

**Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Town of Wentworth  
November 1, 2022**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Sonia Scheller, Rick Ducheneau, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Chief Trott, Deda Wilms, Tavari Wilms, Eileen Albaugh, and Erin Ganzel

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

A. Scheller reported that the following items were signed: meeting minutes, vendor checks, and payroll checks. The board has given permission to E. Ganzel to attend the GRDC annual meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

A. Scheller reported that Wentworth Elementary School is having a Veteran's Breakfast on Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 10:30am.

D. Wilms reported that the Conservation Commission met with Jen Meade and Alex DeLucia to go over the plan for mapping the Town Forest. The first trail is marked with yellow flags and is about 1.3 miles. The Town Forest will allow hunting, foot traffic, and horse traffic (horse traffic only during the summer). The CC is looking for volunteers to help with this project.

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

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

A. Scheller discussed budget needs with Chief Ames for the Fire Department. Chief Ames reported he does not expect many changes for the 2023 budget. A. Scheller suggested increasing the incentive pay for volunteers. S. Scheller agreed.

P. Manson reported that all trucks are ready for winter weather. The new backhoe has been fixed under warranty.

P. Manson reported he received a call from Foley Oil requesting an estimate of diesel oil usage from now through June. He estimated 3000 gallons will be used December through June, with 5500-7200 gallons being the average annual usage. The Highway Department can only store up to 600 gallons. Foley Oil warned that there could be extended wait times or shortages in the coming months.

Chief Ames reported that the Fire Department is having to outsource for fuel.

E. Ganzel gave an update on FEMA and DOT projects. The Frescoln Rd bridge funding will be pursued through the State Bridge Aid program.

R. Ducheneau received a complaint from a resident regarding Transfer Station usage. The resident believes a Rumney resident used the station. The Select Board and E. Ganzel discussed ways to resolve this, such as annual renewing stickers with color codes.

E. Albaugh inquired if the Highway Department would be doing any fall maintenance on Beech Hill Rd. She reported that there were deep potholes. The Road Agent will fill the potholes with gravel, and address the issue again in the spring.

S. Scheller handed in her letter of resignation from the Select Board.

**A. Scheller made a motion to appoint Brian DuBois as a Select Board member until the next Town Meeting. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.**

- A. Scheller made a motion at 5:47pm 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 5:54pm. 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 reported that the just concluded non-public session was used to discuss matters related to disputes among residents.
- A. Scheller made a motion at 5:56pm 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 6:10pm. 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 reported that the just concluded non-public session was used to discuss matters related to employee conduct.
- A. Scheller made a motion to end adjourn the meeting at 6:11pm. 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

  
Brian DuBois

  
Richard Ducheneau

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 11/1/2022**

**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 served a Wentworth resident with a notice of a hearing from the Concord Family Court regarding a request for a protective order. The service was completed without incident and the resident give his copy of the court paperwork and give the hearing date and time.

Over the last two weeks the Wentworth Police Department has processed three new 911 address requests within the town of Wentworth and they have processed 3 concealed carry permits.

Just prior to securing after working a patrol shift Chief Trott monitored a call with Haverhill officers where they were responding to a call for a male subject having some mental health issued and was armed with a knife. Chief Trott responded and after a short foot pursuit the Haverhill Officers were able to corner the subject. Chief Trott assisted in the containment of the male subject while the Haverhill Officers were able to deescalate the situation and the male subject agreed to leave with the officers and get some help. No one was injured during this incident.

Chief Trott assisted New Hampshire State Police with a suspicious vehicle call in Dorchester just over the Wentworth town line. Chief Trott and a trooper checked the area and the residence where the vehicle had been seen. There was nothing disturbed or out of place and the vehicle was gone prior to the officers arriving and there were no further calls regarding the vehicle.

Chief Trott conducted two civil standbys last week. Both standbys although a little time consuming were conducted without incident.



Chief Trott attended to annual Trunk or Treat at the Wentworth Elementary School again this year. The event was a huge success and may have been the largest thus far. There was a great turnout and it was again a great opportunity to be able to interact positively with the WES staff, the students, the parents and other members of the community that came and took part in it.

Chief Trott adjusted his work schedule and was on duty all afternoon and evening to accommodate Trick or Treat celebration in Wentworth. It was great weather wise and with the exception of disabled vehicle on RTE#25 and a medical call that Chief Trott also responded to the night was calm and uneventful.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'WT' inside a circle, with a checkmark-like flourish extending from the bottom right of the circle.

(No Subject)

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

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 01:40 PM EDT

Calls for service

Motor Vehicle accident Wentworth near school

Mutual aid auto response Warren Smoke from chimney pipe stood by our station

Mutual aid auto response to Warren for School alarm activation canceled false alarm

Alarm activation Kennebec lumber false activation due to work on system

Motor vehicle accident rt 25a and 25 nothing found vehicle may have left the scene

Mutual aid response in Dorchester. Ambulance needed a driver we were canceled in route

Response to aid the ambulance crew for patient lift assist here in Wentworth

Training,

Rescue tool training hurst rescue working off Eng 3

Driver operator training all 3 pieces

Other

Trunk or treat at the grade school eng 2 and two firefighters

Trick or treat at the station had approx 35 kids come by

Starting to do preliminary budget work.

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department