

TOWN OF WENTWORTH
MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WENTWORTH, NORTH CAROLINA
July 9, 2024
7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Wentworth Town Council was held on Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 at the Wentworth Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, Daryl Crowder, Cheryl Moore, Dennis Paschal III

Council Members Absent:
A quorum was met.

Staff Present: Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk/ Finance Officer
Hunter Wilson, Accounting Clerk/ Deputy Clerk

Others Present: Ellis Martin, Town Attorney
Anna Wheeler – DRBA
Lindsay Pegg – Rockingham County Tourism

Article I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr. called the meeting to order.

Article II. INVOCATION

Mayor Paschal gave the invocation.

Article III. APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

A. Requests and Petitions of Citizens

There were no Requests or Petitions of Citizens.

B. Approve/Amend Agenda

Councilmember Dennis Paschal III made a MOTION, “To add item C. Discussion of Christmas in the Park under New Business.”

Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Town Council Meeting

- 1. June 4, 2024**
- 2. June 18, 2024**

Councilmember Paschal noted a correction that needed to be made to the June 4, 2024 minutes at the bottom of page 3 in the ‘Note’: Hakon Nordstrand’s last name is shown as Trondheim; however, it should be Nordstrand.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, *“The minutes be approved with an amendment to reflect the correction.”*

Councilmember Paschal seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Rockingham County Recreation Plan - by Lindsay Pegg and Anna Wheeler

Anna Wheeler from the Dan River Basin Association and **Lindsay Pegg, Manager of Rockingham County Tourism** highlighted the Rockingham County Recreation Plan with a PowerPoint presentation.

(Note: The slides from the Outdoor Recreation PowerPoint presentation are herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



RoCo Outdoor Recreation Master Plan

There are currently 38 projects listed in the RC ORMP and 7 initiatives

Projects in Wentworth:

- Chiqua Penn Walking Trail Improvements
- Government Trail Network
- Wentworth Trail Enhancements
- RCC Trail Enhancements



Projects in Rockingham

Projects currently in progress:

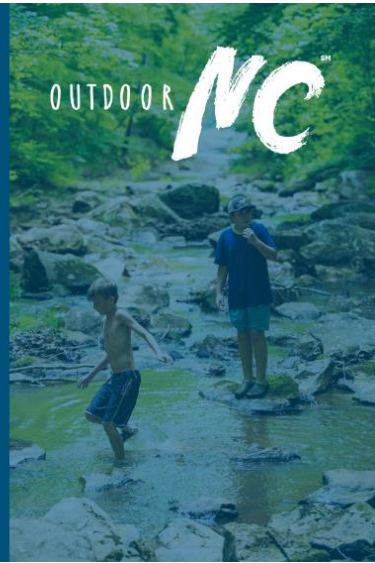
- High Rock Ford
- Jacobs Creek Restoration
- Mayodan Greenway
- Matrimony Creek/Dan River Greenway extension
- Idol Park
- 704 Access
- Draper Landing
- Chiqua Penn Trail Enhancements
- Government Trail Network

Project Enhancements ongoing:

- Family Friendly Improvements
- Trails K12
- Lifejacket Borrow Stations
- Water Safety Check
- Climate Resiliency
- Anti-litter Campaigns
- Trail Culture

