

Select Board Minutes

Date: February 27, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Multi-Purpose Room

Next Meeting: March 14, 2023

Minutes from last meeting: Approved as presented

Present: Richard Doughty, Dina Walker, Brian Haynes, Steve & Carol Conant, Lisa Miller and Stan Wilcox

AGENDA ITEMS

Department Heads:

Richard said that he had talked with Dan Demers before the meeting and he said that the 2010 International had some issues with water in the gas tank but all is ok now.

Bruce Farnham is retiring from Mt. Blue State Park. The EMS unit of Weld Fire will no longer have a first responder to 911 calls unless Matt Maguire is in Town.

Old Business

- Status of Heavy equipment operator posting

The position has been posted for a 1 ½ weeks with 2 applications requested and 1 application returned.

- Kennedy Bridge Posting

Brian has put the work order in for DOT to post the Kennedy Bridge.

- Franklin Cty Hazard Mitigation Plan

Richard has updated the Franklin County Hazard Mitigation Plan to include the 3 Town owned bridges that need to be replaced were added to the Plan.

- Bridge Upgrades

The bridges will be replaced 1 at a time with the Kennedy Bridge being the first. The Town will seek other engineering firms for estimates. Calderwood will update their proposal for this year. There are \$2,000,000 in State Grants that are available and also Federal Grants.

- Lighting and Heat Pump proposals

Richard has met with Electricity of Maine for upgrades for LED Lighting at the TOPO building and there are 2 more to come and look at the project. Richard is looking into proposals for heat pumps for the TOPO building as well.

- Town Hall Fire escape

Dina has contacted Justin Lowe, Senior Loss Control Consultant of MMA Risk Management to see if he can refer us to other Structural Engineers that can look at the Fire Escape and give us recommendations. Dina has tried to make contact with Peter Tuell of Haley Ward, with no answer at office.

Richard said that they do not have metal fire escapes anymore, instead they build enclosed stairways that are fire rated.

- Dedication of Town Report

David and Jeanette Hutchinson were presented with the Town Report at their home by Richard Doughty, Brian Haynes and Dina Walker, Select Board members, with their family present.

- Update on Cyber Assessment for Town of Weld

We need to renew our insurance with MMA Property & Casualty Pool and we need to have a use agreement in place in order to have Cyber Assessment coverage for the ensuing year. Dina is working on this agreement that needs to be submitted with our renewal by March 27th. The agreement will need to be completed for the Select Board to sign it at the next Select Board meeting on March 14th.

New Business

-TDS Cable Franchise Agreement proposal

TDS is upgrading its existing network to fiber and will be able to provide high speed internet and cable services over the internet competitive to satellite service and Comcast service is called TDS TV+ and requires the municipality to provide a cable franchise license to TDS as per FCC standards and State of Maine requires a cable agreement as well. TDS informed Dina that if the Town signs the agreement TDS TV+ could be available to residents by November 2023.

The Board approved legal counsel to review agreement. Dina will contact our lawyer to get an estimate.

- Follow up Report on Wage & Hour Compliance Seminar

Colleen and Dina attended a 6 hour Department of Labor Wage & Hour Compliance Seminar. 9 out of 20 topics covered were given topics helpful to Weld. ME Dept. of Labor has a hotline (207-623-7900) we can make contact with them directly with questions if needed.

- Final Prep for Town Meeting

- Set up Town Hall (Chairs, sound system, heat, plowing etc.) Friday evening at 4 PM Brian Haynes and Carol Conant will help Richard.
- Prep for questions – Richard is prepping for questions that may come up at Town Meeting.
- The Masons will not be providing lunch after Town Meeting.

- Franklin County Fiddlers

The Community Benefit Club (CBC) announced that on May 6th Franklin County Fiddlers will return to the Weld Town Hall. Richard will check with CBC to see if they have gotten their insurance needed to cover them at their events.

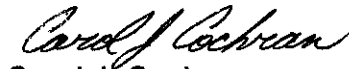
- Bruce and Dianna Farham Retirement

Sean Minear and Nancy Stowell, on behalf of the Town of Weld, will chair an event to be held on March 25th at the Weld Town Hall. Bruce has worked at Mt Blue State Park for 35 years, been on the Fire Department as a member and EMS for over 30 years. Dianna has also done a lot for the Town of Weld over the years.

- Abatement

The Select Board signed an abatement for a Homestead Exemption for someone that should have received it for 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol J. Cochran
Town Clerk