

TOWN OF WENTWORTH  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 12, 2026

Present: R Ducheneau, Brian DuBois, Arnie Scheller, Chief Ames, AA Gove  
Jen Kay, Ron Giroux, Phil Chandonnet

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

R Ducheneau reported he will be attending a FEMA workshop on flood zone mapping.

R Ducheneau reported on the school, there will be 7 graduating, expecting 8-10 new kindergarten students. Rumney wants to discuss combining after school programs and/or schools with Wentworth. The School Board is looking at spending money to fix an issue with the kitchen exhaust exchanger and also for new cameras in the front of the building.

B DuBois reported the Planning Board will have an extra meeting next week due to a change in the board members and failure to notify abutters of a pending subdivision. There is also an ADU on a Buffalo Road property that does not appear to be in compliance, this matter will be addressed at meeting on 5/18.

Chief Trott's report was given by M Trott, see attached.

Chief Ames gave his report, see attached. There was a discussion regarding a "lift assist" call and why the Plymouth Fire EMS is being toned when there is no "medical emergency". Chief Ames is working on this and will be in contact with Lakes Region Mutual Aid regarding their procedures/protocols.

Highway Department – discussion regarding a turbine blower and the benefits for the town. This would need to go to town meeting. A Scheller asked if there were "discretionary funds", R Ducheneau indicated there was not. A Scheller indicated a work plan needs to be developed for the highway department. R Giroux agreed to allow the highway department to use the race track's water truck to do culvert work.

#### Bridge Projects

R Ducheneau made a Motion to stay with the original plan for paving on the Frescoln Road bridge, no extra paving to be done, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Scheller, all in favor.

Regarding financing, the NH Municipal Bond Bank has indicated they do not expect a problem with the town's application and R Ferland is continuing to work with Meredith Village Savings Bank on a line of credit type loan. It is expected the Bond Bank will have approval June/July. Discussion regarding terms, rates, etc., determined that both NHBB and MVSBB products should be pursued at this time.

Jen Kay stated there is still a lot of clean up to be done after the trees were cut at the Cross Road bridge site and she asked if the Coursey's were finished. Also, asked if Rowentown Road was going to be graded. Discussion regarding the graveling of Rowentown Rd. Rowentown is on the list for grading, weather cooperating.

Ron Giroux indicated the race track season will open 6/5/2026. He stated a practice date of 5/23/2026 between 12-5 PM will be set.

#### Transfer Station

Phil Chandonnet indicated he has given out "lots" of stickers for Dorchester residents. NH Recycles has a new vendor from VT that will pay \$35/ton with no hauling fees. The container at the transfer station will be for propane tanks and batteries. Chief Ames stated there will need to be placards indicating what is inside the container. Discussion regarding another container, cost for 20' is approx. \$2300, Phil will check with the State on cost.

R Ducheneau made a Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B DuBois, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Dawn Gove, Administrative Assistant

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Richard Ducheneau, Sr., Chair

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Brian DuBois

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Arnie Scheller

## **WPD Activity Report**

### **Presented 05/12/2025**

**Please note that the following is a summary of notable activity conducted by the Wentworth Police Department, (WPD), but does not reflect "all" of WPD's activity during this time frame.**

Chief Trott looked into a call where a person utilized the C&D dumpster at the transfer station but refused to pay the \$25.00 fee stating that she has paid property taxes in Wentworth for 30 years now and she was not paying that. While following up on this I was contacted by Phil Chandonet who advised me that the Wentworth property owner had come back in to the transfer station and met with Phil and paid him the \$25.00 and apologized for her actions.

Chief Trott served a Grand Jury subpoena on behalf of the Grafton County Attorneys Office on a Wentworth resident in regards to an upcoming case where the Wentworth resident was needed to testify in. The service was completed without incident.

Chief Trott served two Notices Against Trespass to two Wentworth residents for a property that had changed hands in Wentworth recently due to a death in the family. The two trespass notices were served without incident and the requesting party notified.

Chief Trott was asked to be present at the Wentworth Elementary School during a time when there was a meeting between staff and some parents that could be become problematic. Chief Trott made himself physically available to the WES but did not take part in their meeting which did take place at the school and was uneventful.

Chief Trott assisted New Hampshire D.C.Y.F. with some information regarding a family in Wentworth that required some assistance.

Chief Trott assisted a delivery truck that had gone off the road into a ditch on Ellsworth Hill Road. Arrangements were made with Sable & Sons Tow service out of White River Junction Vermont to respond and assist in getting the truck back on the road again. The road was passable so traffic was not an issue. The truck was safely removed a couple of hours later.