Trail Town Program

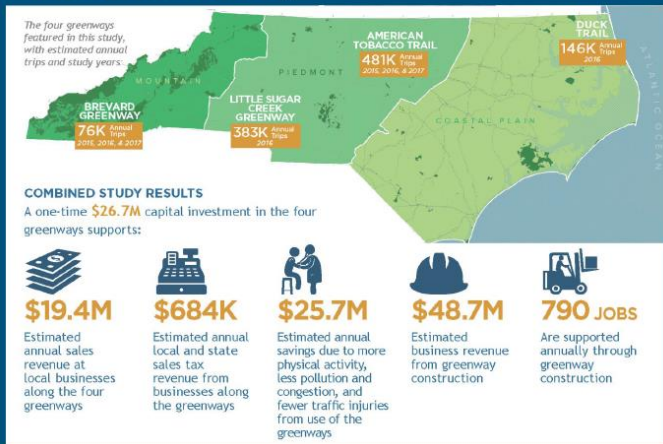
- Rockingham County is one of 15 NC partners who are participating in the inaugural Trail Town designation program.
 - Helps destinations leverage their proximity to popular trails to attract visitors, stimulate local businesses and create jobs.
 - Not only boosts the economy but also preserves the natural beauty and cultural heritage while fostering a strong sense of place.
- What does this mean?
 - Amplify your outdoor assets and improve experiences in your outdoor spaces.



Outdoor Recreation Economy

RETURN ON INVESTMENT:

- Every \$1.00 of trail construction supports \$1.72 annually from local business revenue, sales tax revenue, and benefits related to health and transportation.



The NUMBERS

The North Carolina tourism economy reached its highest level ever with travelers spending more than \$35.6 billion on trips to and within the state. The previous record of \$33.3 billion was set in 2022.

What does the outdoor recreation economy look like for Rockingham County?

- Visitors spent a record \$88.19 million in 2022 in Rockingham County.
- Visit NC reported that visitors spent \$10.22 million in recreation.
 - Food & Beverage
 - Transportation
 - Lodging
 - Retail
- The overall increase across all sectors landed Rockingham County a spending growth rate of 13.2%, making it the 22nd fastest growing tourism revenue in the state for 2022.

Available Funding Sources

GRANT	Notification of Funding (NOFO)	Application Deadline	Grant Selection
Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)	November 1, 2023	May 1, 2024 *RRS review due March 15, 2024	Late Summer/Early Fall 2024
Accessible Parks (AP)	January 2, 2024	May 1, 2024 *RRS review due March 15, 2024	August 23, 2024
Connecting Communities to State Trails Grants (CCST)	January 24, 2024	May 29, 2024	Fall/Winter 2024
Great Trails State Program	March 1, 2024	September 3, 2024	Fall/Winter 2024
Recreation Trails Program (RTP)	May 1	September 6, 2024	Fall/Winter 2024

Additional Grant Programs

GRANT	Notification of Funding (NOFO)	Application Deadline	Grant Selection
Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)			
Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP)			
NC Land & Water Fund		March 1	

Piedmont Legacy Trails - Partner Resources Page:
<https://www.piedmonttrails.org/partner-resources/>

Partners

- Local:
 - Dan River Basin Association
 - Mayo River State Park
 - Resilient Trails Network
 - Piedmont Conservation Council
 - Piedmont Triad RPO (Rural Planning Organization)
 - Rockingham County TDA
- State:
 - Great Trails State Coalition
 - Piedmont Legacy Trails
 - NC Triad Outdoors
 - NC State Parks
 - Outdoor NC



Mayor Paschal said, “You were talking about boating...I’ve been looking for a place to take out of the Smith River and put in at Mitchell Bridge, but there’s no public access out there, and I see Smith River/ Highway 14 access. As a matter of fact, as I cross the bridge I saw this little dirt road going down the side...they had burlap netting and everything out down there and I walked down there and I looked and I said there needs to be an access right here and maybe that’s what they’re doing. Is that what this is referring to?”

Ms. Wheeler replied, “Yes...we’ve been working on that.”

Ms. Pegg explained, “We put in a Resolution to look at that. That will go to the Board of Commissioners next week... We’re working with NCDOT on potentially acquiring that property for a river access.”

Councilmember Paschal mentioned the Resolution included in the Council’s meeting packet.

