

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
JUNE 8, 2023

To Patrick Lowe, a resident of the Town of Weld in the County of Franklin, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Weld, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall on Thursday the 8th day of June located at 17 School Street at 7:00 P M to act upon Articles 1 and 2 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to reside at said meeting.

Article 2: To see if the town will authorize the expenditure of up to \$80,000 for the purchase of a 1-ton utility truck with a dump body and v-plow.

Recommended by the Selectboard: Authorize the expenditure of up to \$80,000 with \$30,000 to be taken from Public Works equipment replacement and the balance to be financed over a three year term.

Explanation: There are many tasks associated with maintenance of town roads that cannot be efficiently accomplished with either of the existing plow trucks or the 2008 Ford pick-up. The road commissioner has proposed the purchase of a utility truck to fill this gap and more effectively accomplish these tasks.

The benefits of the proposed purchase include the following:

- 1) Reduced reliance on the 2008 pickup for plowing and sanding.
- 2) Reduced utilization of the two existing plow trucks for maintenance of the smaller dirt roads.
- 3) Enhanced ability to transfer material to smaller dirt roads, and smaller projects
- 4) Reduced damage to dirt roads, especially during mud season
- 5) Ability to utilize a class C driver when one of the class B drivers is sick or during large storms when a third truck is required.
- 6) Reduction in overall department maintenance costs.
- 7) Reduction in overall department fuel cost. Gasoline cost less per mile than Diesel.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of May A. D., 2023


Richard G Doughty

Dina Walker



Lisa Miller



A True Copy

Attest: Patrick Lowe

