

Select Board Minutes

Date: October 13, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Multi-Purpose Room

Next Meeting: October 25, 2022

Minutes:

Present: Sharon & Rick Davol, Brian Haynes, Richard Doughty, Dina Walker and Carol Cochran

Department Heads:

Richard said that he spoke with both Craig (RC) and Dan (HEO) yesterday, they are doing well and there are no pressing issues. Stockpile is up. There is not flex time, anything over 40 hours is overtime so they will try to keep their hours to 40 per week. There is no overtime figured within the budget.

New Business:

AGENDA ITEMS

RSU 9 Referendum Warrant (signatures):

Warrants all signed for the November 8th Referendum Election.

- **RSU 9 Electricity usage at Town Garage –**

RSU 9 leaves their school bus at the Town Garage during the school year and in the winter plugs a block heater in to start the bus each morning. Colleen noticed that in the past the school district has paid \$200 for electricity but had not done so for years. Richard spoke with Dan Higgins, RSU 9 Business Manager, Richard has done, for another company before he retired, an estimate of usage and has done one at 50% and the cost would be \$200 for the year at our current rate. Naomi Doughty told Richard that Dan Higgins has left RSU 9 and James Black is filling in the position.

The past years that weren't paid were from 2015 forward and Richard thought that maybe if we go back to see the cost over the past 7 years that perhaps they will pay it.

Brian said that we should figure out what is due to date, send them a bill, and see if they will pay it. Dina agreed.

- **CN Brown Fuel**

Previously the Town has piggybacked with RSU 9 with their fuel contract with CN Brown, however one has not been done this year.

We can do an independent contract with CN Brown. The price for No 2 would cost \$3.669 and USLD \$3.796, or if we wait, we might get a better price if other Towns are involved.

MMA Property & Casualty – Estimated Insurable Value of the Town Hall & Masonic Lodge:

There has been an increase in the value of the Town Hall & Masonic Lodge from \$1.06 Million to \$1.66 million. This figure is the replacement cost on 5/18/2017.

Due to inflation, etc. there has been a 20% to 35% increase in insurance this year.

Dina will follow up with Nicholas Kimball at MMA. The \$378 is for a partial year. She will see what the increase for the insurance premium for the 2023 budget will be.

Public Hearing - Notice of Adoption of new General Assistance Maximums for October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023:

Dina said that we receive a document every year for General Assistance maximums, which basically we adopt.

On Thursday there will be General Assistance Audit to make sure we have an updated ordinance and everything posted as required at 8:30 AM with Dina.

The public hearing was opened to discussion of the GA maximums that had been posted on the website for 2 weeks. With no one opposing or having questions the public hearing was closed. The General Assistance Maximums were accepted unanimously.

Weld Recreation Trunk or Treat Town Hall Parking lot Monday October 31:

It was unanimously approved for Weld Recreation to hold the 2nd annual Trunk or Treat at the Town Hall Parking lot on Monday, October 31, at 5:30 PM

OLD BUSINESS

Job Descriptions for Town Employees (Dina Update):

Clarifications of appointed positions Job Description. The Road Commissioner's job description states that he will supervise Public Works Dep. Staff, and the Heavy Equipment Operator job description states that the position is supervised by the RC.

There needs to be a policy written that clearly authorizes the select board to sign off on any discipline remediation or termination actions with respect to town employees.

Dina will look at job descriptions and see what is needed or updated.

Risk Management facility assessment – Update (Brian):

Brian has been in contact with Peter J. Tuell, Director of Structural Engineering Firm and they will send someone to Weld to look at the outside egress from the second floor Masonic Hall.

Three gas detectors have been ordered, 1 for the Town Office and 2 for the Town Hall/Masonic Hall.

Broadband Survey –Update:

The survey has been sent out to 195 mailing addresses and there were 38 responses, which were primarily residents, 28 no, 7 yes, 3 did not answer.

The majority of those categories answered were either excellent or satisfactory.

Premise of those the underserved area was not great.

A representative from Androscoggin Council of Governments called the office a few weeks ago asking about Carthage looking into a program for Broadband other than with Matrix. Dina said that she would call AVCOG to see what she can find out.

Richard moved to put an article in the Annual Town Meeting to stop negotiating with Broadband and to indicate either a positive or negative to pursue Broadband. Brian 2nd the motion and it was voted 2 yes and 1 opposed.

Town Garage - Septic Design - Plumbing Permit - Contractor - Options

There was 1 bid received for the installation of the sub surface wastewater disposal system at the Town Garage.

Scott Pratt and Son Excavation - \$12,480

Craig will be asked to get 2 other estimates.

David Errington should be called to get the Plumbing Permit, so when a bid is accepted work can begin at any time.

Town Hall Entrance Light – (Brian):

Brian will find one, Carol will order it and he will get it installed.

MMA Elected Officials Workshop September 21st Update – (Dina):

Similar to one that they had already taken but this was more about the legal side, right to know, conflict etc.

State of Maine Report of Assessment Review:


Paul Binnett will be asked about the percentage of our assessment and whether or not we will need to do a revaluation soon.

New administrator at Franklin County Funding for UT Weld we get reimbursed for Perkins and Washington TWP

Richard has been in contact with Amy Bernard to determine the formula for reimbursement to the Town of Weld from Franklin County for Transfer Station for Washington and Perkins TWP and Fire for Perkins TWP.

November 8th (changed to November 10) – New starting time is 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted.


Carol J. Cochran