

## **Select Board Minutes**

**Date:** October 10, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** Multi-Purpose Room

**Next Meeting:** October 24, 2023

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Minutes:** Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

**Present:** Lisa Miller, Richard Doughty, Dan Demers, Carol & Stephen Conant, Bob Arp and Carol Cochran

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **Department Heads:**

#### **Public Works:**

The 2016 International Dump Truck has a new inspection sticker on it. The plow mast is back on the 2010 International truck and waiting for some pins for the bed chain and that will be ready to go. Waiting for parts from Mt. Blue Garage for to repair the 2019 1 ton then the sander can be put into that.

#### **FEMA Meeting:**

There will be FEMA representatives coming to Weld on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM to go over the paperwork etc. for reimbursement on the spring storms.

#### **Kennedy Bridge:**

On October 19<sup>th</sup> Dan will be digging around the cement abutments to see if they can be reused when replacing the bridge. A representative from Calderwood Engineering will be at the location to inspect the abutments.

Dan spoke with Mohamad, who is the engineer working with Calderwood and said they need to dig the width of the bucket and down 10 feet, so Dan did not think it would take very long.

Carol sent out letters to those that live or own property beyond the Kennedy Bridge notifying that that the road will be closed for a short time on Thursday morning. Dan thinks that they will be able to let people by.

### **Stockpile Bids:**

There were 2 stockpile bids received:

Scott E. Pratt and Son Excavation: \$15.50 per yard

Randy Cousineau of Cousineau Inc: - \$17.00 per yard

Richard moved to accept the low bidder Scot E. Pratt of \$15.50 per yard for the stockpile. Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Weld Recreation Committee:**

Adult Water color class on October 11<sup>th</sup> & 18, Kids Water Color class for masks on October 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ukulele instruction on October 16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and on October 18<sup>th</sup> they will clean out under the stage at the Town Hall at 9AM

Trunk or Treat and Halloween Part will be on October 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 PM. November 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Veterans Day Celebration from 1-4 PM

### **New Business:**

**TRIO Web:** The Town was contacted from Harris Computer letting us know that with their TRIO SQL that going forward there will be critical updates only and anything that can be done manually the Town will need to do themselves to keep the program up to date. By changing to TRIO Web, Harris Computers will keep everything up to date and we will be able to access the program wherever there is internet. The cost will be \$3,000 more per year and that includes using TRIO's host. Richard moved to proceed with the upgrade to TRIO Webb with their host with it being completed in 2024 and money raised and appropriated through the 2024 budget. Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed.

### **Budget Process:**

The budget committee consists of 6 people elected at Town Meeting in staggered terms. Richard has been the Select Board member that has worked with the Committee for the last several years. Colleen will send out to the Department Heads budget requests sheets. After Colleen gets them returned she will add their request to the budget spreadsheet and the Budget Committee will meet to review the budget for 2024 and prepare the Town Warrant. Lisa will attend the meetings when possible.

### **Public Hearing - General Assistance:**

Richard explained the procedure for GA and that new maximums are updated and needs to be voted on each year.

Richard opened the Public Meeting and with no questions the meeting was closed.

Lisa moved to adopt the new State GA maximums. Richard 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Kennedy Bridge:**

We are moving forward with the 1<sup>st</sup> step in seeing if the old abutments can be used with the new Bridge (see above).


### **Executive session - new employee:**

New member to the Fire Department. Meeting went into executive session.

The Board approved the new member.

Richard moved to adjourn the meeting, Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol J. Cochran  
Town Clerk