

## **Select Board Minutes**

**Date:** March 28, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** Multi-Purpose Room

**Next Meeting:** April 11, 2023

**Minutes from last meeting:** Richard moved to approve the minutes of March 16<sup>th</sup>, Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed.

**Present:** Richard Doughty, Dan Demers, Lisa Miller, Carol Cochran, and Steve Conant

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Department Heads:**

Dan Demers: The retainer snapped and the back axle broke on the 2010 Intl and the tire was rubbing against the frame. Dan ordered the part which there are 2 in the country so they are sending 1. He has replaced U bolts and several other pieces.

There are some issues with the 2016 Intl, however when he gets the 2010 fixed then he can get those repairs done.

A broken belt was replaced on the 2008 Ford pickup. He said that he is slowly catching up on maintenance. There are severe signs of lack of attention on the 2010 on the underside and its pretty aggressive. Working on getting it fixed.

Dan is looking into a 1 ton truck option and has found 2 in New Hampshire that he wanted to run by the Board. They are new trucks a 2023 Chevy 3500 dump body, v plow, 4-wheel drive, dually, gas and are asking \$47,000. The cost of a Dodge is \$87,000. Dan explained that the 2008 pickup would be for Patrick to use to haul Town equipment around to do his job instead of using his personal truck. The 1 ton truck would be easier to use on dirt roads and would be more economical instead of a larger truck. The sander on the 2008 will fit in the new truck and is better rated for the 1 ton.

Richard said he didn't know that, if we were to spend a significant amount of money that we would go through town meeting as we have done in the past for approval on a new piece of equipment. We have money in the equipment replacement account, however when we want to replace a significant piece of equipment with something new, proposals are put together for bids from potential

providers for fire truck or plow trucks. An article would go into the Warrant at town meeting to go forward to purchase a truck. Richard agreed that it would be better to get it before winter. Dan said that he would like to get it before winter to use and not put any more stress on the frame of the 2008. Richard said there was a vote to authorize the Board to buy equipment from the State Auction but not new. In the equipment replacement fund there is enough money there to purchase the truck, but would deplete it. Richard does not feel that the board is authorized to spend that much for new equipment without going to a Special Town Meeting. When the Town purchases new equipment, generally we finance it for 3 or 4 years. Dan will look more into it and look for other trucks and get back to the Board. The 2010 2 or 3 years 2016 anytime, it is computerized. For next year's budget process Dan will put in a plan to replace the other trucks.

#### **Personnel hiring:**

Dan has had interviews with both applicants and wants to move forward in hiring Jason Lapointe.

#### **Bridge building:**

Dan spoke with Mark Andrews located in Madison, ME who will give us a quote, but we do not have a design yet. There are a couple of others that are supposed to get back to Dan.

DOT had recommended Calderwood Engineering. Calderwood Engineering gave the Town a proposal for a design a year ago and the Board has not acted on it. Richard spoke to them about 3 weeks ago and they were going to update the figures and get back with Richard. He also was going to look for other design firms or turnkey people that could design and build bridges for more than one option or path. There may be grants available, the 3 bridges need to be repaired so the Board needs to go forward with the project.

#### **Town Garage septic system:**

Dan said that he has another septic company from Skowhegan that will give us a quote on the system for the Town Garage. He has the design and will get it scanned in and emailed to the company. Richard said that if we have 2 proposals that we should be able to move forward. Dan will see if he can get another one. Richard said that we needed to hire someone and get on their schedule, because their time will fill up fast. Dan said that it may not be able to be done until this fall or next year. Some are scheduling into next year already.

## **Old Business:**

### **Cyber Use Insurance:**

Dina spoke to Michelle Pelletier of MMA Risk and has clarifications on the Cyber Use Agreement and the application.

### **Cyber Use Agreement/Policy:**

The agreement/user policy MMA provided us is a template with all the possible terms (aka, "throw in the kitchen sink") for such a policy. We're free to delete any section that is not applicable to us. I will redraft this document keeping in mind our computer usage and circulate for discussion by the following SB meeting (April 11th).

