

## **Select Board Minutes**

**Date:** May 9, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** Multi-Purpose Room

**Next Meeting:** May 23, 2023

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were accepted as presented.

**Present:** Lisa Miller, Richard Doughty, Dina Walker, Dan & April Demers, Lise Bofinger, Dan Smith, Steve Conant, Mike Pratt, Colleen Stewart, Sean Minear and Carol Cochran

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Department Heads:**

**April Demers - Weld Recreation** – There was \$785.57 donation to the Franklin County fiddlers, with 135 people in attendance. April asked Steve if the Fiddlers would come twice a year and he indicated just once. April is going to see if she can get Steve to come on his own to play and she can call. The Community Benefit Club has disbanded and plan to give \$3,000 to the Weld Recreation Department.

**Dan Demers – Road Commissioner:** The 2016 International is still at Morrison's. They are trying to figure out what is wrong with it. It may have to go down to Saco to an International dealer to find out what is wrong. All of the other equipment is in working order.

#### **May Day storm damage report to Franklin County/FEMA**

There was storm damage on the Temple Road with culverts being washed out and one on the Buker road which have been repaired. Most of the roads have now been grader and when the rest have dried out they will be done.

Dan has submitted a report and with the damage in Franklin County was enough to qualify if we get FEMA funding for reimbursement for the damages.

## **New Business:**

**CDARS:** Cecile Plourde of Androscoggin Bank was at the Town Office and spoke to Colleen and Carol about new CDARS that would benefit the Town. Colleen is recommending that the Town put \$100,000 into a 12 month CDAR at the interest rate of 4.6% and \$100,000 in a 6 month CDAR at the interest rate of 4%.

We have over \$600,000 in the checking and \$255,000 in surplus, so we will have enough money coming in until tax bills go out in August.

Lisa moved to put \$100,000 from the checking account and put into a 12 month CDAR at the interest rate of 4.6% and 100,000 in a 6 month CDAR at the interest of 4%, Dina 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was voted unanimously.

## **Raven Run – Lise Bofinger & Dan Smith:**

Dan Smith – Vice President of the Webb Lake Association said that Sara Shifrin had talked to him about doing a Raven Run in honor of Bernd Heinrich for a fund raiser. With WLA getting involved it will get their name out there. The race would be on July 15<sup>th</sup> July and will start at the Bean Property at the head of the Lake at 8:30 AM. WLA will be able to get runner's insurance in the amount of \$144.00 for 1 million liability.

The run will be 5.7 miles starting at Bean's field at the head of the lake along the West Side Road which is a State Road left onto the Bryon Road which is a Town Road then another left onto the West Brook Road, which is Town Road, back onto the West Side Road to Bean's field.

They are planning a Lollipop race for kids that will go around the field.

Dan Smith said that they expect runners from Camp Kawanhee and Camp Lawroweld.

The cost would be \$20 per person or \$30 per couple and anyone walking it would be free.

The race would be held on Lake Day which is July 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 AM and would take a couple of hours. Lake Day will begin at 10 AM.

They thought of asking the Sheriff for help on the West Side Road, asking the Fire Department for help, volunteers and medical available. They will have cones and signs indicating a run for safety of those traveling the roads being used.

Dan Smith said that they were told to expect 100 runners.

They were thinking of closing the West Brook road during the race and Byron and West Side Roads would be open. Someone would need to talk to Scott Pratt and the Keims about closing the road during the race.

There were concerns with dust from the vehicles and speed. There will be volunteers from WLA helping with spotters, water stations, etc.

Dan Smith said that Maple syrup being the grand prize.

Registration will be available soon. Entrance fee for the runners will be free.

### **Updating the Military Memorial at the WFPL - Mike Pratt:**

Mike notice in conversation with other Weld citizens that we have not updated the monuments after 911. Mike asked Carol and Colleen the all of us came up with was Margie Fish and Trevor Stewart. Mikes thinks that the names of those who fought should be put on a monument. There is plenty of room on the back of the Korean War Memorial. Mike believes that it is up to the Town to find out who would be eligible and their responsibility to add the names to the Monuments.

