

Select Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Wentworth
October 18, 2022

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Sonia Scheller, Rick Ducheneau, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Chief Trott, Linda Brownson, Brian DuBois, and Erin Ganzel.

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

S. Scheller reported that she went to the Open House at the Warren Historical Society. Wentworth is working on setting the exhibits up in a way that tells a story, similar to the way that Warren has a slideshow. Jen Meade has found historical photos that she will submit for the exhibit.

E. Ganzel to get contact info for PSU Refurbished Tech Department.

A. Scheller recognized Ricky Borger Jr for assisting with his logging truck and chainsaw to remove a tree that came down on Turner Rd.

A. Scheller met with the mapping department of the AMC to discuss the re-mapping of the Appalachian Trail from Mt. Cube to Mt. Moosilauke to prevent further trail erosion. Chief Ames requested an updated map when it becomes available.

L. Brownson reported that the Conservation Commission has been working to create a town warrant for the 2023 Town Meeting that will establish a Conservation Fund. Our Conservation Commission was created in 1971 but at the time a Conservation Fund was not established. The main source of funding will come from Land Use Change Tax revenue.

L. Brownson met with the Pemi Baker Land Trust to discuss the approval of the pre-liminary application to assume a conservation easement. The Town of Campton recently did a conservation easement, so the Conservation Commission will use their form as a template.

L. Brownson met with surveyor Alex Barnard regarding the potential to sell the Dorchester parcel. The lot is not buildable due to its shape and location on a waterway. It would probably be most suitable for a campsite. A sale price for the parcel has not been determined until a true value can be settled upon.

R. Ducheneau reported on the Wentworth School Board Meeting. The first portion was a joint meeting between the Wentworth and Warren School Boards to discuss combining activities and teams. Joining the schools for activities such as sports allows for enough students to form a team while also cutting costs in areas such as bussing. There are still details to be sorted. During the second portion of the meeting, R. Ducheneau reported that Wentworth Elementary School ordered a snow contract with their custodian who will handle snow removal, salt, sand, etc.

R. Ducheneau reported there will be no school for students on November 8th (Election Day).

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

Chief Ames reported that the Fire Dept has been working with Orford to be on auto-response for Motor Vehicle Accidents. There was a fire alarm activation at the mill caused by the sprinkler system recently being worked on. Trucks were pump tested and all pump as they should. The 2008/2009 Freightliner will need the pump refurbished which the Fire Dept plans to form a warrant article for 2023 Town Meeting. There have been issues with the furnace at the Fire Dept. It will need to be replaced sooner rather than later.

B. DuBois thanked the Fire Dept and Police Dept for helping him during a personal emergency.

- P. Manson did not have a report to share as he was away on vacation. Dylan Leonard switched all tires over to winter tires and did winter preparation/maintenance while he was away.
- P. Manson requested permission from the Select Board to get winter sand from the companies he received bids from which were Morton, Cargill, or Granite State Minerals. He prefers Cargill because they are in Fairlee, VT with fast response time.
- R. Ducheneau made a motion that the Road Agent order road salt from Cargill. Seconded by S. Scheller. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**
- P. Manson discussed the need for removal of the catch basins located on Hooper Hill so that they do not interfere with plowing. The resident that may have installed one or all of the catch basins was instructed by the Road Agent to install only a culvert in his driveway. It has been around 2 years since the driveway permit for that resident was approved but the culvert has not been put in.
- A. Scheller made a motion to accept the Road Agent's advice to send a Certified Letter, signed by the Select Board, requesting the above-mentioned orders. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**
- E. Ganzel to send a certified letter requesting the removal of the catch basins and installation of the approved culvert.
- P. Manson reported that 2 people have inquired about bidding on the old PD cruiser. It was determined that all sealed bids would be opened during the 11/22/2022 Select Board meeting.
- E. Ganzel reported that the Pre-Determined Cost Analysis was completed by Chris Fournier of HEB Engineers. It has been sent to DOS, NH HSEM, and FEMA for review.
- P. Manson reported that the old backhoe is inoperable, but it is under warranty so should be covered for repair.
- E. Ganzel discussed the removal of the broken Christmas lights on the tree in front of the Town Offices, as well as the addition of new lights along the building. It was determined that a volunteer with a lift will be needed to remove lights from the tree.
- S. Scheller reported that FEMA has sent the Town a letter regarding changes to their Flood Insurance Rate Map. The changes will be published in the Plymouth Record. At that time, the Select Board will review any implications the changes may have, especially on the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Chief Trott reported that Trick or Treating will be 10/31/2022 from 5pm – 7:30pm.
- A. Scheller made a motion at 5:57pm 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 R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.**
- S. Scheller made a motion to exit the non-public at 6:09pm. 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 reported that the just concluded non-public session was used to discuss matters related to employee bonuses and wages.

A. Scheller made a motion at 6:10pm 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 R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

S. Scheller made a motion to exit the non-public at 6:15pm. 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 S. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A. Scheller reported that the just concluded non-public session was used to discuss tax deeds.

A. Scheller made a motion to end adjourn the meeting at 6:16pm. Seconded by S. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

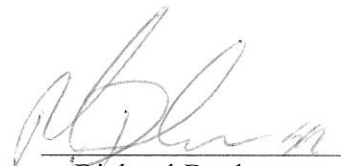
Respectfully submitted by: Erin D. Ganzel, Town Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Sonia Scheller



Richard Ducheneau

WPD Activity Report
Presented 10/18/2022

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 woman reporting that she was attacked by two German Shepard dogs while she was inside the Dollar General in Wentworth last week. While looking into the matter and reviewing store footage Chief Trott determined that the woman was “startled” by the two dogs but not “attacked” as first reported. The woman was upset that the store allowed the dogs inside and asked Chief Trott if they had to be “Service Dogs” to be allowed inside the store. Chief Trott explained that they did not and that dogs being allowed inside the store that are not “Service Dogs” is dependent on the stores policy and is not a police matter. No further follow up was required.

Chief Trott took a report of two suspicious vehicles in Wentworth on East Side Road last week. The two vehicles were NOT involved in any illegal activity but Chief Trott is looking to identify them regarding a prior report. Images of the two vehicles have been posted on the Wentworth Bulletin Board on Face-Book. If anyone recognizes either of these two vehicles can you please notify Chief Trott at 1-603-764-5912 or e-mail him at policechief@wentworth.nh.org

Training: Chief Trott attended a 4 hour mandatory training session pertaining to RSA 627:5 Physical Force in Law Enforcement. The training was a regional training and was put on by the New Hampshire Attorney Generals Office. Training covering this topic is required to be completed by every Police Officer in New Hampshire each year by New Hampshire Police Standards and Training.

Chief Trott has prepared the towns police cruiser for the winter months and has switched over to snow tires and the cruiser has been undercoated. Chief Trott budgeted for the undercoating to help preserve the lifetime of the cruiser and help protect the towns investment in the new cruiser.

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Chief Trott would like to remind our residents that this time of year the weather is very unpredictable and encourages them as well to prepare their vehicles for the winter months ahead. Please make sure that your tires can handle the New England weather and that you have window washer fluid that does not freeze in your vehicle. It is also important to have an ice scarper and snow removal tool in your vehicle in case you need it, as well as a warn blanket in case you find yourself stranded.

Chief Trott took part in a safety meeting at the Wentworth Elementary School. This meeting was focused on the review and familiarization of the WES Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). These meetings are ongoing throughout the year and upgrades and changes are made when needed. This is beneficial to all involved and more importantly to any new administration and or staff at WES.

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