Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2020

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Omer Ahern, Jordan King, Chief Trott, Paul Manson, Randy Rugar, Francis Muzzey, Steve Welch, George Morrill, Rebecca Bordanaro, 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
Sewage Disposal System local approval-Borger Lot 11-5-12
DRA assessment to sales ratio prepared by Avitar

O.Ahern made a motion to approve and accept the October 6, 2020 Select Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A.Scheller made a motion to approve Health Trust’s 2021 renewal for medical insurance with a 6.4% rate increase. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

O.Ahern made a motion to withdraw $31,118.80 from the Bridges Capital Reserve (Expendable Trust) account for the second payment to HEB Engineers for engineering studies for the Frescoln and Cross Road bridges. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A.Scheller Report:

NH DOT is working on Route 25 to install culverts to divert water coming from Atwell Hill Road. They are also widening the road. They will continue to work along Route 25 to improve water flow diversion as many homes get water in their basements.

The Historical Society has lecture series once a month that residents may find interesting.

Christmas on the Common will take place on Saturday, November 28th from 3-6pm. Rain date is Sunday, November 29th. There will be an appearance by Santa and his elves and presents for the kids.

The school will hold their annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 30th. Set up begins at 3:15pm an treating at 4pm. See the school’s notice for more information and instructions for Covid-19 safety precautions. The Town’s Trick or Treating is Saturday, October 31st from 5-8pm.
The Planning Board put together a plan and letter to Governor Sununu regarding campers and septic requirements. The Governor is looking to get it to legislature.

L.Franz updated available grants. There is a balance of $15,571 for our GOFERR grant. GOFERR has now included reimbursement for ALL payroll, taxes and insurance for Police Chief and any hours over regular schedule for Administrative Assistant for the period of September 1, 2020 to October 15, 2020. The claim will be for approximately $13,000. The Town also has available grants for $5,000 for election-related expenses, and $2,700 for absentee ballots sent out. We will be claiming these after the November elections.

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

Chief Ames was not able to attend the meeting, and A.Scheller presented Chief’s report for the Fire Department on his behalf, and it is a part of these minutes.

Road Agent, P.Manson, reported that the International truck is now up and running after some expensive repairs. All trucks, plows, sanders are ready for winter weather. Highway Department will continue with culverts, grading and ditching until frost prohibits. Equipment Committee meeting went very well. He invited vendors, Western Star and Freightliner, to attend future meeting. O.Ahern inquired if P.Manson would be interested in sharing equipment that is not being used 100% of the time with other surrounding towns. P.Manson was not in favor, but might consider if our own operator goes with equipment.

R.Rugar reported that he would like to contact Northeast Recovery Resource Association (NRRA) about getting a dumpster for metal with regular pick ups as well as removing the freon from refrigerators and air conditioners.

A.Scheller made a motion to have Randy Rugar approach Northeast Recovery Resource Association about metal container and collection and freon removal. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A request from resident, Deborah Gelsi, for a sign on the Common regarding parking for covered bridge access and viewing was discussed with no definite resolution.
Steve Welch reported that the same safety precautions for the September elections will be taken for the November elections. There needs to be two Select Board members or appointees at the polls from 8am to 7pm. Absentee ballots will be pre-processed on Saturday, October 31st. The Town has received 114 ballots so far.

P. Manson would like to sell the Town’s vibratory roller as it is too expensive to repair. It was agreed to have a sealed bid starting at $200. Bids will be opened at the November 17th Select Board meeting.

Rebecca Bordonaro, Wentworth Health Officer, would like the Town to nominate Tamsin Stuart to be appointed as her Deputy. Some discussion with Select Board, and it was agreed to nominate her with a $300 annual stipend. Appointment is made by the State after their review of her nomination application.

J. King made a motion to nominate Tamsin Stuart for appointment as Deputy Health Officer for the Town of Wentworth with an annual stipend of $300. O. Ahern seconded. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Andrew Lasser announced that the New Hampshire Electric Co-Op voted in favor of expanding their services to include broadband. He will keep the Town informed as things progress.

O. Ahern made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by A. Scheller. All three voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

Arnold Scheller, Chair

Omer C. Ahern, Jr.

Jordan King
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 took part in a monthly safety meeting with the Wentworth Elementary School. After the meeting Chief Trott also took part in two drills that were executed at the school along with Chief Ames from the WFD.

Chief Trott conducted a welfare check on a property owner who had been up checking on their property and had not returned home in Massachusetts and family members were concerned. Chief Trott was able to make contact with the property owner and a message was conveyed to the family members.

Chief Trott conducted another welfare check on a Wentworth resident who was overdue to meet family members in Rhode Island. Chief Trott was also able contact that person and he advised that he contact the family members and advise them that there had been a change in plans.

Chief Trott arrested a Warren resident for operating after suspension and operating while registrations are suspended. This arrest was made on a weekend while Chief Trott was conducting a proactive motor vehicle patrol in several target areas within Wentworth where he had received several motor vehicle complaints from Wentworth residents. The arrest was made without incident and the subject was later released and summoned to appear in the Plymouth Court in November.

Chief Trott has attended two more CAC interviews regarding concerns over some minor children in Wentworth and is assisting New Hampshire DCYF with follow-up investigations. As a result he has worked 24 plus hours in just the last 2 days.
Chief Trott was asked to attend a meeting last week with the Pemi-Baker Lions Club which he did. The Lions club had initiated a fundraising event called Jail & Bail to raise monies for area police departments so that they could purchase body cameras. Wentworth was one of those Police Departments. At that meeting Chief Trott was presented with a check from Wentworth resident Arlen Patten and other members of the Lions Club for the purpose of purchasing 2 body cameras for the Wentworth Police Department.

Donations were also collected and sent to the Lions Club by the Friends of Wentworth as well as several personal donations and monies collected at the Farmers Market over the summer. As a result of this the Lions Club superseded their goal and will now also be able to help another area police department with the purchase of body cameras if they chose to do so.

Chief Trott would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all involved. This is without question a true example of how organizations like the Pemi-Baker Lions Club, the Friends of Wentworth, and communities themselves can come together collectively and accomplish a worthy goal.
Good afternoon

Due to work load i will not be able to make tonight's meeting. Please share this information with everyone.

Calls for service
We had a call to the congregational church for an alarm activation it was due to dust particles caused by workers in the smoke detectors. other than that things were much quieter than they had been!!!

Meetings
Have had several meeting's starting with the lake region board of directors meeting Wentworth Fire meeting/training Safety meeting and fire drill Wentworth Elementary school.
Met with an oil company on a new residential heating system install Wentworth Rumney and Canaan on Sunday afternoon had a preliminary mutual aid response meeting, items covered were types of equipment, various resources, manpower or lack of, especially for daytime help. Looking at ways we can all provide better coverage for our and neighboring towns, This was brought on due to some shared calls and response areas. There will be some follow up meetings and mutual training's in the future. Meeting was hosted by Canaan fire department, present were Rumney, Wentworth, Canaan, as well as a Hanover dispatch center coordinator. I am looking forward to working with both of these departments a little closer for future calls.

Personnel and Training
The new crew/recruits have been working hard on the training evolution's and it can be seen when they are put to the task!! We have had various training programs in place and participation has been fantastic.
This next meeting night we will be going over rescue tool operation, uses, scene set up and our part in patient care/rescue on a motor vehicle accident. A what's your role on this scene and do you know how to do it type of thing. Future programs will include further dchart landing zone training, accountability, and communication operations

Thats all i have
Thanks Chief Ames

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