Select Board Minutes

Date: June10, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Multipurpose Room

Next Meeting: June 25, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Minutes: Approved May 21, 2024

Present: Select Board Members: Richard Doughty and Lisa Miller

Audience Attendants: Dan Demers, Jean Biondo, Steve & Carol Conant, Russell Banton, Laurie Pratt, Scott Storer, Robert Jackson, Ina Toth, Paul Haberstrom Lise Bofinger, Nancy Stowell, Debbie Smith, Corey Hutchinson, and Carol Cochran

AGENDA ITEMS:

Department Heads:

Dan has hired Steve O'Brien as the Heavy Equipment Operator.

Material has started to be delivered to repair damage from the heavy rains.

Dan said that he received an email from FEMA and they have denied our claim from the May storm because of the pit which includes labor. The Town can appeal the decision if we choose.

Richard said that we differently needed to appeal that denial.

Old Business:

- Department of Labor Workplace Safety - Appeal Fines

Workplace safety report stated 3 violations with fines attached with each one. The Board tried to get them reduced. The Board is appealing the decision and will wait for their answer.

There are 2 violations that we were in violations but the one on chainsaw training they will try to get appealed. There were no courses available and Dan will see if he can get a copy of his certificate from a previous employer. There has been documentation submitted on some of the violations explaining what has been done to rectify the violations, hoping that this will help in their decision to remove some of the monetary fines.

- Kennedy Bridge - Calderwood Construction Insurance

Eric Calderwood suggested Luce out of Norridgewock for the contractor for the Kennedy Bridge construction on the Temple Road.

Lisa Miller moved to execute the contract with Calderwood Construction for the replacement of the Kenndy Bridge located on the Temple Road and send him the 5% performance bond. **Richard Doughty** seconded the motion and it was a **unanimous** vote of **two Select Board Members**. (Dina Walker was absent)

New Business:

-Transfer Station Free Days -

The free days will be June 16, 19 and the 23.

Lisa Miller moved to hold the 3 free days on June 16, 19, and 23 at the Weld Transfer Station. **Richard Doughty seconded** the motion and it was a **unanimous** vote of **two Select Board Members present.**

-Center of Town - Flowers

Sean was present to talk about the project money from Peter Schofield. Sean dropped by the Robertson Cemetery when Robert and Lisa were mowing and trimming the Cemetery. In their discussion was the condition of the Robertson Cemetery sign which Sean said was a good example of what the money could be used for. The Robertson Cemetery has little money and will need to turn over the care of the cemetery to the town. Scott Storer said that he was going to talk to his family at the upcoming Storer Reunion and he would ask for \$150 from their grant money to contribute towards the cost through the Peter Scholfield Grant to replace the sign. They were also hoping that the Town would also commit some money towards it as well. Sean has contacted someone for an estimate which is \$1,600.

-WHS Community Fund Application

Sean suggested \$500 towards cost of the sign with the remainder of the money to come from WHS Community Fund grant.

Lisa Miller moved to used \$350 from the cemetery stone account from Robertson Cemetery for the Town's portion of the WHS Community Fund grant for the new sign. **Richard Doughty seconded** the motion and it was passed by unanimous by **two Select Board members**.

Deadline is August 1st

Another project that Richard said was the ramp at the transfer station that goes to the compactor. It has not been repaired in a long time and Judy asked if it could be replaced. Richard has looked at it and feels that the total ramp needs to be replaced, Richard has made contact with Hollis Tyler and asked if he would be interested in doing it. Hammond lumber and material \$155.93 to build just the deck would be \$700.

The Gardens in the center of town are independently in the past by Dean and Daphne Proctor. Nancy Stowell has been purchasing flowers and taking care of the gardens for the last several years. This is a project that the Town of Weld needs to take on.

The tennis courts have been taken care of starting with getting them ready in the Spring and caring for them through the summer by Nancy Stowell.

After some discussion it was decided that the Town needs to look at the usage of the courts and it has been suggested that pickle ball court be added to the area.

Meeting Adjourned 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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