

Select Board Minutes

Date: January 28, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Multipurpose Room

Next Meeting: February 11, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approve Minutes: Richard Doughty, SB Chair moved to enter the minutes into the record. Dina Walker SB Member 2nd his motion and it was passed unanimously.

Present: Board Members, Richard Doughty, Lisa Miller and Dina Walker, Road Commissioner, Robert Jackson, JR and Weld Recreation Coordinator, Julie Jervis.

Audience: Steve & Carol Conant, Lise Bofinger, Martha Vining, Mike Kersey

- Department Head Reports –

- PW - Building and Grounds Employee – No interest
- Doors Garage - Overhead doors has been contacted and will replace the door on the salt shed and 3 bottom panels on the garage doors. The cost is \$2,342 and we need to pay 35% of the cost of the materials at the time the order is placed. The money will come from capital improvements.

Lisa Miller, SB member moved to approve the cost of \$2,432 from capital improvement and authorize Carol to release payment by credit card. Dina Walker, SB member 2nd the motion and it was unanimous.

Robert has asked if they may construct an office in the back corner where it is now located but to build stairs to a 2nd floor for the office. When the welder is being used it needs to be moved each time back to where the office is now to be plugged into the outlet. The area where the shelving is for parts will be easily accessible. There will be 4' walls for safety. Richard said that they would have to make sure of the load rating, etc. The materials will cost \$1,250 and Steve and Robert will have time to build it during the winter and it is believed that because they are Town Employees that they will be insured through the Town's insurance. Dina will make contact with MMA to make sure that it is ok for Steve and Robert to build it.

The money will come out of building and capital improvement.

- West brook Road – Since they did work on their road on the Bean property Robert suspects that they may have opened up a spring and they will need to do something this Spring. Every 3 days they need to there is a ton of water coming down over the hill. They have dug the ditch deeper and put salt in the culvert to thaw it. Bean's put a culvert on 1 side of the drive way but should have put one cross the driveway then down alongside of the road to the culvert and cross the road. Robert was suggesting

Center Hill culvert all set a perforated pipe underground through the culvert and it would not freeze being underground. Robert will need to make contact with DOT to see if a permit is needed to do it,

- Dome to go over sand pile – Robert Jackson, RC suggested applying for a grant to construct a dome over the sand pile to keep it dry so that it will not be spending have you time in the body of the truck shoveling the wet sand down to the end of the body. The dump body does not tip enough for the sand to slide down to the bottom as needed. The Town of Carthage got a grant that paid for it. Robert will go into the Carthage Town office and see where they got their grant and what the cost was for it. Lise Bofinger was asked to look into a grant for a dome to go over the sand pile.
- Equipment – The oil has been changed the oil and filter on the 550 and thought it might be where the oil was leaking but it wasn't. It is believed that is the tube to the turbo or the front main seal and there is an appointment this Spring for that repair. They replaced the wheel stud on the 2010 done and replaced the batteries and filled all of the grease fittings that did not look like they had been done for years. The grader is started every week.

Old Business

- Committee Reports –

- Weld Recreation – Julie Jervis said Weld Recreation was going well. There is ice skating event coming up.
Dina Walker, Select Board member moved to accept the donations of \$765, with \$700 going towards the tennis courts.
Lisa Miller, Select Boad member 2nd the motion and it was passed unanimously.

- Budget Committee - No one was present from the BC and they have given their final report and it will be taken up latter.
- Ordinance Committee – Dina Walker said that the committee met this past week. Dina and Lisa presented a draft before the committee with the lawyer's comments in it and are reviewing it. The Committee will get their comment to Dina and they will meet and she will have a draft with those comments in it for their next meeting on February 5th. There are 3 more meetings scheduled after that and will all be on the calendar this week. There will be a public information session before town vote. This will not be going before this Town Meeting, but soon by Special Town Meeting.
- Comprehensive Plan Committee – Update
February 3rd will be the first meeting which will be an organizational meeting to elect a secretary, chair and vice chair. Erica of AVCOG (Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments) will be at the 2nd meeting to speak with the whole committee to speak about writing the Comprehensive Plan, what is involved and getting everyone started in the direction that they choose
- Community Resilience Partnership – Update
Dina reported that we are illegible and have received a letter and confirms that the Town of Weld has successfully met the requirement of the resilience partnership and may go forward with all of the things that we are supposed to do and have passed the first step.
- Map 3 Lot 90 – Update -
Nancy Pratt a local abstracter was hired and has looked back into the 50 and 60's at an old survey of the Meta Decker property. Our assessor advised that with no evidence of the property taken for back taxes that we could dispose of it as an unknown owner. Letters will need to be sent to all abutters and posted in the newspaper for a few weeks. If no one can show proof that they own the property then the Town may dispose of the property as they see fit.

- Appointment of new Committee Members – Appointments signed

- Weld Recreation
- Multi-Use Court Committee –
- Ordinance Committee –
- Comprehensive Plan Committee -

- 2025 Budget

- Review Budget Committee Recommendations
Richard Doughty SB Chair, moved forward with the Budget Committee's recommendations. Dina Walker, SB Member 2nd the motion and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

- Public Works – Office – Yes proceed
 - Select Board Meeting February 25th – Municipal Election 4PM to 8PM
Monday February 24th instead the 25th
- Foreclosure Decisions - (Executive session may be appropriate)
Dina will check with MMA Legal
- **Mike Kersey** – Mike recommended a skating rink down by Town Garage – Warming hut, corn hole and horse shoe pits.

Adjourned 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Carol J. Cochran