Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Palmer Koelb, Steve Davis, Jim Folsom, John Meade, Kathy Keefe, Andrew Lasser, and Linda Franz. Omer Ahern intermittently by phone and Janice Thompson by phone.

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

Select Board signed the following documents:
Vendor and payroll checks.
Driveway permit for Carroll/Machett.
Approval for town-wide yard sale to take place at Hamilton Field on Sept. 5 from 10am to 3pm.
Rules to be posted to Face Book.

Purchase inquiry for town-owned property put on hold pending further research to determine fair market value, bid process, etc. Interest was lukewarm.

Appointment of an ex-officio Select Board member for the Planning Board is pending further information regarding responsibilities from John Meade.

Jordan King reported that Hooper Hill Emergency Lane needs culverts and gravel with an estimated cost of $1,200.00. Paul Manson said that the Town has extra culverts and gravel and can complete the project very easily. Some discussion about using Capital Reserve as opposed to just coming out of Highway budget as the cost is not much. John Meade and Jeff Ames feel that the townspeople may show concern that we appropriated funds for emergency lanes and did not use it. After some discussion, it was determined that keeping the capital reserve intact and use for future emergency lane repairs.

J. King made a motion to use materials already on hand, purchased by the Highway Dept. (culverts and gravel) to repair Hooper Hill Emergency Lane. Seconded by A. Scheller. J. King voted yes, A. Scheller voted yes. O. Ahern voted no as he felt it was a conflict of interest because J. King lives on that road. Motion carried with a vote of 2 to 1.

Riverside Park issues were discussed. A. Scheller stated that there are four jurisdictions comprising the park: The Town; the library; the Paiges and the river itself. Rhetorical questions: what is ultimate goal; what things are in our control and what things not in our control. Problems include trash (barrels and DPW pick up), sanitization (porta potty) and crowd control (policing).

Arnie Scheller spoke with Fish and Game, and was advised that the Baker River is a level 3 per RSA 483-B 4 XVI C. Public must be allowed access to the highwater mark.

Steve Davis informed that the 2011 hurricane Irene, FEMA would not fund cleanup as the park was open to residents only. Town volunteers cleaned the park. The Town then decided to
open it up to the public as they felt it was the good thing to do. We did receive FEMA funding for the 2017 storms. Many surrounding towns are having similar issues with trash, crowds, etc. Steve suggests that we close the park due to COVID-19 until we come up with a plan.

Palmer Koelb gave a brief history of the park. In 1985 a skating rink was built where the existing tennis courts are. There was a lot of trash being dumped there, so a Parks & Rec committee was formed. They decided to build a tennis court instead. This was very popular for a time. They also had volleyball, horseshoes and fundraisers. A. Scheller said it was a noble mission and we should strive to back to this. A series of floods washed part of the river away. A large rock that is in the middle of the river today, used to be the edge of the river before flooding. The Town had many activities at the park.

Chief Trott addressed the ordinance regarding the park. Problem is that restrictions, rules have no signage. Chief Trott and Chief Ames to work on updated ordinance with a public hearing. A. Scheller made a motion to have Chief Trott and Chief Ames look at current ordinance and propose updates. Seconded by J. King. Two voted in the affirmative and motion carried.

John Meade conducted a small poll. Taxpayers indicated that they would like residents only at Riverside Park. Select Board needs to hear feedback directly.

J. King says that we need a Parks & Rec committee. He made a plea for community involvement, just don’t complain on social media without making an effort to help. If there are concerns, email the office, make a phone call, write a letter and the Select Board will address and help to fix. SB can’t do all of this themselves.

Kathy Keefe informed that she inquired on social media if there was any interest in forming a Parks & Rec committee. There was no interest at all.

Chief Trott addressed a situation that happened today. A family from Wentworth was swimming at the park and wearing masks. They were mistaken by other residents for being out of staters and started throwing rocks and sticks at them from houses and bridges. This is mob mentality and that is not how to handle things. Jeff Ames said we should enforce ordinances.