### **MMA Risk Insurance Application:**

Due on March 27th. Carol/Dina will submit this renewal-application on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Town Hall Fire Escape:**

Dave Berry (Haley Ward) will be submitting a proposal for the fire escape repairs this week. Richard will forward it on to the SB for review once he receives it. Hopefully, we can put it on the agenda for April 11 for discussion.

### **TDS Cable Franchise Agreement:**

Still in review. Dina will have a completed updated summary for the SB before the April 11th meeting. Hopefully, we will have all reviewed the agreement by then and can make a decision on it at that meeting.

### **Update on Facility Use Policy with respect to Town's Liability Insurance Coverage:**

There is some confusion on the Town's liability insurance. Lisa said that she understood that if it was a Town sponsored event it was covered. If, say the Webb Lake Association wanted use of the Town Hall, if someone from Town was appointed sponsoring it as a town event it would be covered under our insurance. Lisa said that it sounds like every time someone uses the Multi-purpose room or the Town Hall, they will have to pay \$75 for insurance. At the last meeting it was indicated that, if it was a private party or the entity was going to make money on the event that they would need to have the insurance. Lisa felt that if it was a non-profit such as the Weld Historical Society holding an event at the Town Hall and selling items that it was for the benefit of the Town and no insurance was needed. Richard said that for the upcoming event of the Franklin County Fiddlers that it went under Weld Recreation so that would eliminate the third party insurance naming the Town of Weld as an insured. The understanding from Dina's email that because they are part of the School that they would need the insurance. Richard and Lisa were looking at the event that they were being

asked to come to the Town and there is no charge to attend. Donations are accepted and given to the Franklin County Fiddlers to use at their discretion towards travel, etc.

There are no fees for Town entities and they can reserve the hall and others are on a first come basis.

Lisa felt that organizations that are in Town, such as Webb Lake Association, Weld Historical and the CBC should not be required to have insurance. It was noted that they are not under the Town of Weld. Richard said that is what initiated this whole conversation. Lisa felt that the Franklin County Fiddlers was a larger group of people coming and the WLA or WHS would be members coming to the meetings. Richard said it does not cost anything for the Town of Weld to be added as an insured, but does not know if WLA or WHS has liability insurance.

The Town needs to have clear rules. Richard suggested that modifications are made on the Facility Use Agreement and talk about it next meeting when Dina is here.

**Status of Lighting upgrades:**

Richard has asked Gilman Electric (Goings Electric) to put together a list of light fixtures and prices for the TOPO and Town Garage.

Richard has left messages for Dillion Orff, Electrician.

**Med Care Ambulance Update:**

Richard met with the Director and 3 Town Directors of Med Care ambulance on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Med Care is owned by 11 towns and they are reluctant to provide service to other Towns. The Board of Directors did meet and did give approval to offer services, however they would have to charge a fee more than what the member towns pay. They compared Weld to Newry and said that they would need to charge \$30,000 per year. North Star is \$19,405 for the year.

Lisa moved to accept the renewal from North Star Ambulance service for this year in the amount of \$19,405. Richard 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was unanimous.

**Comp time proposal Update:**

Dina has a copy of the Town of Jay's comp time proposal and will turn it into a document to be discussed at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Time off will be approved by the supervisor.

## **New Business:**

### **Weld Winter Wildcats Snowmobile Club:**

Street Dance for July 1<sup>st</sup> and close Mill Street. Lisa moved to grant the approval for the Weld Winter Wildcats Snowmobile Club to close Mill Street from 5 PM until 10 PM for their street dance. Richard 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was unanimous. The fire department gets the permission to close the street and there is police presence during the time it is closed.

They are also requesting permission to hold a pulled pork supper in honor of the Clubs 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to thank the landowners on August 12 at the Town Hall. Richard asked if they have liability insurance coverage?

The board will like a representative of the Club to attend the next meeting to give clarification on the supper. Is it a fundraiser?

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol J. Cochran".

Carol J. Cochran