

Select Board Minutes

Date: July 12, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Multi-Purpose Room

Next Meeting: July 26, 2022

Minutes: Richard moved to accept the minutes as presented and Dina 2nd.
Minutes approved.

Present: Richard Doughty, Dina Walker, Brian Haynes, Craig Shaw and
Carol Cochran

Department Heads:

Craig Shaw gave an update of what is going on at Public Works. There are no issues.

Speed sign: Carrie Castonguay will be at the Town Garage on July 19 at 9 AM to check out the speed sign and soon as it is up and running Craig will place on a road. Craig has seen where a sign has been stolen, so he has put locks on the trailer and one for the ball on the hitch so that so no one can haul it off.

Brian suggested that Craig turn the sign on to make sure it does turn on.

Craig would like to get the stockpile bids out. Craig will make an estimate of what we have left over and how much we will need for this next winter season. Craig said that we were good of salt to start the stockpile with. We will need the amounts by next meeting.

Craig said that a sink to wash their hands is needed. He has called Steve Hamilton to do a design for the septic system.

Craig said that he rather hire someone to do the plumbing where it is a Town building and he will find someone. The water pump does not work well, a tank and pressure gauge is needed

To do just a sink a gray water system will be needed.

Craig is having a problem finding an electrician to do some electrical work.

New Business:

ATV's Tumbledown Road/Byron Road –

An email was received from a person who was riding on the Byron road was stopped and informed he could not ride an ATV on the Byron. He thought that he was allowed to be on that road with an ATV and asked why the Town stopped it.

In order for ATV/UTV's to ride on roads within a municipality, there must be a local ATV Club.

State Park has ATV trails.

Craig said that he has not seen any ATV's on Byron Road when he has been on it.

Old Business:

Public Works Update

- Top priorities
- Overall plan for fall / winter
- Bridge update/DOT: Brian has another name for contractor, however he was told that that Calderwood is the one with the best. Brian said that he has not had time to call of the other contractors.
- It was decided that there was time and it could wait. Brian will call when he gets the time

MATRIX UPDATE:

- Current status of Matrix Proposal
- Select Board discussion/comments on draft contract and input from the Town's Attorney
- Next Steps

We have been working with Matrix for the last 2 years. They are now attempting to move ahead fast.

CMP is in Town looking at poles for the pole survey. Richard has spoken with Chris at Matrix and Charlie of Greater Franklin Economic and Community Development and we can use the funding for the pole survey from the Northern Borders Grant. There is no official paperwork authorizing this, at this time.

Town of Wilton has signed there contract with 1 change which was from Wilton MA to Wilton Maine.

Richard and Dina went through the contract today and made some comments which is about the same.

Concerns or wording on the following:

- Clarity option to take over or it will be the property of matrix
- Underground utility, stating the Town would be liable. We do not know of any Town owned utilities.
- Matrix talks about creating an LLC
- Section 2.2 right of way approval - Matrix seek permits?
- 2.2 necessary permits states paid by the town
- Application fee - we have to be pay it
- 2.4 – agreement effective date?
- FTTH - terms confusing
- Telecom shelter - can be just a room 10' x 12' for equipment to be put into? Where does it need to be located, etc.?
- Legal and administrative cost – Does the Town pay their legal fees
- Northern Borders – Town responsible \$220,000 make ready cost we have no pool money
- Brian change wording to wait until Northern Boarders grant has been approved and has the money. Town still responsible \$220,000 includes the pole survey?
- End of life clause
- Matrix needs to secure the necessary permits not the Town
- 3.2b underground costs

- Termination 9.6 really necessary?
- Dina suggested having a special meeting to go over the changes so that everyone is on the same page, send it back our lawyer then get it back to Chris at Matrix for them to go over our questions and suggested changes.

Special meeting set for July 19th at 4:30 PM. Carol will post this special meeting on the Website.

Weld Historical Society:

Weld Historical Society has had the 3rd Thursday of August for Bingo at the Town Hall for years as a fund raiser. The Town scheduled a Special Town Meeting and Informational meeting on that date. The Special Town Meeting for Public Works funding and informational meeting on Broadband has been changed to August 25th. Special Town Meeting to begin at 6:30 PM then followed by an informational meeting on Broadband.

TOWN HALL UPDATE

- Heat system modifications Done Chris tie 2 fuel tanks together
- Disposal of old furnace – At some point we need to discuss the disposal of the furnace removal perhaps for scrap.
- Squirrel issue- Richard set rat traps attempted no success believes they are gone. Richard ordered a sonic noise device for \$40.
- Patrick said that he could patch the hole. Richard did get a price of \$350 per day to rent a lift for the purpose of reaching the area to patch the hole on the side of the Town Hall.

Commitment of 2022 Taxes

- Remaining Issues – Few questions on information on campers at Dummer's Beach
- Tentative schedule – Waiting on RSU School Budget Figures

Respectfully submitted,



Carol J. Cochran
Town Clerk