

Select Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Wentworth
November 29, 2022

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Rick Ducheneau, Brian DuBois, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Chief Trott, Omer Ahern, Bernie Sullivan, Donna King, and Erin Ganzel

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

A. Scheller reported that Christmas on the Common went wonderfully. There were about 75 kids present. Thanksgiving weekend seems to work well because families are already together.

A. Scheller reported that PSU donated a computer to the Historical Society. The HS will use this laptop to scan historic images into a digital file that will be displayed as a slideshow or video.

A. Scheller opened the sealed bids for the old PD Cruiser. Two bids were received. One for \$101.00 and another for \$2680.00.

R. Ducheneau made a motion to accept the bid from Ringwood Motors for \$2680.00. Seconded by B. DuBois. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

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

A Scheller suggested that the Fire Department do a "Name a Truck" contest for students during Fire Education week at the elementary school.

P. Manson reported that the Highway Department is prepared for winter. The Highway Department's building has been having issues with its waste oil furnace possibly due to gear oil being mixed in. P. Manson reports that he met with Chris Fournier of HEB to discuss the N Dorchester Rd Bridge project. The project is contingent on funding and bonding, and Paul hopes to get it onto a warrant article before the second week of February. He is concerned that the bridge will not be safe next winter if this project does not get completed.

P. Manson reported on complaints he received from Cape Moonshine Rd, Rowentown Rd, Nichols Hill, and Frescoln Rd. Residents reported the roads were icy. Paul states the roads become slick when the top layer of frost begins to melt, softening the top layer of dirt.

P. Manson reported that logger John Moulton stated he will be cautious when using the roads for logging operations.

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

B. Sullivan thank Chief Trott for his help with a personal matter. She commends him for always going above and beyond to help the Wentworth Community. A letter to the Select Board regarding this matter is attached to these minutes.

A. Scheller suggests that the Fire Department requests more money for 2022 Incentive Pay for its volunteers, and for next year's budget.

B. DuBois updated the community on the Transfer Station permits/stickers. The attendants think a brightly colored sticker placed on the back window would be beneficial, as most people back in. Brian and Chief Trott will work together to finalize the permitting process (costs, effects on budget, registration, etc).

D. King reports that the town of Bristol requires you to get a Transfer Station and Beach permit when you go to register your car.

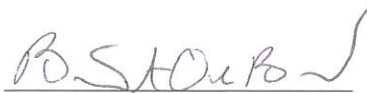
O. Ahern reported on the Grafton County Commissioners Office. Their biggest obstacle at this time is finding affordable and attainable heating sources. The present supplier reported they may run out of woodchips which heat the courthouse, nursing home, and administrative buildings. Omer also reported the new software required to be used by Police Departments has not been working as it should.

Chief Trott discussed a meeting with several other Police Department heads going over software issues, in which it was discovered many other departments were also struggling. All departments were forced to switch to this software at a high financial cost before it was field tested.


A. Scheller made a motion to end adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. 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

(No Subject)

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

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 01:27 PM EST

Calls for service

Extinguished building fire, hot ember from a wood stove fell onto a modified stove pad and during the night had burnt into the flooring of the home, triggering smoke detectors home owner dumped water in the burn area. When we arrived on scene we found some smoldering in the floor with extension, cut, dug out the remaining burnt area and confirmed fire was out.

Motor Vehicle accident Rt 25 single vehicle two patients vehicle hit a deer, we secured the scene routed traffic and had our emr personnel start initial patient assessment and care The Warren Wentworth Ambulance service was at that time out on multiple calls. Rumney ems was called on with their ambulance to provide further patient care. Neither patient required transport to hospital.

Training

We did more driver operator training went over various pieces of rescue equipment went over start up procedures on the gas powered rescue tools

Other

Revisions to bylaws was completed at the last meeting, the vote was in the affirmative by the members and commissioners, allowing for non residents that live within a certain time frame of town to join the Wentworth Fire Department with voting restrictions and the normal probationary evolutions.

Discussion on possible future property for the fire department and a vote from members and commissioners for the chief to move forward with this possibility. More information on this forthcoming!

Fire permits still in full swing and are needed if you plan to burn. The Chief/Warden dealt with a brush pile today based on a complaint from a passer by. This was a permitted fire a few days ago and it was found today an area still smoldering, the land owner was contacted and was in process of making himself available to extinguish. The chief will check on it periodically while working with the landowner.

Engine 1 1996 international was sent out for repairs to leaks in the pump valves as well as a pump service, this truck is now at 100 percent pump capacity.

Jeffrey Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department

WPD Activity Report
Presented 11/29/2022

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 completed a registration process on a registered sex offender as well as a change of information for a registered sex offender. The required paperwork was completed and sent to the sex offender registry in Concord.

Chief Trott took a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Pond Brook Road. The vehicle was gone upon arrival but in speaking with the reporting party he advised that the vehicle shows up at random times and days and thinks that it may be someone just parking at the end of the dead road.

Chief Trott followed up with some paperwork received from the Plymouth Family Court regarding a Final Order of Protection and the involved parties as well as the restrictions put in place by the court.

Chief Trott was advised of a vehicle that was parked on private property in Wentworth and possibly hunting on posted property. Chief Trott checked the area several times during the day and the day after but was unable to locate the vehicle. He will continue to monitor this area and any vehicles and activity near the complainant’s property.

Chief Trott returned some property to a Wentworth resident that had been turned into him as Found Property. The resident was very pleased that someone had done the right thing and turned their property in instead of keeping it.

Chief Trott recently attended another safety meeting at the Wentworth Elementary School with WES staff members. They reviewed the school safety plans and will execute some other safety drills throughout the school year.



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Arnold Scheller, Chair
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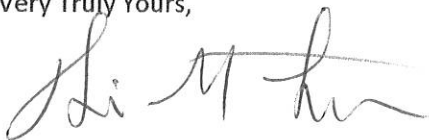
Dear Chairman Scheller and Board,

I am taking this opportunity to share with you a recently resolved experience with the Wentworth Police Department and Chief Wally Trott. My husband Brian DuBois and I were defrauded of several thousand dollars by an area HVAC contractor. When it became apparent in January of this year that said contractor had absconded with our deposit, we contacted Chief Trott and laid out the situation to him. He listened carefully and opened a case file. He cautioned us that these types of cases are difficult to prosecute and find financial resolution. He asked us to keep him updated with information and he would do his best to help. Chief Trott was better than his word. As of November 1st, nine full months after first contacting the chief, we received the last of the monies owed to us.

The Town of Wentworth is extremely fortunate to have a committed professional like Chief Trott working for us. He embodies true community policing, and it is evident that he cares about our small town and all the residents. The Chief assisted us in writing a demand letter and then followed up with phone contact with the individual involved. He was working on this situation just a day after having surgery. He continued to update us and kept working during the time he was unable to be "on duty" due to his recovery. Some thanks is also owed to Mrs. Trott, who assisted the Chief during this entire business. Chief Trott's skill in convincing a con artist it would be in his own best interest to return money to us was impressive. There were several times Brian and I were ready to give up and the Chief was determined to keep going.

In these difficult times when there is much discord in our country, I thought you might appreciate hearing about an extraordinary individual that contributes to making Wentworth, NH a wonderful place to live. We are indeed blessed to have Chief Trott.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bernice Sullivan".

Bernice Sullivan

Atwell Hill