

TOWN OF WENTWORTH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2026

Present: Rick Ducheneau, Brian DuBois, Arnie Scheller, Adam Bullard, Chief Ames, Chief Trott, AA Gove

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

R Ducheneau acknowledged the passing of Francis Muzzey and Dan Bowne aka "Dirtworm Dan" from the Legion Speedway.

R Ducheneau made a Motion to approve the request from Chief Ames to purchase supplies with funds from the EMS Revolving Fund, 2nd by B DuBois, all in favor.

R Ducheneau reported the school meeting scheduled from June 8 was rescheduled to June 18th.

The next EMS District meeting will be with an attorney from Drummond & Woodsum regarding the set up of funds, rules and regulations.

B DuBois report on Planning Board - resident Aaron Williams attended the last Planning Board meeting and expressed he does not feel the town is doing enough to bring business into the town. He suggested a study be done to bring in new business. He had complaints regarding the mill and was generally "very unhappy".

The resident at 25 Buffalo Road brought the approved septic plan into the Planning Board for the detached ADU currently on their property. The septic system, in this case, does not need to be built, just approved and in the event of a failure an approved plan is in place. The Planning Board also granted a variance for the ADU being built on a lot under 2.5 acres.

Chief Trott gave his report – attached. Discussion regarding the vacant Animal Control Officer. Phil Chandonnet has expressed an interest in the position. Pay was discussed, \$75/call with no transport to the Humane Society, \$125/call if a transport to the Humane Society.

R Ducheneau made a Motion to appoint Phil Chandonnet as ACO, \$75/call w/o transport, \$125/call with transport, 2nd by B DuBois, all in favor.

Chief Ames gave his report – attached. Chief Ames made the suggestion that the EMS District have a 7th member to the Board of Directors (in addition to each of the 6 towns having a representative) in the event of a tie vote on any issue. He further suggested the 7th member rotate between the towns involved in the district.

Highway Department – Fraser Road has been graveled.

Financing of Bridge Projects -Application to NH Municipal Bond Bank (NHMBB) was approved for \$1.1M, maximum interest rate 4.5%. This rate will be set at time of the sale of the bonds. Line of Credit loan with Meredith Village Savings Bank has been applied for, this will cover the construction costs and will be paid back with the reimbursement received. Interest will be on principal balance. This loan will cover Cross Road with a 6 month term. Fee will be 10% plus \$1000 and will be require a check to MVSB before underwriting can start.

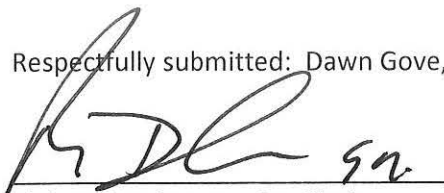
R Ducheneau made a Motion to approve the Resolution entitled "Resolution to Authorize \$1,100,000 Bond Bank Loan Agreement and Issuance of Bond for Bridge Reconstruction" presented at this meeting, 2nd by A Scheller, all in favor. An attested copy of said Resolution to be included with the Minutes of this meeting.

R Ducheneau made a Motion to approve the Resolution entitled "Resolution to Authorize up to \$2,000,000 loan with Meredith Village Savings Bank, to finance bridge Reconstruction" presented at this meeting, 2nd by A Scheller, all in favor. An attested copy of said Resolution to be included with the Minutes of this meeting.

Chief Ames reported that the online fire permitting is now available.

R Ducheneau made a Motion to adjourn at 5:55 PM, 2nd by B DuBois, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Dawn Gove, Administrative Assistant



Richard Ducheneau, Sr., Chair

Brian DuBois



Arnie Scheller

For Select Board Meeting 6/9/26

Bond Bank:

\$1,000,000 at 3.3 - 4.5% for 3 years = \$74,000 - \$92,000 in interest

MVSB:

\$2,000,000 at 5.75% for 6 months, interest accrued daily on principal balance = \$44,692 - \$126,925 over three separate lending periods spanning 3 years.

If MVSB is chosen, do we lower the \$2M to just cover our expected expenses?

Construction ($\$1,591,870.00 \times .75$) + construction engineering ($\$135,000 \times .75$) = \$1,295,152.50

The amount of our line of credit is the amount that is deducted directly from the \$5M approved in the warrant article regardless of how much we spend total. If we have a LOC for \$2M, that leaves only \$3M left for the rest of the projects without an additional warrant.



