

## **Select Board Minutes**

**Date:** May 23, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** Multi-Purpose Room

**Next Meeting:** June 12, 2023

### **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Minutes from last meeting:** The minutes from May 9<sup>th</sup> were accepted as presented.

**Present:** Richard Doughty, Dina Walker, Lisa Miller, Dan Demers, April Demers, Rick & Sharon Davol, Carol Conant

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **Department Heads:**

Dan said that 2 of the three parts needed for the grader to repair the clutch were picked up but the flywheel was not available. The grader is a 1990 and parts are hard to find.

Scott Pratt & Son started the installation of the subsurface wastewater disposal system for the Town garage yesterday and should be done by the end of the week.

Dan has talked to Ethan Miller about putting in the bathroom. A few trees have been removed to put the septic line into the building.

April Demers, Weld Recreation, said that the CBC disbanded last week and June 1<sup>st</sup> will be the first meeting for CBC as a part of Weld Recreation. CBC has closed out their checking account and the proceeds will go to Weld Recreation. At their meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> plans will be in the making of events to come.

Lisa made a motion not to do the perambulation of the border with Carthage. Dina 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Richard will follow up with Jan Hutchinson to let him know that the Town is not interested in doing the perambulation.

### **Memorial Day Cemetery mowing:**

Richard sent a message late today asking Pat Lowe about the mowing of the Cemeteries. Pat had not gotten back to him.

### **Town Gardens:**

There is a load of compost that has been delivered. Richard will make contact with Pat to get started on the gardens.

### **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC):**

The Franklin County LEPC goal is to increase awareness of and take proactive preparedness and prevention measures to protect those who live, work and visit the County from hazardous materials known to exist in our communities.

They are asking for volunteers to be on this Committee.

Rick Davol said that he was interested, so his name will be passed on to Sara Bickford, Deputy Director of Franklin County Emergency Management Agency.

### **Dental Insurance for Employees & Family (Offered but paid for by the employee):**

Richard moved to communicate with Maine Municipal Health Trust and authorize them to make dental insurance available through the Town for those employees that qualify, with the cost being paid 100% by the employee. Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed unanimously.

### **MMA Executive Committee:**

MMA was looking for members to join the executive committee. Dina has thrown her hat in and has been nominated to a position. It is a 3 year position starting January 2024 and there will be an election on August 18th electronically. MMA

done which she did and it was found not to be a part of the 140 acre lot. A reference was found to Scott Colton who passed away years ago and his son Scott Colton is researching to see if his father did own this property. In the process we may find out who owns it so that it can go back on the tax rolls.

**Cell Tower/Solar Farm Ordinance:**

Rick Davol asked where the Town stood on the Cell Town Ordinance.

In order to draft the Town Ordinance there needed to be a Comprehensive Plan. It is at least a 2 year process to complete one.

Dina said that a Comprehensive Plan is not required now, only if you have an Organization applying for State grants. The Weld Winter Wildcats snowmobile club does get a grant from the State but their funding does not seem to hinge on a Comprehensive Plan (no questions about the Town's Comprehensive Plan on the application)

Richard said that he would not support an ordinance banning solar panels outright.

Lisa said that she agreed with Rick that an Ordinance should be done on Solar Panels to regulate it.

Lisa moved to move forward with exploring and writing an Ordinance on the subject of regulating solar panels. The board agreed unanimously to move forward on such a project.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Carol J. Cochran