

Select Board Minutes

Date: April 11, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Multi-Purpose Room

Next Meeting: April 25, 2023

Minutes from last meeting: Minutes from the March 28th meeting were approved as written.

Present: Richard Doughty, Dina Walker, Lisa Miller, April & Dan Demers, Patrick Lowe, Carol Conant, Randy Serino-Winter Wildcats Snowmobile Club, Sean Minear-Weld Historical Society and Carol Cochran

AGENDA ITEMS

Department Heads:

Dan did investigate other 1 ton trucks at other dealerships. Dealers are saying that they are not seeing any chaises for a 1 ton truck. A truck would have to be ordered. The Chevy dealership in Auburn cannot get one built and said that there are used ones available. Dan would like the 1 ton truck purchase to go to a Special Town Meeting. The cost for a new 1 ton would cost \$45,000 to \$90,000.

Bridges: Dan has washed the decks of the bridges but cannot crawl underneath the bridges to wash them. Some of the bridges need to be replaced.

Town Garage: Central Maine Septic will give a quote to install the subsurface wastewater disposal system at the Town Garage.

Truck repairs: The 2010 is now repaired and the 2016 is at Morrison Motors for rear differential repair.

Dan has repaired cutting edges on backhoe and is ordering more to have spares when needed.

Heavy Equipment Operator: Jason LaPointe will start work on April 17th. Dan will be on vacation April 19-29 and Stan Wilcox will be in charge.

Center Hill Road has had some work done on it and after the road dries out, he will do more.

The Number 6 Road still has a lot of ice on it and will be opened at the end of May.

Town Garage Furnace Update: The blower on the Town Garage's furnace has stopped and Richard has called Chris at Webster Heating and one has been ordered.

Old Business:

Cyber Use Insurance:

Dina spoke to Michelle Pelletier of MMA Risk and has clarifications on the Cyber Use Agreement and the application to the SB.

Cyber Use Agreement/Policy: Dina will provide update for discussion.

Dina has talked to Michelle and we can delete whatever does not pertain to a small Town such as us. One will be put together by May 1st. Dina said that one will be ready to sign by the next meeting.

MMA Risk Insurance Application:

Carol confirmed that renewal-application was submitted on Monday, March 27th.

Town Hall Fire Escape:

Dave Berry (Haley Ward) contacted Dina on April 6th for fire escape measurements to pass onto metal fab. Dina is working with Dan Demers re those measurements. Once measurements are provided Haley Ward will submit quote to fix fire escape to SB.

Dina called Dan and he measured the fire escape and Dina forwarded them on to Dave Berry so that a quote could be done.

Peter Broderick repaired the Fire House fire escape. Corey will contact Peter and ask for a quote.

TDS Cable Franchise Agreement: To be discussed.

Richard said that he did not have any concerns in going forward with the agreement. Dina said that she would be done with reviewing the agreement next week.

Update on Facility Use Policy with respect to Town's Liability Insurance Coverage:

Confusion with a group CBC has no insurance and wanted to sponsor the Franklin County Fiddlers. They were connected with the Franklin County Extension and was under their insurance.

The recommendation from our insurance company that any third party provide liability insurance with the Town of Weld named as an insured.

Town has a facility use policy and it was suggested that the Franklin County Fiddlers Event go under the Weld Recreation Department and it would be under the Town's Policy.

Other groups that use the Town Hall are Weld Historical Society, Webb Lake Association, Weld Winter Wildcats Snowmobile Club and the Community Betterment Club.

Richard said that there is no cost to getting a Certificate of insurance adding the Town as an insured.

Dina said that how the insurance would work is that the entity separate from the Town would ask their Insurance Company to issue a Certificate of Insurance with the Town of Weld included as an insured. If someone gets hurt at a Function all entities would share in the cost of the claim.

Our MMA insurance allows another entity to pay \$76 for them to be covered when they are sponsoring an event on Town property.

We should get the certificate of insurance from the Franklin County Fiddlers.

There was a question as to whether or not the Tumbledown Tackers Quilting group is an organized club.

April said that the CBC is getting information and do plan to have their own insurance.

Dina said that Town Organizations would sign the Facility Use Agreement for the year and state the dates that they are requesting to use the Town Hall or Multipurpose Room. Dina explained that anyone else requesting to use either building would go before the Select Board.