June 3, 2026

Town of Wentworth
PO Box 2
Wentworth, NH 03282

Dear Renee:

Pursuant to your request for financing, Meredith Village Savings Bank (the "Bank") is pleased to provide you with the following prospective term sheet to provide short term Grant Anticipation Note financing for the Cross Rd bridge repair in the Town of Wentworth. **The terms and conditions outlined herein are intended for discussion purposes only and do not represent a commitment to lend.**

Borrower:	Town of Wentworth
Guarantor:	None
Amount:	\$2,000,000
Use of Proceeds:	Cross Rd bridge repair
Loan Term:	6 months
Interest Rate:	5.75% fixed rate for 6 months. The rate is based on the assumption that the loan will be a Bank Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation as defined under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended
Rate Lock:	The interest rate stated is valid for 14 days from the date of this proposal
Loan Advances:	Straight LOC
Repayment:	All principal, accrued interest and fees due at maturity
Appraisal:	None
Collateral:	None
Loan Origination Fee:	\$2,000



Other Terms and Conditions:

- Borrower is to pay for all closing costs associated with the loan to include but, not limited to:
 - Attorney fees, loan origination fees, document preparation fees and other usual and customary loan closing costs
 - The rates and terms stated apply only if the Loan Note is a **Bank Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation**
- **Bank's Financial Reporting Requirement:** Annually, CPA prepared audited financials due within 150 days of fiscal year end

Conditions Precedent to Loan Closings:

- Verification that the project is a tax exempt Bank Qualified
- Receipt of written opinion of counsel from Municipal Attorney, and upon written review of said opinion of counsel by Attorney representing MVSB
- The borrower shall continue to maintain it's General Fund deposit account with the Bank.
- Receipt of satisfactory evidence that the grant funding through ("FEMA"), under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, has been formally approved and is available for reimbursement of eligible bridge repair project costs.
- In the event FEMA grant proceeds are delayed, reduced, denied, or insufficient to fully reimburse project costs, including any cost overruns, or ineligible expenses, the Municipality shall demonstrate to the Bank's satisfaction it's legal authority and ability to repay the indebtedness through general municipal revenue, including tax levy and/or tax anticipation borrowing authority, as permitted under applicable law.

Please use the above listed terms as an outline for a potential loan structure to finance the subject project. **This should not be construed as a financing commitment of any kind as all of the above listed terms are subject to final Bank underwriting and approval.** In order to proceed with a formal commitment, we will need to obtain customary financial information and obtain a formal Bank approval. All closing costs are the responsibility of the borrowing entity. Rates and Terms may change without notice.

Please use the below sections as a guideline for information needed for the approval process and estimated turnaround times.

Preliminary Information required for underwriting:

- Copies of audited financial statements 2022 thru 2025

Turnaround time for:

Loan Decision:	2-4 weeks with a complete loan application
Legal Documentation:	2-4 weeks from ordering



The terms disclosed herein will expire 30 days from date of the term sheet if not accepted by Borrower(s).

Thank you for inviting Meredith Village Savings Bank to be a part of this opportunity. Upon your review of this financing proposal, please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at (603) 279-9237. If you would like Meredith Village Savings Bank to move forward with a formal loan underwriting process, please indicate your acceptance of these proposed terms and conditions by signing below and returning a copy of this term sheet along with an application deposit of **\$4,500.00**. In the event, Meredith Village Savings Bank is unable to provide a formal financing commitment under the terms outlined within this proposal, said application deposit will be fully refundable net of any costs incurred on the borrower's behalf in pursuit of this financing proposal. Should the Meredith Village Savings Bank deliver a financing commitment, and the borrower does not accept the terms, the application deposit will be forfeited to Meredith Village Savings Bank.

Sincerely,

Tina Simpson

Tina Simpson
Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer

WPD Activity Report

Presented 06/09/2025

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 has handled two animal control officer (ACO) calls over the last two weeks. Both included dogs that were found in Wentworth. After some calls were made and postings on the Face-Book page both dogs were reunited with their owners. There have been a total of seven (7) ACO calls in the last four (4) weeks. I would ask the selectmen to consider appointing Phil our new ACO and that they consider paying by the call.

Chief Trott also took a complaint regarding some geese, turkeys, chickens, and ducks owned by a neighbor that were continuously allowed to roam free to include roam in the roadway causing a traffic hazard and causing traffic to stop. One of the birds was struck and killed last fall accidentally by the complainant. Chief Trott spoke with the owner of the domestic birds and was told that he needed to ensure that they remained on his property or he could be liable for any damages caused by the birds.

Chief Trott took a report of a Wentworth residents vehicle that had been damaged inside and out by a very hungry determined black bear. Some food had been left inside the vehicle with one of the windows slightly left open and the warm temperatures elevated the smell of the food inside the vehicle which attracted the black bear.

Chief Trott received a report from a Wentworth resident regarding a health issue where a neighbor was stock piling trash on his property which was now attracting wildlife such as bears and skunks and she was concerned because it was so close to her property. This complaint was conveyed to the Health Officer who paid the neighbor a visit and a plan was made to try and resolve the issue.