Ms. Wheeler said they are hoping that each municipality in Rockingham County will adopt the Resolution in Support of Pathways Trails Master Plan for Rockingham County Communities before they take the resolution to the County Commissioners. She noted there is no promise of funding from the municipalities in the resolution.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*We pass the Resolution in Support of Pathways Trails Master Plan for Rockingham County Communities.*”

Councilmember Paschal seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. (Note: The Resolution in Support of Pathways Trails Master Plan for Rockingham County Communities is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

**RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF PATHWAYS TRAILS MASTER PLAN FOR ROCKINGHAM
COUNTY COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, in December of 2022 the Rockingham County Commissioners resolved to support Year of the Trail and,

WHEREAS, the Dan River Basin Association convened a stakeholder group representing diverse interests to guide and inform the planning process,

WHEREAS, multiple public meetings online, in-person and interviews were held for comments during development of the master plan for outdoor recreation,

WHEREAS, trails, blueways and parks re-connect people to the outdoors; improve community health and quality of life; attract visitors, new residents and businesses; and offer alternative transportation options; and,

WHEREAS, visitors spent a record \$88.19 million in 2022 in Rockingham County, an increase of 13.2% from 2021, making it the 22nd fastest-growing tourism revenue county in the state;

WHEREAS trails are the backbone of our state’s growing \$28 billion outdoor recreation economy; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of trails and blueways are well-known and a number of state, federal and private trail funding sources are available to meet needs associated with aging, youth fitness, education, transportation, fit communities, and other needs; and,

WHEREAS, trails and blueways need to be coordinated and planned as part of a larger regional strategy to stimulate economic growth and promote healthy communities; and,

WHEREAS, it is well-understood that building a trail system is a long-term undertaking, and segments will emerge over time, and modifications will be made as circumstances dictate; and,

WHEREAS, when funds become available to build trails, property would be acquired only from willing landowners and no condemnation will be used; and,

WHEREAS, adoption of the Outdoor Recreation Master Plan does not imply a commitment of funding by local governments for implementing the trails described therein.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wentworth adopt the Rockingham County Outdoor Recreation Master Plan.

This the ___ day of ___, 2024.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. Consideration of Repair Projects for Wentworth Consolidated School – Phase 2

- Presented by Mayor Paschal

Mayor Paschal reviewed a Revenues/Expenditures spreadsheet and a memo breaking down costs for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Wentworth Consolidated School projects.

(Note: The Revenues/Expenditures spread sheet and memo are herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

WENTWORTH CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Revenue Sources

Fund Balance:	\$ 3,500,000.00
SCIF Grant Fund	\$ 112,691.30
<i>(balance left from two SCIF grants and a transfer from General Fund)</i>	
SCIF Grant	\$ 500,000.00
<i>(Third SCIF Grant received in April 2024)</i>	

Expenditures/ Projects

STONEWALL CONSTRUCTION PHASE 1 OUTSTANDING PROJECT BALANCES:

Phase 1 - \$4,054.85 Balance
(Painting & Trim Work in Multiple Areas)

Phase 1 - \$88,833.22 Balance
(Final Gym Phase: Front Gym Entrance Foyer, Rear Staircase & Storage Areas, Gym & Main Hallway Items, Mens & Womens Restrooms)

Phase 1 -
Gym Doors \$32,043.72 *(cost of doors from Reidsville Building Supply)*

TOTAL BALANCE LEFT FOR PHASE 1 (Stonewall Construction Projects & Gym Doors): \$124,931.79

**From the Clerk/Finance
Officer
Town of Wentworth**

Memo

To: Council
 From: Yvonne Russell, Clerk/ Finance Officer
 Date: July 5, 2024
 Re: Wentworth Consolidated School Repair Costs

Mayor Paschal asked me to include the following in the agenda packet with the Wentworth Consolidated School Repair agenda items:

PHASE 1:
 Total construction amount approved for Stonewall Construction- \$438,284.35

Total amount approved for other contractors - \$277,789.16
(Architect fees, gym bleachers, gym roof, asbestos/lead paint abatement, basketball goals, ballfield repairs and bleachers, miscellaneous items)

Phase 1 total: \$716,073.51

PHASE 2:
 Total amount for Phase 2 Quotes (Stonewall Construction) - \$431,835.53

