

TOWN OF WENTWORTH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2026

Present: A Scheller, B DuBois, R Ducheneau via Zoom, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, AA Gove
Jennifer Kay, Ron Giroux, Aaron Williams, George Morrill

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

Arnold Scheller made a Motion to accept the terms of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) amendment as presented for the Rowentown Road bridge, to reflect the change of Period of Performance dates from May 2, 2026 to May 2, 2027. Motion seconded by Brian DuBois, roll call vote, Scheller – yes, DuBois – yes, Richard Ducheneau – yes. Motion passed.

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Discussion regarding Ex Officio for the Planning Board, R Ducheneau indicated he is not available due to conflicting schedule with School Board. B DuBois indicated he will take the role of Ex Officio for Planning Board.

Discussion regarding the BTLA decision regarding Sorrowful Heart of Mary, currently waiting for a recommendation to come from Jaron Downes/Avitar Associates on how to proceed.

B DuBois reported he had response regarding the cell tower on Ellsworth Hill Rd and no lights are required. See documentation received by B DuBois attached.

Discussion regarding the Plymouth Fire EMS billing. B DuBois spoke with Chief Pierce regarding the charge on the bill for cancelled calls within a 6 minute mark. At the initial meeting with Plymouth Fire EMS, the town was told there would be no charge for calls cancelled within 6 minutes from the time of tone. Chief Pierce advised that the contract signed between Wentworth and Plymouth did not address this matter. A back up crew automatically gets called in when the ambulance is toned for Wentworth, there are costs to the town of Plymouth associated with the automatic response. Chief Pierce indicated he would need to speak with Plymouth BoS.

Chief Trott gave his report, ~~see attached~~.

Chief Ames gave his report, see attached. Chief Ames indicated Dick Gowen has agreed to do the test pit at the new fire station location. Chief has applied for a grant for thermal imaging, and the department has received an AED from the MMATV Club.

Discussion regarding the request of Bill Melanson for materials to be provide for Hooper Hill Road. A Bullard/Road Agent drove the road to the powerline and felt the road was in good condition and did not feel material was needed. Hooper Hill Road has been designated as an emergency lane and money has been raised in the past for that purpose. B Melanson had indicated he would do the work to spread the material.

A Scheller made a Motion to have A Bullard determine how much gravel would be needed and make a recommendation to the BoS on how much gravel to leave at Hooper Hill Road, B DuBois 2nd motion, all in favor.

A Scheller gave an update on Cross Road. The Town was notified on 4/13/26 that there would be no cutting of trees between 4/15 – 10/15/2026 at the site. A decision was made to have Gordon Coursey & Son cut the trees, their equipment was in the area at another job. Coursey has provided a bill of \$3250 for the cutting of the trees and an estimate of \$3055 to chip and clear brush. Highway Department will move all hardwood from Kay and Allen properties to the Kay's residence. Coursey's will keep the softwood.

A Scheller made a Motion to accept the \$3055 estimate, 2nd by B DuBois, all in favor.

Discussion regarding the mowing of town property. Eugene Garrett will be responsible for the Hamilton Field again this year and he will contact A Scheller approval prior to mowing. Other town properties will go out for bid.

Discussion regarding an inquiry from a resident on Cape Moonshine regarding music at a party to be held this summer. There is no noise ordinance in Wentworth, the BoS would recommend the resident look to the State for further guidance.

Jen Kay asked when the cleanup from the tree cutting at Cross Road will be done. The contractor, Coursey & Son is waiting on approval of estimate by the BoS, which was done earlier in this meeting. It is expected the work should be able to start next week (w/o 5/4/26).

Jen Kay also asked if there was a plan to repair North Dorchester Road. A Scheller indicated that would have to wait until after the North Dorchester Road culvert project was complete next year.

George Morrill asked the location of the new/proposed Fire Station. Chief Ames described location and will post information on fire department page in the near future.

Aaron Williams discussed the poor condition of the Town Common, to include damage to the gazebo. The BoS will obtain a combination lock for the gazebo.

Chief Trott recognized Aaron Williams as instrumental in obtaining the new LED street light at the corner of Village Rd and Route 25.

Renee Ferland gave the Bridge Report, see attached.

A Scheller made a Motion to close the public meeting and enter into non public session according to RSA 91-A:3,II(c), 2nd by B DuBois, all in favor.

