

## **Select Board Minutes**

**Date:** November 22, 2022

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** Multi-Purpose Room

**Next Meeting:** December 13, 2022

**Minutes:** The minutes were accepted as presented.

**Present:** Carol & Steve Conant, Russel Banton, Brian Haynes, Dina Walker, Richard Doughty and Carol Cochran

### **Department Heads:**

Richard said he had spoken with Craig and he plowed by himself and was not eager to do it again. Richard suggested that he call Ethan Miller and Stan Wilcox.

Dan is not ready to plow and will take his test on December 19<sup>th</sup>. They had a chain break and had it replaced and the other truck is at Morrison Motors waiting for pins that are on order.

Craig asked how Holidays worked if it fell on a Sunday, if they got Monday off. Brian suggested that Dina call MMA and ask their opinion.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **New Business –**

- **Citizen request for light in back of Town Hall** – Debbie Smith asked if a light could be installed in back of the Town Hall. Debbie felt it was needed when Weld Recreation held Trunk or Treat at the Town Hall.

- **Citizen request to address paving in Post Office Parking Lot** - Debbie Smith asked if the holes in the parking lot at the Post Office could be filled in. Because of the water running under the paved parking lot there are issues with it. The Select Board will investigate and get someone to come look at it and give an estimate.

**- Emergency Generator for Town Hall** – The Town Hall is a potential warming shelter, however without a generator it is not high on the list. Tim Hardy of Franklin County Emergency Management was in Weld with Deputy Director Amanda Simoneau looked at the Multi-purpose room as the warming shelter for Weld. Richard suggested we think about exploring grant opportunities, using remaining furnace funds for the heating system in Town Hall or apply for a donation from the Peter Schofield Community Fund. Brian felt that the Town Garage should get a new generator. The old one from the TOPO building is at the Town Garage, however it is 20 years old and a new one was purchased for the TOPO Building because of the age and it was using oil. The next question was what will we do with the old one? Suggestions were to put it out for bid and sell it or use it for the Town Hall.

To move forward Richard will go back to the Budget Committee with it the discussion at tonight's meeting. We can still apply for a grant for a new generator for the Town Hall.

### **Old Business –**

**- Comprehensive Plan revision status** - Dina did talk to a community planner and got a better idea of process. The entire town would be included and she also found out that a Comprehensive Plan is no longer required since 2012. If we receive grants from the state that effect natural resources then the state does want us to have a comprehensive plan. The grants go through the department of agriculture. Those who resigned from DEP all went to work for the Dept. of agriculture. We can login on their website and go that route and not go with the consultant at \$75 per hour plus mileage, \$200 travel fee. The snowmobile club does receive a grant for their trails.

**-Town Hall fire escape** - Brian will check to see if he can find someone else that can help us with the repair of the fire escape.

**- Budget Committee Status update** – Budget committee has met 2 times and gone over the proposed budget for General Government and Public Safety. On Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM the Committee will meet with Public Works Craig Shaw, Road Commissioner.

**- RSU 9 electric bill** – Richard has been working with James Black and plans to send documentation of the kilowatt hours used at a reasonable price and enclose it with a bill for back years.

**- CN Brown Fuel oil contract** - Richard had Colleen make contact with CN Brown and we have signed a contract for \$3.69 per gallon.

Brian said that Efficiency Maine has a new program specifically to upgrade a building that is heated by a furnace to heat pumps and they will pay 60%. Brian is working with a guy for the State. We would need to send to this person the amount of last year's heating oil and electricity usage for each building that we are asking to upgrade and after presenting this information they will let us know if the application is approved.

After some discussion it was decided that the Town Office and the Fire House would be the 2 buildings that could work with heat pumps. Brian will make contact with Colleen to get the figures together and he will submit the figures to the person that he is working with for the State.

- **State of Maine valuation** - Reassessment question- Richard has done a spreadsheet of valuations and the State Ratio over the past 20 years and the result is that we do not need to consider doing an equalization at this time.

- **Cemetery Stone repair update** - Richard has spoken with Sean about repairing stones. He has done some on his own in the past with pretty good results. We have some stones that were repaired that have broken again. Richard plans to make contact with our vendors to get on their list for next year.

- **Status of inquiry regarding Line Dancing at Town Hall** - April Demers did not make this meeting

- **Animal Control equipment** - Capture pole – We did not get the kennels and capture pole from the previous ACO. After some discussion it was decided to make contact with Lise Bofinger, our present ACO, and order what is needed.

6:30 Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,



Carol J. Cochran