## Wentworth Planning Board Minutes December 4, 2023

Quorum with John Meade, Duane Brown, Linda Franz, Sonia Scheller, Omer C. Ahern, Jr., Palmer Koelb, and Arnold Scheller as Ex-Officio. Also in attendance was Ilse Mercier of the Conservation Commission.

At 6:00 pm, John Meade, Chairman, opened the meeting.

John Meade made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 6, 2023. Seconded by Duane Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Ilse Mercier presented a proposed plan for a small, single loop walking trail in the Plummer Town Forest. The commission will also present this to the Select Board along with two proposed warrant articles. After Select Board review, the articles will be voted on at the 2024 Town Meeting.

Ilse also announced that there will be an informational meeting regarding Wentworth's Natural Resource Inventory which is one of the goals in the Master Plan. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the town office with a guest speaker from Plymouth State University.

Arnie Scheller is looking into Federal ARPA funds that may be available to assist with the town forest and fire station. One criteria is that the projects must be environmentally forward.

Sonia Scheller presented an application for the voluntary merger of five small lots into one of the Scheller's larger lots. The form is in order, signed, and the fee collected. John Meade made a motion to accept the application for voluntary merger of lots as presented. Seconded by Palmer Koelb. Motion carried unanimously.

John Meade asked the Board to review his thoughts/ideas about changing the Planning Board Regulations to provide for Commercial Site Review and follow the guidelines in RSA 675:6 and be prepared to discuss at next meeting. The process is long, so it is in the town's best interest to get it started as soon as possible.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024.

John Meade adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.

Submitted by Linda Franz, Planning Board Secretary