

Select Board Minutes

Date: August 13, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Multipurpose Room

Next Meeting: August 27, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Minutes: Richard Doughty moved to accept the minutes as amended by Dina and Richard. Lisa Miller seconded the motion and it was voted by the Select Board unanimously.

Present: Board Members Dina Walker, Richard Doughty, Lisa Miller, Colleen Stewart, Treasurer and Carol Cochran

Audience Attendees: Carol Conant, April Demers and Lisa Bofinger

AGENDA ITEMS:

Department Heads:

April Demers – balance \$654.62 lemonade aid and pancake

Lonny Jones bought a griddle and offered them an amazing deal for the griddle and a stainless-steel table for \$150. The Weld Recreation Committee voted at their last meeting to purchase both of them. The committee also voted to send a donation of \$250 to the Franklin County Fiddlers, which is an annual donation. April would like to proceed with the Community Calendar. In looking into the prices to have the calendar printed is expensive and she feels that they can do it themselves. April proposed for Weld Rec to use the town's printer and for them to pay for the ink that will be used. April has spoken with Carol and the town has a binder that is used to do Town Reports and that is available for Weld Rec to use and the committee will put them together which would be a whole lot cheaper. They want to keep it the way PTF did it in the past and have advertisements to help defer the cost. Richard gave his approval and asked for them to do it on non-business hours, preferably on a Wednesday. Dina asked for a cost of printing in Town verses having it done at a business that does printing.

There was another successful Barn Quilt Class. Upcoming events are Halloween Party October 26th, Christmas Party December 7th and Barn Quilt Class December 8th.

There is a group that want a Pickle Ball Court and want to put in their own money into it. They have discussed putting a multipurpose pickle ball/basketball court maybe be the Town Garage in the ballfield. April would like to put a committee together for the Pickle Ball Court.

The new septic system for the Town Garage was made large enough to include a new Fire House when the need came.

Richard suggested that the Pickle ball court behind the existing tennis court.

April was advised to come to Town Meeting with a proposal for a pickle ball court and it would be voted on in March.

Dina reminded that to accept money it has to be voted on at Town Meeting. The Tennis Courts have been taken care of by Nancy Stowell and it needs to be done by someone else.

Richards suggested to utilize the space at the Tennis Courts, form a Committee and do a proposal and bring it to the voters in the Spring.

The Weld Recreation is pulling together information to apply for a grant from the WHS - Peter Schofield money. When the Grant paperwork done it will need to be signed by the Select Board,

They have done the Weld Observer newsletter and are on their 3rd printing.

Also are welcoming new families to Weld with a Welcome Basket.

Public Works – Jason LaPointe is working with Steve today and they are doing a good job and getting the material out on the roads.

There are no equipment issues and the road repairs that are being done through FEMA are being tracked.

Old Business:

- Employee Policy - Review and Approve updates –

Richard reported that the changes on the Harassment Policy made by the attorney were lengthy but he had no objections with them. Lisa stated that she noticed in several places that it refers to the Town Manager and it was agreed that those references needed to be changed to Select Board Chair.

Page 9 – In the 2nd paragraph where it indicates that there is an attached form, that form needs to be named.

Page 13 – Dina will check the part on vacation

Page 15 Safety brackets was taken from a form. It has to do with work place safety and health. It was decided that it will stay.

Page 16 – We do not to Health Insurance income protection, so this will be taken out.

Personal effects – Dina will check on this and it may be removed

Dina will make the changes in and plan to be approved at the next meeting.

- Discuss Center Hill Cemetery plot prices/proposed revisions to Cemetery Policy

At the last meeting Richard reported it was discussed and asked to revise the fee schedule. If they have their own association then they will establish their own fees. There is a separate document stating the prices for the Cemeteries if they do not have an Association. Presently it is \$200 for a resident or taxpayer and \$300 for a nonresident. Those fees were considered too high for here. It is suggested the new rate be \$100 for a resident and \$200 nonresident per grave.

Richard said that if there is an association then they set the Policy and fees for that Cemetery.

Richard moved to revise the 2017 price schedule to \$100 per plot for a resident or taxpayer and \$200 for a nonresident. Select Board member Dina Walker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the Select Board Members.

Dina will check into Associations being able to set their own fee schedules which may be different then ones that do not.

- L&M Gravel – Update

Richard sent a letter mail with the tables showing what we received and what we did not receive. The letter came back, Richard found their correct mailing address and has resent it.

- RSU 9 Allocation - Conclusions / Remaining Questions

Richard still has questions and has asked the Superintendent to come to a SB meeting and explain the formular to show why Weld is the biggest.

Richard was told that there are 34 students going to RSU 9 from Weld

- MMA Risk Management Hazard assessment Review -

Richard will make contact with MMA and ask about the changes. It appears that the replacement costs of some items need to be looked into and perhaps there are items that we would not replace and to see how much our insurance cost can be reduced.

New Business:

- FEMA Award - Ongoing Administration

The approval of the earliest storm is in limbo due to the gravel used and are waiting for a resolution which could mean receiving \$8,000 rather than \$5,000.

Richard met with Adam, liaison with FEMA, and updated the grant portal. Richard was added as a primary contact and there should also be an alternate shared. Lisa Miller said that she would be that second person until a Road Commissioner was hired.

- 2023 Municipal Recycling Report –

Normally Judy does the recycling report and she will complete it.

- 2023 Solid Waste Management Report-

Judy will do this report.

- 2024 Mid-Year Budget Review –

The Board went over the budget to see if there are Departments that were over their budget. There are not any Departments that are over their entire budget.

- Discussion and Planning for Municipal Bond Loan for Repair of Kennedy Bridge

Colleen Stewart, Treasurer reported that in the last week that there has been \$200,000 received in tax money.

The 100,000 CD is maturing wanted to know about rolling it over into another 3-month term CD at 5.05% interest

Richard Doughty Select Board Chair moved to reinvest the \$106,000 for 3 months. **Dina Walker, Select Board Member** seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by the Select Board Members.

Discussion:

- Discussion consisted of what type of loan
- Androscoggin Bank
- General Obligation Bond
- Need Special Town Meeting
- Bond Council
- Interim Loan – Bond anticipation note
- Loan for what term
- Interest rate
- Loan for all 3 bridges

Richard next steps

- Maine Bond Bank with the 5 -year term best option
- Is a municipal loan a viable option (Bond Council?)
- Move forward with an application with no cost associated with it
- \$210,000? Maine Bond Bank February and get the Money in May

- Signatures on Real Estate Tax Abatement –

The real estate tax abatement was signed for an error in valuation and a homestead exemption.

Regional CEO letter of support Grant piolet Program –

come up with a technical advisor trained for a regional CEO try this out. It refers to the Town of Weld is an underserved towns that are financially disadvantaged.

- Executive Session

Richard Doughty Select Board member moved to go into executive session under Section 405(6)(A): Personnel Issues and Dina Walker seconded the motion and it was passed Unanimously by the Select Board Members.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol J. Cochran