Total amount for gym floor painting and scoreboard Quotes - \$7,268.10

Phase 2 total: \$439,103.63

Phase 1 & 2 GRAND TOTAL: \$1,063,400.87
(Stonewall Construction - \$870,119.88)
(Other contractors - \$285,057.26)

Referring to the Stonewall Construction quote for the cafeteria, **Mayor Paschal** explained, “We do have a little bit of a, it looks like some water on the very edges out in the main room of the cafeteria. That could be, of course I’ve talked to you all along about closing up those windows somehow in the auditorium, that could be coming down from that. So, what I’ve told Josh to do is when he gets in there and starts working on the water damage and maintenance in there, is to get up in there and figure out if we have something coming through the floor. If we do, I was going to wait until next year to do that, but if we need to do it before we do anything in the cafeteria then we may need to go ahead and do that.”

Mayor Paschal continued, “We’ve got a lot of stuff in the cafeteria that belongs to the Theater Guild. I think a lot of it is out there in the main part of the cafeteria. We’ll talk to them about getting that out of there. Really we kind of need to clean the back of the cafeteria because it could be used as kind of a staging area if we rent that other part out. We’ve actually got a walk-in cooler back there that looks to be in real good shape, whether the fans and other things work or not I don’t know. If you add that piece in to 3,000SF out there, you can get \$100.00 per hour rent. We’ll be looking at that going along, but right now what I want to do tonight is go ahead and approve the painting quote first which is \$2,100.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*We approve the gym floor painting quote for \$2,100.00 and that was through Heritage Hardwood Floors.*”

Councilmember Paschal seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: The quote for painting the gym floor is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

From: Clinton Yokley <clinton@heritagehardwoodfloors.ws>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 6:42 PM
To: yRussell@townofwentworth.com
Subject: Re: Painting gymnasium


I'll have to do 2,100.00 simply because my stencil price has gone up a bit. Do you have a specific date in mind? It is getting to be my busy season but may 20-24th would be ideal for me.

Mayor Paschal referred to the quote for a gym scoreboard. He noted there will be lines painted on the floor of the gym for volleyball as well as basketball.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*We approve the scoreboard quote for \$5,168.10.*”

Councilmember Daryl Crowder seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: The quote for the gym scoreboard is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



QUOTATION

106 Max Hurt Drive
Murray KY 42071

Toll-Free: 1-800-323-7745
varsityscoreboards.com

BILL TO:
Dennis Paschal
dennisppf@yahoo.com
+13366131987
Town of Wentworth
Wentworth, NC 27375

SHIP TO:

DETAILS
Quote Number: 137905494
Prepared By: Tassie Gossum
PO Number:
Created On: May 9, 2024

PART #	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	LIST PRICE (\$)	EXTENDED PRICE (\$)
	<p>8' x 5' BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15" and 9" amber and red LED digits with protective shields • Home/Guest score up to 199 • Double Bonus, Possession Indicators 			
2246P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time Outs Left, Player and Team Fouls Displays • Galvanized steel cabinet with powder coat finish • Wireless Remote Control • Built in Horn • 5 - Year Limited Warranty 	1	\$4,285.00	\$4,285.00
CK9	Magnetic Volleyball Captions / Overlays	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
PWPK4	INTERNAL POWER PACK - FOR LCD CONTROLLER	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<p>Controller Carrying Case - Large</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19" x 16" x 7" 			
CS5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact Resistant • Water Proof • Dust Proof 	1	\$150.00	\$150.00

Subtotal: \$4,435.00
SHIPPING AND HANDLING: \$395.00
NC SALES TAX 7.00% (BASED ON DELIVERY ADDRESS): \$338.10

Quote Total: \$5,168.10

NOTES
OPTIONS: CONTROLLER CARRY CASE \$150 EACH

Mayor Paschal reviewed the Stonewall Construction quote for the first floor hallway.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*We approve the first floor hallway quote for \$47,521.88.*”

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: The Stonewall Construction quote for the first floor hallway is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



January 19th, 2024
Wentworth Historical School
Attention: Town Team

Subject: Main Hallway Flooring

Team,
Thanks for the opportunity to serve you with this information. Please find our scope of work and pricing for your consideration. If any task needs to be completed other than items/breakdown below, then it will be considered an AWR (Additional Work Request).

