

Select Board Minutes

Date: October 23, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Multipurpose Room

Next Meeting: November 12, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approve Minutes: Next Meeting

Present: Julie Jervis, Jean Biondo, Ina Toth, Steve Conant, Carol Conant, Laurie Pratt and Carol Cochran

- Department Head Reports –

- Fire Department Engine – Pump testing was done
- PW - Preparing trucks for winter

- Committee Reports –

- **Weld Recreation** - Julie asked permission to give a variety of Christmas gifts for Weld Residents ONLY. Julie has a form printed that would show the Child's name, age, interests or gift suggestions under \$20 and an adult phone number. Dina will check to see what the rules are on giving the child's name and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

- Old Business

- Ongoing Project Status Updates

- **FEMA**- Richard had a Zoom meeting with FEMA Representative going over the final step transitioning from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to MEMA (Maine Emergency Management Agency) for the May storm. We will need to keep the records from 5 to 7 years. The project was \$6200 with \$800 from FEMA \$4800 \$700 or \$800 from the State.

FEMA is waiting on the EPH Environmental review they have been working on since July for the December storm. The Byron Road work has been completed.

- Transfer Station –

- Reports have been submitted that needed to be done
- There have been 63 or 64 rats that have been caught

- There have been no bids received on the replacement ramp. Ethan Miller could do the ramp, costing \$35 or \$40 per hour. She will check for an estimate.
- **Dina Walker Select Board Member** moved to authorize the Chair to make contact Ethan Miller and assume the rate is acceptable then he could hire him to replace the ramp at the Transfer Station with funds from the maintenance account. **Lisa Miller Select Board Member 2nd**, the vote was unanimous.

- MMA property and Casualty inspection - Corrective Actions

Eric Calderwood will check the building structurally to see if the integrity of the concrete is in jeopardy. Richard believes the rest of the items on the list have been taken care, but will check.

- Town Website Updating – Dina Walker is checking with Town Cloud as a provider to see what we would have to do to make out website ADA complaint by 2027, which is an alternative to TRIO.

- Comprehensive Plan Update- Lisa Miller will work with AVCOG on the update.

- Ordinance Update (Moratorium, Solar Farm, Large Commercial Structure site-plan)-

- The Select Board sign the Moratorium that was passed at the Special Town Meeting.
- Dina and Lisa are working on the Ordinances.

- Past log of SB Minutes Approval – **Dina Walker, Select Board** moved for the past minutes from Select Board Meetings: January 9 and the 23rd, February 13, February 21 and February 27th be post on the website but not necessarily for accuracy. **Lisa Miller, Select Board Member 2nd** the motion and was passed unanimously. Richard said that he had read all of the minutes and he thought they were ok.

- Personnel Policy Update - Dina Walker sent the latest version of the Personnel Policy to the other Select Board Members today. All of the comments in red are from Dina's comments and in blue are the ones that the lawyer have made.

- New Business

- Community Resilience Partnership (Municipal Grant)

- Grants are available for community energy efficiency upgrade, etc., the grant are in the amount of \$75,000 for a Town or \$175,000 with other Towns. Grants are available every 8 to 10 months. John Buca is the contact person.
- The Select Board will look into what is available.

- Maine Power Options

- This organization reached out to make us aware of the program that would enable us to buy electricity and fuel through a consortium. Richard has looked into Maine Power Options and will follow up on this.

- Kennedy Bridge - Request to proceed with fabrication (Approve Relevant Policies)

- Outsource the fabrication and that company wants to get started soon and will not invoice us until the first of the year.
- Eric Calderwood said that we needed to have an onsite meeting with the vendor to make sure we are all on the same page and understands the project. The contractor is busy and does not have time to meet within the next few weeks.
- Dina Walker, Select Board member said she was fine to authorize Richard to move forward with the fabrication. The final motion was passed at Special Town Meeting for funding that the 2 policies, Declaration of Official Intent and also the Post Issuance Compliance Policy need to be signed for the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.
- The full Board had not received the Declaration of Official Intent Policy before the meeting so it will be reviewed and approved at the November 12th Select Board Meeting, as well as the Compliance Policy.

- Archie's - Status of credit for billing error-

Richard has made contact with Archies and they will be crediting us \$3,200 for overbilling us for a contained that we did not have for 3 years.

- Social Media Policy

- Lisa Miller did a first draft for Weld Recreation Committee a social media Policy that Dina made some suggestions. MMA legal gave guide lines on the use of social media.

- Boston Post Cane –

- Dot Skolfield passed away on October 21st and was on the Select Board being the first Woman and a beautiful proper lady. And loved this Town.
- Eleanor Fish is the next in line and the family wanted to hold off for a few weeks before the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Eleanor, who is in a nursing home.

- Budget Committee-

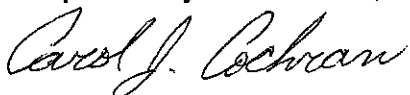
- Laurie Pratt, Budget Committee member, will make contact with the Budget Committee Members and see when they can all meet for an organizational meeting.
- Richard Doughty is trying to make contact with Chris Elkington, Supernatant to meet with townspeople to explain the formular for RSU 9 budget that effects the Town of Weld's mill rate.
- Richard Doughty will make contact with Nancy Stowell to see what needs to be done to the Tennis Courts this fall.

- Buildings and Ground person

- The Road Commissioner will hire the new Buildings and Grounds employee.

Lisa Miller, Select Board member moved to adjourned at 6:45 PM and was 2nd by Dina Walker, Select Board member and was a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol J. Cochran, Town Clerk