subject: Daily

9/19/2022

Dylan was not at work today his step father (randy Morrison) passed away yesterday. I did complete road checks this morning . I got alot of paper work ect done , started working on my budget for 2023 , did some office cleaning. i have another application , part time winter help. I also have another guy that called and will drop his application off tonight or tomorrow , he has a cdl , medical card experience plowing , equipment ect...

Paul Manson

To: Select Board of the Town of Wentworth
From: Wentworth Conservation Commission

Whereas, at the Wentworth Town Meeting in March, 2022, the Town of Wentworth voted to establish as Town Forest under RSA 31:110 the Plummer Town Forest Map 8 Lot 11 Sub 32 consisting of 130.57 acres, the Van Deusen parcel Map 8 Lot 11 Sub 33 consisting of 35.5 acres, the Turner and Buffalo Road parcel Map 11 Lot 6 Sub 19 consisting of 15.31 acres and the **North Dorchester parcel Map 12 Lot 2 Sub 6 consisting of 1.1 acres**. The Town of Wentworth also voted to authorize the conservation commission to manage the town forest(s) under the provision of RSA 31:112.

Whereas, the North Dorchester parcel is located approximately 6 miles from the main Town Forest, is too small (1.1 acres) for trails and appropriate Town Forest use, and is not part of the Plummer Trust, the Wentworth Conservation Commission is seeking permission to sell this parcel in order to fund our Town Forest Management fund. These funds will be needed to support our conservation easement application with the Pemi-Baker Land Trust, as well as developing the recreational trail network planned at the Town Forest site on Buffalo Hill Road.

Addendum:

A real estate lien was supposedly executed in April, 1996 on this property to Wentworth for delinquent taxes of longstanding. We have not been able to find such deed as yet, and suspect it might not have been carried through, as evidenced by the file on hand in the Town of Wentworth. If this is the case, it will have to be cleared up by the Town with a tax deed before it can be sold.

The original property card on this Dorchester parcel states that the property is "steep and unbuildable," and valued at \$10,800 in 1989. The latest, more current property card on the parcel, assessed by Avitar, put the taxable land value at \$49,300 in 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Brownson, Chair
Wentworth Conservation Commission