SCOPE OF WORK

Project 1 – Demo of Hallway Tile & Replace with Industrial Epoxy

- Project Management –
- Demo (2000) square feet of VCT tile in hallway and dispose of correctly.
- Remove all asbestos mastic (per NC-Regulations Removal) and tag for disposal.
- Demo rubber backing from the existing base board and prep for epoxy base.
- Remove wooden divider trim on bottom of paneling that connects to existing cove base.
- Bead Blast flooring for final prep on epoxy to smooth floor completely.
- Apply epoxy with (3) coats of industrial strength material with slip resistant specs.
- Cover existing concrete base with integrated epoxy coating for turn up wall.
- Install (2) coats of clear urethane sealer to complete flooring warranty.
- Supply & install new wooden trim on top of epoxy cove base at panels.
- Paint new trim to match existing wall paneling.
- Final Clean

Total - \$39,747.32
 P&O @ 12% - \$4,769.67
 Complete Total - \$44,516.99
 Tax @ 6.75% - \$3,004.89
Complete Above Total - \$47,521.88

Accepted By: _____ Date: _____

Thanks again for the opportunity to help out in any way we can. I'm looking forward to working with you all again. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Joshua Guy
Stonewall Construction Services
336-213-1727

Mayor Paschal reviewed all of the quotes from Stonewall Construction for the first floor and exterior maintenance items. These quotes include the gym exterior, first floor classrooms, interior of cafeteria, and exterior of cafeteria.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*To approve the first floor and exterior maintenance items quote from Stonewall Construction.*”

Councilmember Paschal seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer said she would prepare an amendment to the SCIF Grant Project Ordinance for the August 6th meeting which could be approved retroactive to July 9, 2024.

(Note: The First Floor and Exterior Maintenance Items quote from Stonewall Construction is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



March 4th, 2024 – Updated: 5/1/2024.
 Wentworth Historical School
 Attention: Town Team

Subject: First Floor & Exterior Maintenance Items

Team,
 Thanks for the opportunity to serve you with this information. Please find our scope of work and pricing for your consideration. If any task needs to be completed other than items/breakdown below, then it will be considered an AWR (Additional Work Request).

SCOPE OF WORK

Project 1 –Gym Exterior Items

- Project Management – \$5,800.00
- Demo & replace existing TPO roof between gym & school connection area. \$17,000.00
- Remove and replace all expansion joint seams at top of gym concrete casts. \$5,325.00
- Pressure wash concrete pre-cast & above all windows around the gym. \$3,000.00
- Point and tuck masonry joints above windows, around complete gym. \$6,850.00
- Paint complete concrete cap at top of the building after NPI sealant is installed. \$16,751.00
- Spray sealer around masonry brick & mortar joints above gym windows to roofs edge. \$11,455.00
- Bring in (2) loads of fill, to compact against front of school's exterior wall. \$3,600.00
- Seed & straw –front areas that has fill placed at. \$1,500.00
- Add new black piping to the existing front down spouts, to help water away from the building. \$950.00
- Paint the front steps wall at gym's entrance & stop at corner of top of steps. \$3,841.00
- Clean out & blast through drain line at 2nd lower door level to gym basement. \$850.00
- Lift rental \$6,500.00

Total - \$83,422.00
 P&O @ 12% - \$10,010.64
 Complete Total - \$93,432.64
 Tax @ 6.75% - \$6,306.70

