

## **Select Board Minutes**

**Date:** June 12, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** Multi-Purpose Room

**Next Meeting:** June 27, 2023

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Minutes from last meeting:** The minutes from May 23 were accepted as presented.

**Present:** Dina Walker, Lisa Miller, Carol & Steve Conant, Rick & Sharon Davol and Carol Cochran

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **Department Heads:**

No Department Heads present

#### **New Business:**

#### **Special Town Meeting update:**

At the special Town Meeting it was voted to purchase a 1 ton truck not to exceed \$80,000.

#### **Old Business:**

#### **Town Hall fire escape upgrades:**

Richard sent an email saying that the Fire Escape has been completed.

#### **LED lighting upgrades:**

Dylan Orff is working on the proposal for LED Lighting,

The person that Richard has been working with from Gilman Electric is on medical leave and will be back this week.

## **Solar Farm Ordinance:**

Lisa has read many ordinances from other towns which are way ahead of us in this game and has learned a lot about solar panels and what other Towns are presenting for an ordinance.

Lisa has talked to MMA Legal and asked if we needed to wait until there was an offer on the table to approve a moratorium and they said no. The best way is to enact a solar farm ordinance is to first approve a moratorium on solar energy and it will give us 180 days or 6 months to write an ordinance. We can get input from people who live in town and some who have gotten wind of with the emails that have gone out are already expressing their opinions. They were told to attend the Select Board Meetings and express their opinions. MMA suggested that Lisa take a moratorium ordinance that she liked from another Town and the select board could tweak tailor such sample for the Town. She sent a draft copy to the Select Board and to Carol.

Dina has read the moratorium Ordinance draft circulated by Lisa and thinks that this is great for a model for the Town and that Lisa has done great work. This is short and to the point and says that we are going to develop an Ordinance. Dina said that the Code Enforcement Office should be involved in the drafting of the substantive ordinance as well as the Planning Board. In the meantime, if the moratorium is approved, then the CEO and the Planning Board would not accept any LUP applications that involves solar power during the period of the moratorium while the Select board is drafting the solar farm ordinance.

Lisa said the she spoke with someone in Vienna and they suggest that within the moratorium that a size of the solar panel be specified.

Carol Conant will bring up the Solar Moratorium at tomorrow night's Planning Board meeting and suggest that a question be added to the LUP Application asking if solar panels will be installed on their home.

Lisa said that the Fire Department's concern with the solar panels being installed on the whole roof is if a member of our fire department was inside the building there would be no inlet or egress for them to get out of the building. There needs to be a 3' section left for an egress.

Lisa moved to approve the Town of Weld Ordinance Establishing an Emergency Moratorium on Solar Energy with the changes that were discussed. Dina seconded the motion and it was passed.

**RSU #9 Budget Vote – June 13<sup>th</sup> 4 PM until 8 PM**

This was just a reminder of the vote tomorrow night.

**Franklin County U.T.**

The 2 yearly contracts were signed with Franklin County for Waste Disposal Services for Washington and Perkins Township and Fire Protection for Perkins Township.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol J. Cochran".

Carol J. Cochran