Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2020

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Omer Ahern, Jordan King, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Tamsin Stuart, Andrew Lasser and Linda Franz.

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

The Select Board approved and signed the following:
Payroll and vendor checks
Notice for November elections location and time
Plodzik and Sanderson letter
Two Veteran’s Tax Credits
Avitar Revaluation/Update Agreement for 2021
Contract for road salt

A. Scheller made a motion to approve and accept the September 22, 2020 Select Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by J. King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

J. King reported that HEB Engineers will deal with the state regarding the bridge designs then will set up a meeting with the Select Board to discuss.

A. Scheller discussed the need for the Town to have documented rules and regulations regarding sewerage disposal for properties with permanent campers. He requested that the Planning Board put together a plan and research if we may need some statutory changes.

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

A. Scheller made a motion that trick or treating on Halloween will take place on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Seconded by J. King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

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

Road Agent, P. Manson, presented his report for the Highway Department, and it is a part of these minutes.

In addition to his report, P. Manson reported that the International truck has many problems and will require parts at a cost of $3,000-$8,000 and a labor cost of $800-$1,500 and may not even fix the problems. He has no definitive diagnosis. The International dealership can diagnose for a cost of $500 plus $118 per hour for labor. P. Manson is not confident that the truck will last the winter even with these repairs. A new truck would not be available for about a year.

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P. Manson also reported that the water pump at the Town Garage is broken, and he is having difficulty getting a plumber. Rick Ducheneau offered to do the work. Parts alone priced out at $1,700-$1,800.

J. King made a motion to hire Rick Ducheneau to fix the water pump at the Highway Department Garage. Seconded by O. Ahern. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

P. Manson also reported that the last couple of hundred yards of Ellsworth Hill Road has not been maintained for quite a while as it was thought to be a class VI road. P. Manson did some research and found out that it is actually a class V road. It will need to be ditched to divert water from lower portion of road.

A. Scheller and O. Ahern spoke with Governor Sununu while he was visiting the area. The main topic of discussion was about the lack of internet service in Wentworth. They expressed that this is critical to our Town’s needs that include virtual education, documenting culverts, and encouraging new business. They also spoke about septic regulations for campers.

L. Franz reported that the Town received $14,000+ in municipal aid from the state. Also, she will be working with the DRA and the Select Board on the tax rate in the next week or so.

The gravel pit was discussed. P. Manson found out that permitting may not be necessary as it is considered a town burrow. J. King said that it would still require a lot of work, and he feels that the Town may not benefit. J. King suggests that we get the deed research, survey and topographical work done to determine how much gravel may be available. If applicable, we would get a permit which is transferrable and possibly offer it up for sale.

A. Lasser gave an update on broadband service. It has been sixty days since the request for information was sent to providers. Consolidated was the only one to respond. The next step is to prepare a request for proposal. He will know more through this process and plans to fully educate the residents before presenting a warrant article.

A. Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J. King. All three voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

Arnold Scheller, Chair
Omer C. Ahern, Jr.
Jordan King
WPD Activity Report  
Presented 10/06/2020

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 remain a priority for us.

Chief Trott did a Department Assist for the Campton Police Department where a handgun was seized by Chief Trott regarding an investigation that was being conducted by the Campton Police Department. The handgun was seized without incident and the involved parties are cooperating with both agencies.

Chief Trott also served a Stalking Order which had been issued by the Plymouth District Court. Per this court order Chief Trott also took possession of several firearms to include one handgun, two rifles, two shotguns and numerous rounds of ammunition. The involved parties regarding this order were also very cooperative.

The details at the race track have been relatively uneventful with the exception of a couple of minor incidents that were addressed quickly and effectively by both Chief Trott and Officer Todd Eck. The track has only three more races and due to temperatures and it getting darker sooner, the last three races will start at 1400 instead of 1600 hours and will end around 1800 hours.

This past weekend Dan requested that three (3) be present at the race track due to the fact that they were expecting a larger crowd of people, and, he had heard on social media that there may be some issues with some of the racers. Chief Trott arrived at the race early and addressed the drivers at the driver meeting prior to the race and warned them that any problems would be dealt swiftly and accordingly. Chief Trott, Officer Todd Eck, and Chief Semitarkis then worked the race with no incidents.
Chief Trott did receive a complaint from a Wentworth resident regarding the race track appearing to be louder than normal, the complaining party lives on Cheever Road, and asked that the selectmen and administrative assistant to the selectmen post when the next meeting will be concerning the signing of the next race track permit for 2021. Chief Trott advised that he would convey that information.

Chief Trott is reminding the selectmen that Halloween is fast approaching and it is usually this time of year when the town makes/posts an announcement on when and what time they will be having Halloween so towns people will know.
WENTWORTH FIRE

Calls for service

Wentworth toned and responded to a 3rd alarm building fire in Holderness, our assignment was cover truck for Plymouth

Another mutual aid call for Rumney for hiker/climber fallen in Rumney ledges, we had a crew hike in to assist with CPR and carry out.

Call to Orford for a cover truck as they were assisting Bradford VT on a 4 alarm forest fire.

Mutual aid call to Warren for a Motor vehicle accident

Mutual aid call to Hebron for a cover truck on a 3rd alarm building fire also assisted with hose unloading and cleaning as they needed.

We have also completed our required yearly pump testing to ensure we meet the standards for pumps. Engine 1 good, engine 3 good, engine 2 although passed, will in the future (next year or two) need pump repairs/partial rebuild based on the flow numbers from the pump.

Training

Dan from the race track was again in need of water for track we assembled a crew on Saturday morning and with the help of Caulder construction who had a 5000 gallon tank truck shuttled 30 thousand gallons of water to the track, it has given the department members good training in water shuttle, source pump operations, and various appliance operations. Dan from the track has been very appreciative and has made donations to the firemen's fund.

Personnel

We have now outfitted some of our newer members with some hand me down turn out gear and are in the process of getting a couple new pagers in place. The response from the fire members has been outstanding to all the calls we have received. The new team members are doing well with their training and we look forward to them becoming well trained asset to the town and department.
Other correspondence

I will be involved in a safety meeting at the school Wed the 7th various information and discussion will take place during these meetings and is an important part of emergency preparedness for this town.

As you know we use social media to keep people informed, I did receive a public complaint about how we were handling the drought conditions and supplying water to the race track, she felt it a better priority for us to use that water in peoples wells, the individual did not feel it was right nor a priority to keep the track operating, I responded with the fact that the business we were helping out needed our assistance and would not be able to run his business without aid, as well as his business pays taxes here in town along with bringing in people who are spending monies with other business here in town. I also made it a point to explain the reasons why it is not a good idea to fill peoples wells with pond/river water. I had gave my phone number for this person to contact me direct if they wished as well I gave the option they could contact the board by filling out a complaint form.
Over the last two weeks we have been busy as usual, we have 100% completed the Atwell Hill project and gravel the road to the intersection of Cape Moonshine. We have graded Ellsworth Hill road, from the corner to the dam. We have also been busy working in our shop, getting small but necessary projects done.

The backhoe has been running great since it has been fixed. We are struggling with the international truck, Kevin Knapp has looked at it a couple times and got computer reading, it looks like we are going to need a turbo and a dump valve kit, about $3000 in parts plus labor. Last week the grader had issues, it was the belt pulley bearings failed and caused the fan to break! All parts were ordered and we fixed it in house and just got it running today. That was another $3000.

The next two weeks we will be doing some culvert replacements on Hooper Hill and getting all the trucks prepared and ready for winter, tires, oil and filter changes and sanders serviced.

Paul Manson