

**Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Town of Wentworth  
March 19, 2024**

Those present: Arnold Scheller (via Zoom), Brian Dubois, Rick Ducheneau, Deborah Vlk, Paul Davis Sr, Terry and Ruth DeCotis, Izzy Mercier, Chief Trott.

Brian Dubois called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. A salute to our flag followed.

The following documents were signed: payroll and vendor checks and the following documents: Abatements, driveway permit, Intent to Excavate, Warren/Wentworth Ambulance 2024 Contract.

Terry and Ruth DeCotis presented a septic plan that was reviewed, approved and signed by the Selectboard.

Paul Davis Sr advised the Selectboard that the Transfer Station will be closed March 31st in observance of Easter Sunday.

Discussion was brought forth to look into combining a one-time load of tires from the transfer station and Ames Auto. Jeff Ames will be contacting the business for details if it will be worthwhile to pursue and present his findings back to the board.

Comments on the Swap Shop change were appreciated by all present. Paul will be putting up a sign that all donated items need to be approved by the transfer station staff before placement in the Swap Shop.

Izzy Mercier mentioned that PSU Forestry students will doing a presentation to the Board on April 30th.

Izzy mentioned that she is still trying to get a GPS swap between Jordan King and Gallon for the logs on John King's dam. Contact has been made with DES and John King has offered his equipment to assist with the hope it can be completed withing 30 days.

Izzy asked if the Board was informed of the difference in the RSA's mentioned in Warrant Article 16 and 22 at the Town Meeting. The Board responded that they were not aware and wished it had been brought forth earlier to the Board before posting both Articles in the town report.

Izzy mentioned that the next Conservation Commission Meeting will be April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chief Trott presented his written report for WPD activity, and it is a part of these minutes.

Chief Trott mentioned that he was able to reach David Toothaker and a meeting at the Frescoln Bridge is set for Sat March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

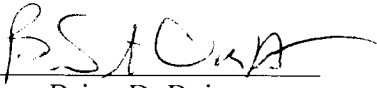
**At 5:25PM, Brian DuBois made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91- A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall 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. By roll call vote Arnold Scheller and Rick Ducheneau voted in the affirmative and the motion was carried.**

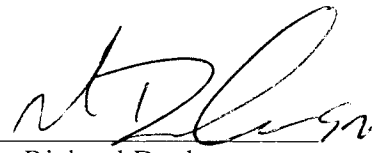
**At 5:51PM, Brian Dubois adjourned the non-public and by roll call vote Arnold Scheller and Rick Ducheneau voted in the affirmative and the motion was carried and the minutes of this meeting be sealed.**

**At 5:52PM, Brian Dubois adjourned the Selectboard Meeting and by roll call vote Arnold Scheller and Rick Ducheneau voted in the affirmative and the motion was carried.**

Respectfully submitted by: Erin D. Ganzel, Town Administrator

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Arnold Scheller, Chairman

  
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Brian DuBois

  
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Richard Ducheneau

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 03/05/2024**  
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**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 assisted New Hampshire DCYF with four (4) background investigations regarding potential candidates that are applying to become “Care Givers” and or “Foster Parents”. The required release forms were completed and Chief Trott forwarded the required information pertaining to each background.

Chief Trott attended another quarterly safety meeting at the Wentworth Elementary School. These are quarterly meetings and safety measures are reviewed each month and any new questions and or concerns are addressed.

Chief Trott was also called to the WES recently regarding an unruly student. Chief Trott arrived just in time to prevent a student from throwing a metal chair at WES staff members. The student was quarantined in a room with Chief Trott as well as two (2) WES staff members while the students’ parents were contacted. The Mother arrived shortly later and the student was removed from school. That incident is being addressed through the SAU and WES.

Chief Trott responded to an alarm activation at a residence in Wentworth. Upon arrival it was determined that the alarm was caused by a faulty sensor head which was being replaced by the alarm company.

Chief Trott assisted two agencies in Vermont with background investigations regarding potential applicants. The required release forms were received and their information was forwarded to their perspective employers.

Chief Trott took a report of a possible break-in that had been interrupted by a neighbor. In looking into the matter it was determined that it was some young females who were looking for a restroom in the area and there was no break-in attempts in that area. The matter was resolved between all parties.



Chief Trott charged a man from Massachusetts with Driving Without A Valid License after stopping him for a speeding violation while running radar in front of the Wentworth Elementary School. The subject was released on a hand summons.

Chief Trott tool a report from a Wentworth resident stating that she was being slandered and harassed by another Wentworth resident. Chief Trott advised the complainant that her report did not raise to the level of a criminal charge but informed her that she may have some civil recourse and she was referred to the civil court system.

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