Sean said that it was the American Legion that put the Memorial Monuments at the Library and the Town paid for fixing the monuments that were sinking and have the responsibility of the repair and adding names to them.

Dina said that she believed those who served that went from Weld would have their names on the monument.

Sean said that Carol had the paperwork for a Veterans exemption that listed the dates of the conflicts.

Mike feels that, if they served during a conflict that their name should be on the monument, it does that matter what the politicians say, he feels that their names should be on the memorial.

Lisa asked if anyone check to see if they want their name on the memorials. Some people may not want their name on it.

Dina said it was time to update the memorials need to establish whose names should be on the monuments, and if does fall up on the Town then the Select

Board need to make the rules and if it does than the SC new Vote on it and make the rules, find out whose names are missing and get them put on.

There is no one else to take care of the monuments since the American Legion disbanded. Mike felt that the memorials should reflect for all veterans not those that was in during a war or conflict.

Dina suggested that in one months' time to have an update on the conflicts and which ones to put on, to see what room is on the monuments and start the process.

Sean said that the back of the Korean and Vietnam memorials are blank. There are not memorials for the American Revolution, 1812, Mexican or the Spanish-American wars. Sean said the adjacent keep a list of those who served. Those lists are available online.

Nancy Stowell – Maybe a separate monument for Civil War and there is room to the right for another monument or rearrange them.

It was suggested that a committee be formed and the Library be involved. Mike said that we needed to look at the whole package and figure out what our options are.

Sean said that there needs to strong guidelines on whose names will be on the Memorials. There is a Severans Hilton panel 2 x 3 listed civil war enlistees and Sean believes that it is in the Library. Sean said that other options are may a panel done by Signworks with lists of names that were in the wars.

Richard said that he agreed with Sean that there should be a policy with strong guidelines and work with Sean on getting the names.

**Set a Date for Special Town Meeting – PW – Request for approval to buy a truck:**

After some discussion it was decided to hold the Special Town Meeting on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Town Hall. Richard will draft language for the Warrant Articles.

Dan will pull together the information needed.

The Warrant and information will be put out on List serve and every door direct mail.

**Transfer Station (Free Days: 18, 21, 25**

Free days to include tires, bulky waste, brush? etc.

### **Kawanhee Inn Liquor License:**

The Select Board signed the renewal for Kawanhee Inn's Liquor License for 2023.

### **Appointments:**

### **Select Board Meeting Change June 13<sup>th</sup> – RSU Budget Vote**

Select Board meeting is changed to June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

### **Fire Escape Maintenance Update:**

The total quote for the fire escape was \$27,000, so we will check with Peter Broderick, who done the work on the fire escape at the Fire Station.

Richard gave some background on the fire escape received from Tom Skolfield. When the new schoolhouse was being built in 1960, students were moved to the Town Hall and some to the Fire House for school.

Dan will do the welding that needs to be done on the base of the fire escape and James Harris, Jim the painter will put together a quote for wire brushing and painting the escape with marine base paint.

Dina will call MMA Risk Management to see if they are OK with what we are doing to see, if it meets their standards.

If Richard gets a reasonable price than we need to go forward with it.

Richard made a motion to spend up to \$5,000 for the repair of the Town Hall fire escape. Dina 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed unanimously.

### **TDS Cable License Agreement Update:**

Dina only has what she has done. She was not able to get any further information. Dina thinks it can wait until next meeting.

- **PretiFlaherty Consent to Conflict of Interest:**

Richard signed the letter from PretiFlaherty concerning the conflict of interest for being the attorney for TDS and in the past for the Town of Weld.

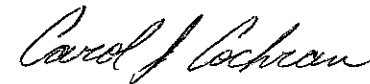
**Cyber Security Update:**

The Passwords and being worked on and Carol will call Chris to get an antivirus Program.

**CN Brown # 2 fuel oil:**

A contract was signed for fuel oil at \$3.089 per gallon until June of 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol J. Cochran".

Carol J. Cochran