

Select Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Wentworth
July 11, 2023

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Richard Ducheneau, Brian DuBois, Michael Norkelun, Chief Ames, Chief Trott, Paul Manson (via Zoom), and Erin Ganzel

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

A. Sheller reported on a meeting with FEMA representative Jeannie Simmons. He reports that Beech Hill and Nichols hill are 100% completed. There were 18" culverts upgraded to 24" culverts which is allowing water to run through the culverts easier. He reported that Cape Moonshine Rd is 40% completed. He discussed possible grant opportunities that may assist in forming a 5-to-6-year plan which would help mitigate emergencies.

Chief Ames reported that Cindy from the State of NH EOC called to inquire regarding possible road damages and associated costs from a recent storm that may be reimbursable through FEMA. He will discuss with the Road Agent.

R. Ducheneau requested a letter be sent to 354 Ellsworth Hill Rd regarding clearing of their driveway culverts.

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

P. Manson reports that they are not replacing the culvert towards the bottom of Cape Moonshine Rd. The bottom half has base material on it with cleared out ditch lines. There is 1.5" stone to be laid. The repairs to upper Cape Moonshine Rd will begin on July 13th.

A. Scheller requested the Highway Department take photos of Atwell Hill Rd because the damages may be reimbursable. P. Manson stated the culverts that were replaced 6 to 7 years ago were not big enough. The roads are passable.

A. Scheller reports he spoke with Adam Bullard. He has confirmed he will begin working for the Highway Department on July 24th.

A. Scheller requests NHMA be contacted to determine who may be able to drive for the Highway Department in regards to Select Board members.

Chief Ames suggested putting out a notice on the statewide bulletin requesting outside help from other towns.

Chief Trott states he can be paid through the Highway Department as long as it is in a separate check from the Town under the correct budget.

Chief Trott requested approval from the Select Board for Highway Safety Grants. One grant totals to \$9657.50 and another totals to \$6210. They can be used for additional Safety Patrols at no cost to the Town, as well as equipment to be used for patrol such as radar signs.

A. Scheller made a motion to approve Chief Trott's grant applications. Seconded by B. DuBois. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

M. Norkelun, a WWAS Board member, gave an update on their ambulances. After numerous failed attempts to fix or refurbish their ambulances, the Board made the decision to purchase two transit vans. The purchase of the transit vans allowed the WWAS to begin doing transports again, which is a main source of income earning about \$15,000-\$2,000 a week with two ambulances. He reported that a generous donation was made of \$28,000 towards the cost. Additionally, employees saw an increase in pay and benefits which allowed the WWAS to employ more personnel.

A. Scheller requested the trash barrel at Riverside Park be pulled and a new "carry-in, carry-out" approach be tried.

B. DuBois reported the Department of Corrections made an error in the Transfer Station permit order. He will send out another 800 permits and cut the cost to about 50 cents per sticker.

A. Scheller reported he would be meeting with the Webster Memorial Librarian on August 3rd.

A. Scheller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:11pm. Seconded by R. Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Erin D. Ganzel, Town Administrator



Arnold Scheller, Chairman



Brian DuBois

Richard Ducheneau

(No Subject)

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

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 02:59 PM EDT

Calls for service

MVA mutual aid Warren

MVA mutual aid Warren

MVA rt 25 a Wentworth

Ambulance assist pond brook rd Wentworth

Lighting Strike Ellsworth hill Rd Wentworth

All calls were covered by multiple ff and in one case multiple trucks

Training

two trainings incorporated portable pump operation and water shuttle operations to drop tank pumping

We did a quick run through of both our rescue tool operations one set is the hurst rescue tools and the other set is the amcus

rescue tools simular in operation set up is slightly different

Greenies training consisted of learning pump operations on engine 2

Other

Warren old home days this Friday Saturday and Sunday we will have two booths set up one with our raffles/gift cards and the other booth with games for all this years game is flip the rubber chicken into the basket

Jeffry Ames

Chief Wentworth Fire Department

Confidentiality Notice: This email message, including any attachments, is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain privileged and confidential information. Any unauthorized review, use, disclosure or distribution is prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender by reply email and destroy all copies of the original message.