Those present: Arnold Scheller, Chief Ames, Paul Manson and via Zoom Omer Ahern, Jordan King, Chief Trott, Andrew Lasser and Linda Franz. Due to unforeseen circumstances, this meeting was not streamed live on You Tube.

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

The Select Board approved and signed the following:
Payroll and vendor checks
Minutes from December 1 and 7, 2020
Abatements for Barris, Vittum, Farina, Lemos, Lookaway, Richos
Winter & Inclement Weather Policy (part of these minutes)

Reports of Department Heads including Covid-19 contingency plans are a part of these minutes.

If the Select Board cannot perform their duties, they may appoint alternates. Some suggestions are Andrew Lasser, Rick Ducheneau, and Francis Muzzey.

The Town Offices are formally closed due to positive Covid-19 test results. We will have the offices disinfected as soon as possible.

Chief Trott recommended Bill Melanson for the Town’s Animal Control Officer, with a budgeted annual stipend of $3,000 to be paid out quarterly.

A.Scheller made a motion to hire Bill Melanson as the Town’s Animal Control Officer effective January 1, 2021. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Chief Trott will purchase (and be reimbursed for) 3-4 thermometers for the Town Offices and Highway Department.

Briefly discussed the purchase/lease of a new plow truck. If a Special Town Meeting is needed, there will be a fee of $1,500. There will be another meeting to further discuss and review available options.

J.King gave update on gravel pit. He will get some quotes for survey, research, etc. to include in warrant article.

HEB estimates permitting for two bridge projects to be $51,000 per bridge. DOT needs to sign off before FEMA. Town will request FEMA extension asap.

A.Lasser reported that the Town received an RFP from Consolidated Communications. This proposal is for high-speed internet service that is very different from what Consolidated
customers are currently receiving. There will be a significant increase in internet speed with no data limits, and a dedicated bandwidth. A $1.5 million bond would be required that would be paid by the subscribers with no cost to the Town. Much more information will be provided over the coming weeks.

O.Ahern reported that Grafton County may be offering some assistance to towns with managing property evaluations.

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

[Signatures]
Arnold Scheller, Chair

Omer C. Ahern, Jr.

Jordan King
Good afternoon all

I will not be attending tonight's meeting.

I did want to explain The standard operating guideline within the fire department that is in place for covid or other issues that could arise.

First our meetings in the station I have required we wear masks and are safe distanced, for training's mask are required except for the breathing app or operations where people are great distances apart. all breathing app. after each use is disinfected per the n.f.p.a requirements. Turn out gear is cleaned as well per requirements as needed. Protocols are in place when we handle patients and at times we are made aware if that particular patient has been tested positive for covid.

Vehicles are wiped down inside cab and pump areas with disinfectant wipes very thoroughly. Every time a truck goes out it is cleaned by that operator when it returns. On scene although very difficult to safe distance but with our normal p.p.e. in place (turn out gear) it allows us very good protection. We carry on board, hand sanitizer, wipes, masks, gloves, eye protection also working with ambulance crews utilizing gowns etc.

If we have a firefighter test positive for covid and we were all in some form of contact then we will all be tested. The station would be staged for a deep clean, quarantines will be in affect for those whom were in contact per the latest recommendations. In place is our mutual aid agreements with other towns where if Wentworth fire can not respond to a call then the next neighboring town in line would be ton ed by dispatch to take the call, this follows true for all towns in the lakes region mutual aid. All fire departments are aware of this procedure and have utilized this process in some form. Wentworths firefighters can return to duty after quarantine time has been met. In some cases another test might need to be done prior to return.

For any special details the firefighters will be masked until such time it is deemed not necessary.

Those are the basic tip of the iceberg plans in place for the fire department and can evolve as needed we base the procedures on tried and true practices recommendations from state and nfpa.

Thanks Chief Ames

<http://us.f513.mail.yahoo.com/ym/www.geocities.com/jlredbones/>
Highway Department
Covid 19 safety protocol

1. Check temperature before work starts, No matter what time of day, even when getting called in. You can not start work until your temperature has been checked. Temperature will be checked by department head. If temperature is above 100 Degrees, the employee will be sent home for the day and required to have a negative covid test in 24 hours to return to work.

2. A employee showing any symptoms, cough, headache, runny nose ect... will be sent home and quarantined for 7 days and may return to work after seven days with a negative covid test. The covid test must be done within 7 days but not sooner than 5 days.

3. All employees must clean and disinfect there truck or any piece of equipment they use daily, at the end of the day or the end of there shift.

4. Highway department employees can not ride in the same truck as others unless they wear a face covering.

5. All employees must keep a six foot distance while working at the shop or outside, within reason depending on the job.

6. Employees will be paid for there time off if sent home by the department head for the day or days necessary. If sent home because of fever, you will be required to come to work the following day with a negative test result. If you don’t return for your next schedule work day with a negative test, you will need to use sick, vacation or comp time occurred.

7. There will be absolutely NO SMOKING in town buildings or town equipment. This will be strictly enforced by any and all department heads.

8. In the case the highway department does not have 3 men during a snowstorm it will be up to the road agent to call a emergency back up in if needed. A list of emergency drivers for the 6 wheelers and the F550 is attached.