We had an untimely death at the racetrack, it was Dan Bowne, a previous owner of the race track and very well known person within the racing community especially dirt tracks. Dan had a gift for being able to work a dirt track to the satisfaction of track owners as well as the drivers. He had a gentle spirit and was more than willing to help anyone at anytime and ask for nothing in return. His love for race tracks and racing was second to none, he will be missed by all of us that knew him. I want to extend a sincere thank you to Chief Ames, the members of his department, and the Plymouth Ambulance members who did their best to revive him, unfortunately due to a recently diagnosed medical condition they were unable to do so. Fortunately Dan passed away on the grounds of the race track which was what he wanted.

This past weekend was very busy for several reasons, due to the storm we had alarm activations at the town office I believe due to the wind and the sensor on the front door. We also had numerous calls for service for trees down and wires down and a medical call was also thrown into the mix to just make it interesting. I want to thank Chief Ames and members of the WFD for assisting with all those calls. Between the WFD and Chief Trott being able to check and communicate specific locations to the power company we were able to get these issues cleared up. Communications with the fire department directly was an issue, not the fault of the WFD itself, but technical issues were noted, but Chief Ames and I brain stormed afterwards and we agree on what the issues were and feel like we have mitigated them.

Over the past month there have been two vehicle repossessions in Wentworth. Chief Trott was contacted and notified of both repossessions which were both completed without incident.

Chief Trott was contacted by a Wentworth property owner who was concerned regarding some suspicious activity at a residence that he has for sale. The activity was caught on security cameras. Chief Trott was able to view the videos, identify the two involved parties and speak with them. It was determined that they were looking at the property and house that was for sale from the outside without a realtor present to see if it was something they might be interested in. They were advised that was not good business practice and not safe for all parties involved. They apologized and no further action was taken.

Chief Trott received a Law Enforcement Notification letter from New Hampshire DCYF regarding an intake report that they received concerning a child and child abuse in Wentworth. That matter is currently under investigation.

Chief Trott met with a sex offender who was required to file some change of information pertaining to him specifically. The change of information was documented and the proper forms completed and then sent to the sex offender registry in Concord.

Chief Trott stopped a vehicle just over the town line in Rumney and issued the driver two citations, one for speed and the other for following too closely. The driver also came back as having an active arrest warrant for possession of dangerous weapons and he was flagged as being armed and to use caution when dealing with him. Chief Greg Patten from the Rumney Police arrived and the subject was taken into custody without incident.

(No Subject)

From: j&l redbones (jlredbones@yahoo.com)

To: jlredbones@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 11:23 AM EDT

Calls for Service

5/31/2026: Medical call for a cardiac/respiratory arrest, Echo level. High-performance CPR was initiated, and medications were administered, Wentworth Fire & EMS, Rumney Ambulance, Wentworth Police Department, and New Hampshire State Police responded. A total of six care providers were on scene, including two from Rumney and four from Wentworth.

6/3/2026: Mutual aid station coverage was provided to Orford. Wentworth Engine 3 responded with three firefighters, and four additional firefighters remained on standby at the Wentworth station.

6/4/2026: Medical call for a fall, Delta level. Wentworth responded with 42E2 and five EMS personnel, who provided patient care. Plymouth Ambulance transported the patient and continued assessment and care during transport.

6/6/2026: Automatic mutual aid response to Dorchester for a traumatic injury on a bike trail. Wentworth, Canaan, Rumney, and Grafton responded. Wentworth responded with three firefighters and 42 Engine 2. Crews assembled to hike in and transport the patient from the trail to Canaan Ambulance for transport to hospital.

6/7/2026: Medical emergency. The chief was contacted directly by a patient experiencing respiratory distress and high blood pressure approximately one week after having heart surgery. 911 was notified, and Wentworth Fire & EMS responded with four personnel. Rumney Ambulance responded with two personnel. Patient care was provided on scene, and Rumney Ambulance continued patient care while transporting the patient to Speare.

6/7/2026: Wentworth Fire & EMS and Wentworth Police Department responded to multiple locations for downed trees and wires. 42 Engine 2 responded. With 4

Other

Meetings and training included fire department meetings, pump operator training for Engine 2, driver training for Engine 3, an EMS meeting regarding medications, and inventory work for Wentworth Fire. The LRMFA Board of Directors also met and discussed the re-tone policy for host towns that contract with ambulance services. Chief Ames is serving on the review committee and will meet with other members to compile and discuss options for presentation to the board of directors at the September meeting for a vote on whether to amend the policy or leave it unchanged.

Upcoming items include a Tuesday afternoon meeting for additional information on the regional ambulance service, Greenie training on Wednesday, 6/10, a re-tone committee meeting at Holderness Station on Thursday, 6/11 at 2:00 p.m., and a Thursday evening meeting and continuing education session with Linwood Ambulance Service and Dr. Seefeld from Speare. 6/24 a planned training for Wentworths EMS personnel. Race track duty starting this Friday 6/12. Wentworth fire is busy as we are working to meet the needs of the community for calls and functions

Respectfully

Jeffrey Ames
Chief Wentworth Fire Department
Wentworth EMD

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