Janice Thompson was concerned about the recent cleanup of feces at Riverside Park. She felt that proper procedures/precautions were not used and volunteers could have been exposed to parasites, bacteria, and COVID-19, etc. and wanted to know where it was dumped. A. Scheller said it was dumped on his farm. Suggests to get direction from DES should this happen again.

After these discussions about Riverside Park, the following motions were made: A. Scheller made a motion to delineate public rights of way citing the Guideline of NH Public Rivers and Streams Conservation Act 2016, specifically RSA 483-B:4 XVI C as it applies to Baker River being a 3rd order stream, public has access to highwater mark, public has access to the flood plain. A meeting will be set up with Select Board, Fish & Game, resident representative to look at the area. Seconded by J. King. Two voted in the affirmative and motion carried.
A. Scheller made a motion for the Town of Wentworth to establish a parking area on Town land only. Parking area will be delineated by signage and fencing. Rules and ordinances to be enforced by the police. Seconded by J. King. Two voted in the affirmative and motion carried.

A. Scheller made a motion that the Town of Wentworth Road Agent provide a way to delineate parking lot using cull logs from local lumber yard. Seconded by J. King. Two voted in the affirmative and motion carried.

A. Scheller met with Gayle Paige to discuss her feelings about Riverside Park. She has some wishes that are a part of these minutes.

A. Scheller made a few inquiries about getting rid of the bottles at the Transfer Station, but no interest yet. Jim Folsom stated that he thought it was decided to go to VT food bank. Jim will follow up.

Chief Trott provided a written report for the Police Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

In addition to his report, Chief Trott announced that he would like to do a Jail and Bail fundraiser to raise money for body cameras and accessories and services needed. He was informed that he would have to set up a 501c3 and should talk with Sonia Scheller about possibly holding money raised in her 501c3 for the Veterans Memorial.

Chief Ames provided a written report for the Fire Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

Road Agent, Paul Manson, provided a written report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

In addition to his report, Paul Manson reported that the 2012 International truck is costing the Town approximately $10,000 per year to maintain and repair. The Town of Bedford has a 2014 International with 31K miles (60K fewer than ours) that will be sold through a closed bid. Paul will explore further. The backhoe is also on its way out. May have to consider buying one and leasing the other. He has also researched some grants.

Pertaining to the gravel pit, J. King is expecting to have a site meeting with DES and Select Board later this month.

Andrew Lasser sent out Requests for Information to Consolidated Communications and Spectrum. He is still looking into getting some funding from the state and has been in touch with State Senator Giuda.

A. Lasser also introduced the idea of starting a Town Face Book page. The Select Board is not in favor and felt that it would take too much administration. They prefer face to face through Zoom. There have no participants for the last couple of meetings. A. Lasser will come up with a proposal for getting a large screen television and camera to conduct more effective Zoom meetings.
A. Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J. King. Two voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

Arnold Scheller, Chair  Omer C. Ahern, Jr.  Jordan King
Gayle Paige’s Wishes

Gail would like to have everyone come and enjoy the swimming hole that has been opened to the public by her father.

She requests that people:

• Limit time spent at the swimming hole so others may enjoy.
• Show respect for others.
• Use good judgement.
• Exhibit common courtesy.
• Carry in and carry out.
• Groups of 10 people maximum.
• No large gatherings or all day picnickers without authorization.
• JOYFUL NOISE ONLY.
WPD Activity Report
Presented 08/11/2020

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 continues to take part in the scheduled conference calls held during the week regarding updates concerning COVID-19, as well as Law Enforcement Update calls. These calls still remain a priority for us.

The WPD was made aware of a domestic violence petition that had been issued by the Plymouth Family Court for a person currently staying in Wentworth. Chief Trott was contacted by Voices Against Violence and a safety plan was put in place for the involved party.

