Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2020

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Francis Muzzey, Palmer Koelb, Andrew Lasser and Linda Franz. In attendance via Zoom conference call, Omer Ahern.

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Select Board signed the following documents:

Vendor and payroll checks.
Sewage disposal approval for Erik Muzzey.
Driveway permit for Troy Comeau.
Intents to cut for Craig Pasco, Green Woodlands and John King.
Request for payment from Highway Equipment Capital Reserve for the balance due for the broom/York rake as approved in WA#24.

A.Scheller reported that he spoke with Steve Welch regarding the fall elections. S.Welch is on top of things and is aware of guidelines as they relate to Covid-19. He will keep Select Board informed as to how the voting will take place.

A.Scheller addressed the issue of trash containment at Page’s and Riverside Park. He will donate barrels, and Highway Department will empty the trash each Friday and Monday early mornings. Other Town resident has offered to check more frequently and dispose of trash if necessary. Andrew Lasser volunteered to look into getting signs to post in the area. Chief Trott volunteered to educate any young volunteers about the possible dangers of any drug paraphernalia that may be in the trash.

A.Scheller reported that the Town’s Hazard Mitigation Plan is near completion, and we are on track to do some good things. Next step is to prioritize and take action and determine budgetary needs for the action items. He is looking for volunteers to form a grant research and writing committee for various projects in the plan.

In regard to the two active bridge projects, J.King reported that the two key contacts with the NHDOT are very difficult to contact and is stalling any forward progress. A.Scheller will contact Michael Cryans, Executive Councilor, to see if he can speed things up.

A.Scheller reported that the meeting with representatives of the School Board was informational and received a good understanding of how things work. The meeting has also opened up a needed line of communication between the two Boards.

Chief Trott gave his report for the Police Department, and it is a part of these minutes. Also included is a schedule of races at the Rumtown Speedway.
O. Ahern made a motion to approve single car testing at the Rumtown Speedway for Sunday, June 7, 2020. Seconded by J. King. By roll call vote, A. Scheller voted yes. Jordan King voted yes. O. Ahern voted yes. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Chief Ames reported that the Fire Department responded to a motorcycle accident, a structure fire in Warren, an outside fire in Warren, a smell of propane and a motor vehicle accident. Plant sale went great. Francis Muzzey commented that the Wentworth Fire Department's mutual aid is above and beyond the call of duty.

The Road Agent reported that the Highway Department was very busy with ditching. They will be working on culverts next week.

Palmer Koelb addressed the Select Board about the spraying of magnesium chloride on Beech Hill Road. He and other residents did not want the application. Road Agent informed that it was only applied up to number 80 Beech Hill Road. P. Koelb insists that Beech Hill Road was sprayed past his property and requests that A. Scheller inspect. P. Koelb also commented that Beech Hill Road has not been properly crowned. Road Agent included this repair in his summer schedule.

Discussed request for metal detecting on Town property.
O. Ahern made a motion to not allow metal detecting and digging on Town property. Seconded by J. King. By roll call vote, A. Scheller voted yes. Jordan King voted yes. O. Ahern voted yes. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

At 5:54 pm, A. Scheller 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. Seconded by J. King. By roll call vote, A. Scheller voted yes. J. King voted yes. O. Ahern voted yes. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

Reentered Public Meeting at 5:58 pm.

At 6:00 pm, A. Scheller 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. Seconded by J. King. By roll call vote, A. Scheller voted yes. J. King voted yes. O. Ahern voted yes. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

Reentered Public Meeting at 6:20 pm.
O.Ahern made a motion to seal the minutes of the just concluded non-public session. Seconded by J.King. By roll call vote, A.Sheller voted yes. J. King voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

Note that resident, Derek Randall requested a non-public session but did not show up for the meeting.

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All voted yes and the meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

Arnold Scheller
Chairperson

Omer C. Ahern, Jr.
Board Member

Jordan King
Board Member
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 continues to take part in the scheduled conference calls held during the week regarding updates concerning COVID-19.

The WPD took a burglary report from a Wentworth property owner and it was reported that a Husqavarna chain saw had been stolen during the burglary. That report is still under investigation.

The WPD met with two Wentworth residents who had requested to speak with police regarding a problem with a former girlfriend. Both parties signed trespass notices as well as harassment notices. The notices were served on the other involved party and no further complaints have been received.

The WPD took a report of a man squatting on someone’s property off Buffalo Road. Chief Trott located the campsite and has been to the campsite several times but no one has been located there. This will continue to be monitored.

