

**Wentworth Special Select Board
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2021**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Jordan King, Paul Manson, Linda Franz and Omer Ahern via Zoom, Chris Fournier via speaker phone.

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and sign the contracts with HEB Engineers regarding the Cross Road and Frescoln bridges, and to sign the three-year contract with the Road Agent.

There was discussion about straightening Frescoln Road. Questioned whether HEB contacted abutters. Some questions regarding future charges such as: permitting was previously done for emergency work, and needed again; DES application fees are approximately \$1,500; legal consulting may be needed for easements that occur 10% of the time; potential involvement of the NH Division of Historical Resources regarding adverse effects to historical or archeological sites.

A. Scheller suggested to go ahead with the projects despite potential risks and increased costs and sign the contracts.

J.King made a motion to accept and sign the contracts with HEB Engineers. Seconded by O.Ahern. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

The Road Agent's 3-year contract was discussed. A 2% salary increase for each year of the contract was proposed and a slight change to the compensation time. The contract stated that he would receive 40 hours of compensation time. It was added that the 40 hours would be at time and one half, resulting in 60 hours compensation time. O.Ahern is against a 3-year contract and stated that it would take away the flexibility of a future Select Board that may be against a 2% pay increase with many unknowns due to Covid-19. A.Scheller and J.King said that it is important to have continuity in that position and that a 2% salary increase is justified.

A.Scheller made a motion to accept the 3-year contract with the change for compensation time with the Road Agent. Seconded by J.King. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted no. J.King voted yes. With a quorum vote, the motion carried.

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All three voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.

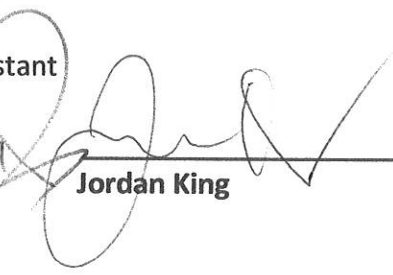
Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chair



Omer C. Ahern, Jr.



Jordan King