Chief Trott took a report of a stolen kayak that had reportedly been delivered to the wrong address in Wentworth by UPS. That matter is still under investigation.

Chief Trott and Officer Eck responded to the upper end of Rowentown Road after one of the race track details for a report of an explosion and possibly some gunshots or fireworks. Chief Jeff Ames and members of the WFD also responded and staged in the area. Chief Trott and Officer Eck found that the source of the explosion had been some people shooting some “tannerite” targets which are targets that explode when shot. There were also fireworks that had been set off. Everything taking place was legal and there were no violations so after speaking with the involved parties Chief Trott and Officer Eck cleared and then informed Chief Ames of their findings.

Chief Trott has conducted several OHRV patrols over the last weekends and has made numerous contacts with OHRV riders during those patrols. There were no reported issues and Chief Trott conducted several safety checks during these patrols.
We have no reported issues at either Hamilton Field or Riverside Park this past weekend. The Farmers Market appeared to be another success this past weekend and it was even a little more busier in the area because of a wedding off of Rte#25 that was taking place at the same time.

Chief Trott met with a Wentworth property owner who turned over 48 used syringes that had been found in a closet in a building on his property. The WPD took possession of the syringes and they were disposed of properly.

We have worked two more details at Rumtown Speedway race track with no reported incidents. I am pleased to say that this is the smoothest that the race track has run since I have been Chief of Police here which is 5 years now. The owner/manager Dan Bowne deserves a lot of credit for running such a tight ship and for being so considerate of the Wentworth community.

As you know last Tuesday we were paid a visit by tropical storm Isaias. The Wentworth Police Department, Wentworth Fire Department and Wentworth Highway Department were all out in that storm managing calls as we were receiving them, and as some of you may know, some of those calls were coming in back to back. As first responders we train and prepare time and time again for emergency situations just like that night. I will say that I am very proud to be part of a community where it's volunteer fire department takes so much pride in the work that they do and when the time comes they answer that call for service. It was an ugly night, and as the night went on it got even uglier, but, all of these agencies stepped up and did what they had to do. I want to personally, and professionally, thank Chief Jeff Ames and the members of the WFD, the Wentworth Road Agent Paul Manson and the members of the Wentworth Highway Department, as well as our New Hampshire Department of Transportation shed #202 and their leader Mark Green. All of these people, did an outstanding job and should be recognized for it. Thanks You.
Wentworth Fire

Calls for service. Wentworth fire has recently responded to seven calls, two motor vehicle accidents one in Wentworth one in Warren. Events of the recent storm we had five calls for service that night four of which were trees down blocking town or state roads and or trees into wires, We then had an alarm activation at King Forest industries which turned out to be a broken sprinkler head with water flow. Each call had multiple members at and we worked closely with both state and town road crews as well as our chief of police.

Training. Wentworth fire has for years been big on training we are in constant training mode during our meetings, some as basic as location of items onboard apparatus and usage to multiple types of rescue and fire. We are in the motor vehicle accident extrication training now. We do both in house and out of house programs, utilizing the academy, and other outside resources.

Wentworth Members. We again are a growing team we have had two new members come on board in the past 30 days one experienced in some forms of emergency services and a younger gentleman who is going into our explorer program.
Road agent report August 11\textsuperscript{th} 2020

Over the last two weeks we have worked on ditching the roads sides and clearing run off and cleaning culverts on atwell hill road and we have done the paved section of buffalo road.

The evening of august 4\textsuperscript{th} we were called by grafton county dispatch with multiple trees down on town roads, john and alan were called in and we cleared roads so they were passable and worked until 9:00 pm. The following day we removed trees from roads and cleaned up all debris on the roads.

Our backhoe broke down and had to go to the dealer, we have had rental the last two weeks. The backhoe is done and it is running, we need to baby this for the next few months and reaccess! The freightliner went to the dealer and was inspected, it needed minor repairs that the town paid for but had a lot of expensive warranty work done. The international and the F-550 are do for inspection.

Paul Manson