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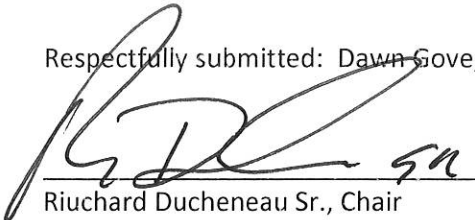
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A Scheller made a Motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM, 2nd by B DuBois, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Dawn Gove, Administrative Assistant

 5-26-26
Richard Ducheneau Sr., Chair

 5-26-26
Brian DuBois

Arnold Scheller

Town of Wentworth

From: j&l redbones <jlredbones@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 4:19 PM
To: Town of Wentworth

Jeffrey Ames
Chief Wentworth Fire Department
Wentworth EMD

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Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 07:42:11 AM EDT
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Calls for Service

- **04/04/2026:** A general alert was issued with information that LRMA assistance was needed.
- **04/20/2026:** A call was received for a patient experiencing chest pain with a cardiac history. Wentworth Fire and Plymouth Ambulance responded to the scene.
- **04/20/2026:** There was a psychiatric emergency involving a suicide attempt. Wentworth Fire, Plymouth Ambulance, and State Police responded.
- **04/21/2026:** A CO/inhalation well-being check was conducted. Wentworth Fire and Wentworth Police responded, tested for gases in the home, and found all readings at zero percent.
- **04/21/2026:** A smoke investigation was performed. Found to be smoke from lumber Co. sawdust fired boiler system

Other Activities

Training

- Two members are in the process of finalizing their EMT testing.
- Two more members have just started their EMT classes.
- Two individuals will be attending the Twin State Fire School, taking courses in vehicle extrication and safe driver operation. These classes prepare participants for CDL and emergency vehicle operation.
- One member has enrolled in the Level 2 Fire Fighter class.
- The department successfully hosted a stroke seminar, with 25 EMS and first responder providers attending. The seminar was presented by Craig Clough, EMS Manager from Concord Hospital.

- Some members will attend the ALS breakfast meeting, joining EMS colleagues from Hebron Fire. The group will participate via Zoom from the Hebron Fire station, which will also host a breakfast.
- The department assisted Mount Moosilauke ATV Club by providing first aid trail-side tips and information to students attending the ATV course sponsored by the MMATV club on Saturday, April 25.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Chief will attend the LRMA Board of Directors meeting.
- Regular fire meetings are now scheduled three times per month.
- EMS training and meetings occur once per month.
- A Board of Directors meeting is planned for the regional ambulance plan.
- A school safety meeting involving Fire, Police, and school staff is scheduled.

Fire Danger and Community Outreach

Forest Fire danger levels are already high. Please exercise caution with permitted campfires. Plant Sale coming up in may follow the department on Facebook for updates on calls and upcoming events.

Jeffrey Ames
Chief Wentworth Fire Department
Wentworth EMD

April 2026 Bridge Report

- Applied for bonds and notes from MVSBS and the NH Bond Bank
- Submitted a reimbursement request for \$6,336 for invoices for Rowentown Road
- Received \$2,900.69 in reimbursements for East Side Rd invoices from March reimbursement request
- Received \$14,117.05 in reimbursements for North Dorchester from March reimbursement request
- Received \$34,503.99 in reimbursements for Cross Rd from March reimbursement request
- Obtained all 4 easement documents from abutters on Cross Rd
- 4/13 Met with HEB engineers pertaining to the progress of Cross Rd permits and found out that the Army Core of Engineers determined that no trees could be removed between 4/15 and 10/31 to protect the bats so initiated an emergency removal of the trees
- Coordinated with the electric company for pole relocation at Cross Rd Bridge
- Submitted Quarterly Progress Reports with the State for Cross, Rowentown, and N. Dorchester
- Cross Rd was put out to advertise 4/22 with a pre-bid meeting 5/5 and sealed bids to be received until 2:00 PM 5/14, at which time the bids received will be publicly opened and read
- Began coordination for final paving of Frescoln Rd Bridge
- Received a deadline extension to 5/2/27 for Rowentown and N. Dorchester

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Ferland

Select Board Assistant for Infrastructure Development

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Gordon Coursey & Son Enterprises LLC
Custom Log Homes
10 Coursey Lane
Rumney, NH 03266

April 19th 2026

We are pleased to present an estimate to you for the following work to be performed on
Cross Road Wentworth, NH.

Chip and remove brush from Cross Road tree clearing project.
Estimate good for 30 days.

All work to be performed in a professional and timely manner.

Total: \$3,055.00

Thank You
GFC & Son



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