

TOWN OF WENTWORTH  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING DECEMBER 23, 2024

Present: Arnold Scheller, Richard Ducheneau Sr, Brian DuBois, Chief Trott, Chief Ames and Admin Assistant Gove

Chairman Scheller called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Richard Ducheneau made a Motion to contact DRA to ask approval to expend from the unassigned fund balance, \$150,000 to Warren Wentworth Ambulance Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian DuBois, all in favor and the motion passed.

AA Gove will contact DRA and/or Warren Town Administrator Albro regarding procedure for request to DRA.

Richard Ducheneau advise he was not able to attend the last school meeting. Budget Hearing for Pemi Baker will be January 7<sup>th</sup> and Wentworth Elementary Budget, Draft #1 will be January 6, 2024.

Chief Trott gave his report to the Board. See attached. Discussed the new Sheriff, Jill Myers taking office on January 9, 2024. Chief and his assistant, are in the process of reviewing the police department policies and would like to obtain the services of an outside consultant, Creig Doyle, to review and rewrite the department polices. Chair Scheller felt this was a good idea and that Chief Trott should write a warrant article to cover the entire costs. Chief indicated there is currently money in his 2024 budget to cover the anticipated cost of \$1750 for Doyle's service.

Chief reported of an issue at an elementary school basketball game between students on the court, and then involved parents coming onto the court. The referee called the game.

Chief reported issues with getting messages through Lakes Region Communications, he has no paging system in place. He and Chief Ames are looking to obtain another license for pager and cell phone messages for the Police Chief, \$300 fee for additional license that would include Chief of Police as well as additional members of the fire department, if needed.

Chief Trott gave the Highway Department report to the Board. He indicated he has updated the DOT records to now have the Highway crew use the DOT shed for fuel. Chief anticipates an annual savings on fuel costs of \$3500-\$4000. Discussion regarding the use of off road fuel switching the existing fuel tank to off road fuel.

Discussion regarding the Freightliner truck and the estimate of \$20,000 to repair the exhaust system. Ducheneau said the truck has 2-5 years of life left and feels it should be fixed, and fixed right.

Ducheneau made a **Motion** to approve the repair order for the Freightliner exhaust system, Scheller 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor the motion passed. Chief Trott will contact Kevin Knapp to give the "go-ahead" for the repair.

Fire Chief Ames gave his report to the Board. He reported the Fire Department was awarded an ARPA, no cost grant in the amount of \$19,000 to be used toward the estimated \$40,000 septic system for the new

fire station. He expects test pits to be done in the spring and the septic system project be completed by Fall, 2025.

Scheller reported the Frescoln Bridge design and consultant engineer contract has been signed. Site work is expected to start in April, staging area will be at the intersection of Cross and Rowentown Roads.

Discussion regarding the new town website. The board had reviewed an email from current webmaster with her recommendations. Chair Scheller made a **Motion** to accept Town Web's proposal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Ducheneau, all in favor. Admin Asst Gove will contact Town Web to advise and request contract.

Chief Trott reported arraignments in the St v Manson case have been cancelled pending mediation. A member of the Board will need to be available on the day of mediation and be in a position to speak for the board regarding any resolution. He will contact the Assistant County Attorney handling the case to arrange a meeting with the Board.


Chair Scheller indicated he will be leaving town on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.


Chair Scheller made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian DuBois, all in favor and motion passed at 6:15 PM.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Dawn Gove, Administration Assistant to  
Wentworth Select Board

Approved:

  
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Arnold Scheller, Chair

  
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Richard Ducheneau, Sr.

  
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Brian DuBois