We will request a certificate of Insurance from those Organizations or third parties that use it with Select Board approval.

Rental fees are \$300 for a full day (1 PM on the afternoon prior to the event for set up) through 11 AM the morning after the event (for clean up and take down). Partial day rental is \$200 for the just day of the event and starts at 8 AM on the day of the event. Cleaning must be done that day, an additional \$200 heating and winterization fee will be charged from November 1 to April 30, and \$200 security deposit.

The Select Board can waive any and all fees.

Reservations will be done through Carol at the Town Office and will be the Town's representative to sign the Facility Use Policy.

Sean Minear, President of WHS said that when WHS set up the Peter Skolfield Community Fund that they set a dispensing funds criteria. The group receiving the money must have a set of bylaws and an elected set of officers. It excludes an ad hawk group coming to ask for money. WHS set up a policy so that they could determine it was an ongoing organization. They had to have a structure and that was the difference between a group and an organization.

Status of Lighting upgrades:

We do have an electrician that we can purchase the lights and other materials and he will install them or he will do all of it. Richard will make contact with Electrical Systems of Maine to get a quote from them with the Town purchasing the lights and they put them in.

Comp time proposal Update:

Overtime may be treated as comp time and may transfer 40 hours over into the next year.

Road Commissioner and Heavy Equipment Operator. The Town operates on a calendar year. Someone should be on call whether it is a Holiday or not.

Good standing is what the Select Board agrees it is.

Richard moved to approve Comp Time Policy with the corrections discussed. Lisa 2nd the motion and it was a unanimous vote.

Weld Winter Wildcats Snowmobile Club: Randy Serino

The snowmobile club are also requesting permission to hold a pulled pork supper in honor of the Clubs 50th anniversary and to thank the landowners on August 12 at the Town Hall. The supper will be free to those landowners and a fee for anyone else that attended the supper.

Randy said that the Club has liability insurance that covers them year round.

There is a special events rider that will cover the street dance on July 1st.

New Business:

Weld Recreation:

Richard told April that she hit a home run with the Easter Party. There were 22 children and 51 in attendance.

April said that people suggested that a donation box should be put out. Is there a way that donations could be accepted with pay pal? Carol will check with EGOV and see if there is a way we could do it with Androscoggin Bank as we do with Real Estate Taxes, etc. and will report back at the May meeting.

April wants to do the pancake breakfast as a fund raiser the morning of Heritage Day.

April asked if she can have people that can be on a Weld Recreation Board. She was told that she needing them to come into the Office and get sworn in.

On May 20th April would like to have a Line dance for kids then for the adults and possibly an ice cream social.

July 8th April would like to have 2 different functions, 1 in the morning and 1 in the afternoon/evening. Possibly pot luck and a dance.

Another idea was a yard sale July 8th, but where could she store the items for a yard sale. There was no place that items could be stored for weeks before a yard sale.

April will have a Weld Recreation Facebook page coming soon.

TOPO Gardens:

Patrick wants to redesign gardens, adding perennials, annuals, compost, etc.

Richard, Pat and Nancy Crosby met this afternoon to go over some ideas of flowers to plant and what to do with the existing plants.

Patrick will take everything out of the front garden, separate the lily bulbs, and replant it. The other 2 gardens Pat wants to redo them with flowers to attract monarch butterflies, etc.

On the Post Office side flowers like black eyed-susans and other wildflowers. The snow comes off the roof and will destroy shrubs, etc.

Pat will put compost in the gardens and believes that there are some who will donate plants to go into the gardens and the Town will purchase the rest.

Dina moved to allow Pat to spend up to \$1,000 to redo the gardens. Lisa seconded the motion and it was a unanimous vote.

Fire Department-EMS:

The Fire Department is working on the possibility of EMRs which is less time in training (40-60 hours) and may be free. Lisa will be working on this and get back to the Board with her progress.

We have 1 EMT at this time when he is in Town.

Dummer's Beach:

Richard and Mike Stephenson will begin on Thursday to start the tax assessment of Dummer's Beach Campground for the ensuing year.

7:45 ended

Respectfully submitted,


Carol J. Cochran