Chief Trott responded to Wentworth over one of the weekends in regards to a report that a dog may have been dragged down the road by a vehicle. In checking it was determined that they were hound dogs being exercised and they were not tethered to the car and none of the dogs were injured. The reporting party was notified and thankful for the update and outcome. She was also appreciate of being made aware of how these hounds are exercised and why.

Chief Trott would like to take the opportunity to express a sincere "Thank You" to William "Bill" Melanson, for his years of service as our Animal Control Officer. Bill did an excellent job for us and his services and demeanor as ACO was second to none. Due to his wife retiring last year, and family commitments and travel plans he had decided to step down and pass the duties onto someone else. Having said that, this would be the time to look at this position and its duties and see if it may need some adjusting and to think about who may be interested in taking over the duties of ACO for the Town of Wentworth.

Chief Trott was contacted by an officer of the Rochester NH Police Department after hours looking for a department assist. RPD was handling a call where a vehicle had been abandoned on a piece of property in Rochester NH that had been owned by a previous Wentworth resident. Chief Trott contacted the officers dispatch center and conveyed what information was available to assist them in contacting the registered owner of the vehicle.

Chief Trott took an officer safety report from a Wentworth resident regarding another Wentworth resident and irrational and concerning behavior. The information was taken, documented, and then passed on to other law enforcement agencies.

Chief Trott is still currently investigating a reported sexual assault that reportedly took place four (4) years ago. These types of investigations are normally labor intensive and time consuming and some may take years before an end result comes to be.

Chief Trott completed paperwork for a sex offender required to register with us quarterly. The required paperwork was completed and forwarded to the sex offender registry in Concord.

Chief Trott took a report from a Wentworth resident regarding a scam where the person was posing to be a representative associated with Spectrum. The resident discovered a charge on his PayPal account that was not authorized and it was determined to be a scam. The resident, the police department and Spectrum is currently working through this issue.

Chief Trott was contacted regarding a custodial issue between a parent and a legal guardian and new court orders that were being viewed differently by both parties. After speaking with both parties an amicable agreement was reached and Chief Trott assisted with seeing that the child involved was picked up by a parent and items in possession of the legal guardian were conveyed to the child and parent. The legal guardian has petitioned the family court to reconsider the current orders for the purpose of clarification.

## Town of Wentworth

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**From:** j&l redbones <jlredbones@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2026 11:12 AM  
**To:** Town of Wentworth  
**Subject:** calls for service Dawn can you print this for me my printer is having heart palpitations

calls for service

4/29/2026 Benton forest fire mutual aid multiple agencies  
5/3/2026 Medical call patient fallen could not get up. denying injury but confused Wentworth Fire, Plymouth Ambulance  
5/3/2026 Medical emergency unconscious fainting , Wentworth Fire ,Plymouth Ambulance for transport.  
5/3/2026 Medical service call assist patient into home from a ambulance transport Wentworth Fire and Wentworth PD Wentworth fire & EMS canceled Plymouth ambulance  
5/4/2026 Medical emergency unconscious/breathing difficulty. Wentworth Fire, Plymouth Ambulance to transport  
5/4/2026 Service call patient assist into home Wentworth fire Plymouth Ambulance , We canceled Plymouth  
5/5/2026 Medical call patient complaint neck and back injury after a fall Wentworth Fire, Plymouth Ambulance for transport  
5/6/2026 Service call assist with patient transfer from private ambulance into home Wentworth Fire, Plymouth Ambulance We canceled Plymouth.  
5/6/2026 Service call help get patient into their home from private vehicle Wentworth Fire, Plymouth ambulance canceled by WFD  
5/9/2026 Tree and wires down Cape Moonshine Rd Wentworth Fire  
5/9/2026 Fainting/unconscious patient kept going in and out of consciousnesses Wentworth Fire initial patient care Plymouth Ambulance to transport.  
5/11/2026 Tree and wires down Ellsworth Hill Rd Wentworth fire  
5/11/2026 Medical emergency possible heart attack, typical symptoms.. Wentworth Fire provided initial patient care and Plymouth Ambulance transport patient to Speare Memorial.  
5/11/2026 Service call assist patient into home from Speare due to previous health issue. Wentworth Fire Plymouth Ambulance, Wentworth canceled Plymouth

Our average response time for those calls were 5.2 minutes from tone to first piece out the station door. and 2 minute response time via pov averaged based on chiefs response time

### Other

Two of our ff are testing out at the national level test for EMT today, One member finalizing his level 2 ff course. Two ff completed their last weekend training both passing the classes they took driving of emergency vehicle and vehicle extrication. Two more ff have started their EMT class. We are preparing for our plant sale May 23rd from 9 to 1 at the station. Check out our garden cart raffle with tools on the FD facebook page the winning ticket to be drawn May 23rd at 1 pm.

Jeffrey Ames  
Chief Wentworth Fire Department  
Wentworth EMD

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