Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2020

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Omer Ahern, Jordan King, Wallace Trott, Paul Manson, Andrew Lasser and Linda Franz.

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

Payroll and vendor checks were approved and signed.

Intents to Cut for Youngs, Wilms, and King were signed.

Timber Tax Certification Yield and Warrant for Rossi were signed.

Veteran’s Tax Credit application was signed.

A. Scheller made a motion to clarify 2020 Warrant Articles 18 and 19 regarding Veteran’s Tax Credits. If resident is already receiving the credit, there is no need to reapply. Only newly qualified residents must apply. Seconded by O. Ahern for discussion. All voted yes, and motion carried.

This is contingent upon discussing with DRA about unclear wording of the Warrant Articles. L. Franz will advise.

Reviewed Road Agent’s request to purchase the broom/rake. He presented three (3) bids and made his recommendation.

A. Scheller made a motion to purchase the broom/rake from Jordan Equipment for ~$14,000, Tenco will install hydraulics for ~$1,400-$2,000. Total cost may not exceed $16,542 as stated in 2020 Warrant Article 24. Seconded by J. King. All voted yes, and motion carried.

At 5:51 pm, O. Ahern made a motion to enter into a non-public session (1) pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be. Seconded by J. King. A. Scheller voted yes, O. Ahern voted yes, J. King voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative and motion carried.

Reentered Public Meeting at 6:33pm.

O. Ahern made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session (1). Seconded by A. Scheller. All voted yes and motion carried.

At 6:34 pm, A. Scheller made a motion to enter into a non-public session (2) pursuant to RSA91-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
Seconded by O.Ahern. A.Scheller voted yes, O.Ahern voted yes, J.King voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative and motion carried.

Reentered Public Meeting at 6:55pm.
O.Ahern made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session (2). Seconded by J.King. All voted yes and motion carried.

Discussed the recording of meetings.
J.King made a motion to hire Andrew Lasser to provide video services per what was discussed and voted upon at Town Meeting and for him as an employee to submit bills for $30.00 per hour not to exceed amount approved in 2020 Warrant Article 26. Seconded by O.Ahern. All voted yes, and motion carried.

A.Scheller announced the results of the Town elections that were all write-ins. The following officials have accepted. Planning Board 2 yrs - George Morrill, Planning Board 1 yr - Hannah Paquette, Town Auditor 1 yr - Donna King, Supervisor of the Checklist 6 yrs - Brian DuBois, School Clerk 1yr - Devin Godfrey.

A.Scheller made a motion to appoint Amy Collette as Cemetery Trustee 3yrs and Francis Muzzey as Cemetery Trustee for 2yrs. Seconded by O.Ahern. All voted yes, and motion carried.

Cemetery Trustee 1yr is still undecided. J.King to contact and offer to Kathleen Springham-Mack. If not accepted, offer will be made to Angela Comeau.

O.Ahern prepared a Quit Claim Deed transferring any ownership the town might have in the “Doll House” and land on which it stands to the Wentworth Congregational Church. All Select Board members signed, witnessed by Admin. Assistant and notarized.

Chief Trott reported that he has been participating on many teleconferences with various agencies regarding Covid-19 in order to keep Town safe and informed. Police Department is closed to public but still actively working. Assisted Plymouth PD with arrest of Wentworth juvenile. Two 911 requests. K-9 call. Two carry conceal permits issued. Two arrests involving motor vehicle accidents. Received training at no expense to Town. Chief Trott’s detailed report are a part of these minutes.

A.Scheller thanked the Townspeople watching the meeting on YouTube for being understanding and cooperative with all the changes taking place during this difficult time. And asked for a moment of silence for the King Family that suffered a terrible loss this past week.

O.Ahern made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All voted yes and meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

Arnold Scheller
Chairperson

Omer C. Ahern, Jr.
Board Member

Jordan King
Board Member
WPD Activity Report
Presented 03/24/2020

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.

The WPD has continued to take part in in the weekly and at times daily conference calls, regarding updates, between Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the CDC, NH Health and Human Services and the office of the Governor. We continue to ask that the residents of Wentworth stay calm and take the recommended precautionary measures outlined by the above agencies and if they have any questions to please call the Coronavirus Hotline which has been set up by the above agencies at 211.

The WPD assisted the Plymouth Police Department with a juvenile matter where a parent/legal guardian needed to be contacted. Chief Trott was able to make contact with the parent/legal guardian and able to have them make contact with the PPD regarding the juvenile matter.

The WPD has taken a request for new 911 address and that request is currently being processed.

The WPD has also received two more applications for conceal carry permits by Wentworth residents and they as well are in the process of being completed.

WPD handled a call where two dogs were turned into them that were running at large. Chief Trott took possession of the K-9’s and they were returned to their owner and the owner was issued a citation for allowing an animal to run at large.
The WPD has made two arrest this month, one of those arrest stemmed from a motor vehicle accident that occurred in Wentworth recently where the operator did not report that motor vehicle accident. An arrest warrant was obtained by Chief Trott for the operator of that vehicle and they were subsequently arrested and charged with Speed Basic Rule and Conduct After An Accident.

The second arrest stemmed from a motor vehicle stop while Chief Trott was conducting some proactive motor vehicle work. The driver was charged with operating without a valid license and released on a hand summons.

Note of training: Chief Trott and the police departments administrative assistant, Martha Trott, recently completed the CDR-AED-First Aid training consisting of both on-line trainings as well as a practical hands-on training that took place at the W.E.S. and are now recertified in those disciplines. This is a 2 year certification. We want to recognize and thank the W.E.S. for including us in that training.