Complete Above Total - \$99,739.34

Project 2 – First Floor Classrooms

- Project Management – \$3,255.00
- Cover & protect all wall murals \$1,200.00
- Final cleaning \$2,100.00
- Complete abatement of any lead in hallways & classrooms on the first floor. \$27,000.00
- Add new paneling where old was removed. \$6,890.00
- Wall patching on areas that was heavily damaged from exterior moisture. \$4,575.00
- Painting of all walls and piping in each classroom on the first floor. \$18,781.00
- Painting of ceiling in main hallway. \$6,952.00

Total - \$70,753.00
P&O @ 12% - \$8,490.36
Complete Total - \$79,243.36
Tax @ 6.75% - \$5,348.93

Complete Above Total - \$84,592.29

Project 3 –Interior Cafeteria Items

- Project Management – \$7,219.00
- Cover & protect murals. \$950.00
- Dumpster rental & final cleaning \$3,251.00
- Demo asbestos floor tile in entire cafeteria area & dispose of correctly. \$14,000.00
- Demo lead based paint on walls throughout areas, not murals. \$11,823.00
- Demo existing 2x4 acoustical ceiling tiles and place in dumpster. \$2,900.00
- Demo existing single man door that leads to the kitchen area. \$500.00
- Demo (4) ceiling fans in cafeteria and add junction boxes for the electrical. \$1,900.00
- Provide & install new single man door with vision kit leading into kitchen area. \$4,250.00
- Grind concrete area & prep for new epoxy flooring. \$3,500.00
- Add new epoxy with integrated cove base molding in cafeteria. \$51,707.00
- Paint wall areas & doors that were replaced with new or lead based removal. \$6,121.00
- Paint existing acoustical ceiling grid metal with new white paint. \$3,200.00
- Add new 2x4 ceiling tile in entire cafeteria area ceiling (60x60) \$6,848.00

Total - \$118,169.00
P&O @ 12% - \$14,180.28
Complete Total - \$132,349.28
Tax @ 6.75% - \$8,933.58

Complete Above Total - \$141,282.85

Project 4 – Exterior Cafeteria Items

- Project Management – \$2,967.00
- Add gutters to missing areas at the side of cafeteria’s roof. \$3,500.00
- Add down spouts to missing connections in new gutters and existing. \$2,700.00
- Bring (2) loads of fill, to compact against rear foundation - at cafeteria & men’s restroom. \$3,471.00
- Seed & straw - rear areas that has fill placed at. \$1,500.00
- Tie in all black piping at ground level that are missing or broken on the rear at cafeteria. \$1,800.00
- Demo two sets of existing double doors and trash. \$1,800.00
- Provide & install (2) new sets of double doors with ADA hardware. \$12,520.00
- Replace broken window glass with new Plexi glass. \$8,457.00
- Re -work exterior concrete drain at right side double doors \$950.00
- Lift Rental \$6,500.00

Total - \$46,165.00
P&O @ 12% - \$5,539.00
Complete Total - \$51,704.80
Tax @ 6.75% - \$3,490.07

Complete Above Total - \$55,194.87

Project 5 – Interior Gym/Storage Items

- Project Management – \$325.00
- Pour both front existing storage rooms (old restrooms) with floor level patch \$1,651.50
- Level 5 finish at electrical panel, below chair railings to door & corner \$954.50

Total - \$2,931.00
P&O @ 12% - \$351.72
Complete Total - \$3,282.72
Tax @ 6.75% - \$221.58

Complete Above Total - \$3,504.30

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

C. Discussion of Wentworth Christmas in the Park

Councilmember Paschal said he'd like to discuss a date for the event. He noted that normally the event date is the first Friday in December which would be December 6 this year.

Council agreed that December 6, 2024 with a rain date of December 13th would be best for Wentworth Christmas in the Park.

Article VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Article VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Paschal made the following announcements:

- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Planning Board** is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Town Council** is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.

Article IX. ADJOURN

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, "*To adjourn.*"

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk

Approved by: _____
Robert Dennis Paschal, Jr., Mayor