The WPD recovered an item that had been previously stolen from a property on North Dorchester Road. The owner was notified, and arrest warrants will be obtained for the responsible party.

Chief Trott worked the entire holiday weekend to include some of the holiday itself. There were several M/V citations issued and several warnings issued to OHRV’s for OHRV violations. It was a busy weekend pertaining to M/V traffic and WPD was very active the entire weekend conducting proactive M/V patrols.
The WPD has started to increase proactive M/V patrols due to the increase in motor vehicle traffic while still attempting to practice social distancing and taking the necessary precautions to minimize unnecessary contact and exposure to people.

Chief Trott has met several times with the owner of the RumTown Speedway race track and as of last week he has been made aware that he can operate his track, but, with restrictions, the most notable of those restrictions being that he cannot allow spectators into the race track. He was also advised that he needed to contact Chief Jeff Ames and meet whatever requirements are needed to be met according to Chief Ames, and it is my understanding that he has done so.

I have placed a copy of the updated racetrack schedule in each of the selectmen’s folder for review. For the purpose of clarification, the new schedule has also been reviewed by the campground and does not vary much at all from the original schedule that had been put in place. As far as operation of the racetrack is concerned under the new guidelines set forth by the Governors office it will still follow all of the requirements set forth in the Wentworth town ordinance governing the racetrack.

I have been asked by Dan Bowne to present the selectmen with a written request to conduct an event at the track this Sunday, June 6th 2020, between 1100 hours and 1800 hours. This is NOT a race, it is a single car testing event, the same type of event as he did last weekend with no issues at all. This has been presented to the campground and they are very much in support of it. This allows the track the opportunity to recoup some of its monies that has been lost due to not being allowed to open sooner due to COVID-19, and, WFD, WPD, and the ambulance service does not need to be there.
I have been made aware and am aware of the concerns regarding the dumping of trash along the river in the area of Hamilton Field and Riverside Park. Because of this problem I have asked Paul Mason to place trash containers at both locations, which we have done in the past, to help resolve this issue. He is more than willing, and we are asking the selectmen for permission to do so. I have also been patrolling these areas and have at times also taken the time to pick up discarded trash at both locations. If we see someone dumping there illegally or littering, they will be issued citations and dealt with accordingly.

Tomorrow, I, Chief Trott in our WPD cruiser, and Deputy Pete Cherichetti in a Grafton County Sheriffs Dept cruiser, will be escorting our WES graduates through the Wentworth Community for recognition. We congratulate each of them and wish them the best in their future academic endeavors.
2020 Rumtown Speedway Schedule

Green Flag at 4:00 PM every race except Friday, July 3. July 3 is a 6:00 PM green flag.

6/13 WAC Sprints, Outlaw Midgets
6/20 Mod, LM, FF, Kids
6/27 WAC Sprints, SCoNE, Outlaw Midgets, GSMS
7/3 WAC Sprints, SCoNE, Outlaw Midgets
7/11 Mod, LM, FF, Kids
7/18 WAC Sprints, SCoNE, Outlaw Midgets, GSMS
7/25 Mod, LM, FF, Kids
8/1 WAC Sprints, Outlaw Midgets
8/8 Mod, LM, FF, Kids
8/15 WAC Sprints, Outlaw Midgets, GSMS Wingless
8/22 Mod, LM, FF, Kids
8/29 WAC Sprints, Outlaw Midgets, GSMS
9/5 Mod, LM, FF, Kids
9/12 WAC Sprints, SCoNE, Outlaw Midgets
9/19 Mod, LM, FF, Kids
9/26 WAC Sprints, Outlaw Midgets
10/3 Mod, LM, FF, Kids
10/10 WAC Sprints, SCoNE, Outlaw Midgets
10/17 WAC Sprints, SCoNE, Outlaw Midgets

WAC- Wingless Auto Club
Mod- Modifieds
LM- Late Models
FF- Fast Fours
SCoNE- Sprint Cars of New England
RumTown Speedway Event Proposal to the Town of Wentworth

Contact: Dan Bowne, P.O. Box 388, Rumney, NH
7 Moosilauke Highway, Wentworth, NH
(603) 786-2885 or (603) 630-7655

Name of Event: Testing Singal Car

Date of Event: Sunday 6-7-2020
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Duration of Event: 7 AM - 6:00 PM

Event Description: Singal Car no more Then 5 People

Selectman Signature

Date

Selectman Signature

Date

Selectman Signature

Date

Campground

Date