

## **Select Board Minutes**

Date: October 8, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Multipurpose Room

Next Meeting: October 22, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Minutes: The minutes from Select Board Meeting September 24, 2024 were approved as written.

Present: **Select Board Members, Dina Walker, Richard Doughty and Lisa Miller**

**Audience:** Laurie Pratt, Julie Jervis, Liz Boyle, Lise Bofinger, Carol & Steve Conant, Jean Biondo, Carol Cochran

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

Department Heads:/Committee Reports

None Present

Cots and blankets have been delivered to the Fire Station. The Fire Station does not have potable water and is not mouse proof so these items need to be moved to the multi-purpose room. The Fire Department will get the location corrected. Lisa Miller was authorized to correct the warming room location.

The Masons are willing to give a donation for the AED for use at the Town Hall but would like to see the AED stored inside the Hall area where there is heat and the door going into that area be left unlocked.

The Grant for the CPR equipment has been approved.

### **Old Business:**

- Special Town meeting Final Preparation – There was a missing number on the Special Town Meeting Warrant and after the correction was made and signed it was reposted per requirements.

Dina Walker contacted MMA Legal and was advised to take down the posted warrant fix the error and repost it as there is still 7 days prior to Town Meeting.

**Dina Walker, Select Board Member** moved to accept that the Special Town Meeting Warrant posted on October 3<sup>rd</sup> for the October 15<sup>th</sup> STM was amended today, has been posted **Lisa Miller, Select Board Member** 2<sup>nd</sup> motion and it was passed unanimously.

### **- Recreational Area Survey - Discussion and Approval**

Discussions:

- Public Hearing on a recreational area either at the location of the Tennis Courts or Ballfield at the Town Garage.
  1. Time line for sending the survey out and to whom
    - a. Tax payers
    - b. Residents only
    - c. Advertise at the PH that surveys have been emailed out, on the Towns website, and copies left at Skoolhouse Variety and Town Office
    - d. Timing set by Weld Recreation Committee
  2. Pickel Ball, Basketball, or tennis court(s)
- The Survey is set up so we will be able to see how many surveys have been completed and graphs that show the percentage of each question.
- Dina suggested that two weeks after the public hearing be the deadline.
- Lise Bofinger will enter the ones that individuals filled out and dropped off at the Town Office manually.

Richard suggested that we work with a professional to see the area and give their opinion of what is the best usage of the area.

There will be an Article in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant in March. Perhaps there should be a committee to work on this project and get quotes on the cost associated with the changes.

Lise Bofinger will make contact with Carla Gauthier and others for input on costs associated with proposed changes.

**Richard Doughty, Select Board Member**, moved to authorize Lise Bofinger to work with Carol to get the survey out on the Website and get them out in public places for them to pick up, fill out and return to the Town

Office. **Lisa Miller, Select Board Member 2<sup>nd</sup>** the motion and it was passed unanimously.

All surveys must be turned in by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**- Status Updates on ongoing projects**

**- FEMA Projects** – Richard Doughty reported that on the grant website he saw that the March final obligations have been achieved and MEMA (Maine Emergency Management Agency) can send out the money.

MEMA will soon receive the money from the first storm and contact us verbally to see if we have completed the project. Richard was told that we needed to keep our records for at least 7 years in case of a State Audit.

**- Dept of Labor Safety Inspection - Final Result** – There were 17 people Richard testified that everything was done to obtain training for the employee, however there was no training available. Certification was finally received from his previous employer that he had received training, but the employee had used the chainsaw, therefore the fine still stands.

**- DEP Transfer Station Inspection** – The report for 2023 has been sent into the State and a Universal Waste shed has been taken care of. The gate to the Transfer Station will be locked.

Richard reported that 42 rodents have been taken from the Transfer station and they are getting smaller ones.

**- Transfer Station Ramp – Put out to bid** There was one person not able to do it in the time frame and we were advised that we can try to recruit a person short term with no liability insurance

Signs need to be made and posted to advise of the unsafe ramp ASAP.

**New Business:**

**- Update of Resources from MMA Annual Conference (Oct 2-3, 2024)**

Dina reported:

- New recycling law reimburse
  - ADA- Websites must be ADA complaint by 2027
- There is information on Town Cloud that has an app Dina would like us to have a Zoom meeting with the Company to view their product.

**- 2025 Budget Committee Process** – This is the time of year that the budget process begins. Colleen will be asked to send ask the department

heads to submit their budget for 2025, so that the Committee can begin their meetings in November.

There are 6 members and 1 board meeting on the Committee. The public can attend the budget committee meetings with dates to be posted within the next few weeks. The vacancy on the Committee will not be replaced until the Municipal Election to be held in March. Lisa Miller and Richard Doughty will be attending for the Select Board.

Laurie Pratt asked if the Treasurer could be present at all the Budget Committee meetings, so when they have questions, they can be answered at the meeting and would save time. She also indicated that she could adjust her hours during the week so she would not go into overtime.

**- Town Website Discussion - Potential for Update:** Laurie Pratt has volunteered to help Carol get items up on the website in a timely manner. **Dina Walker, SB member moved to authorize** Laurie Pratt, as a volunteer member of the Weld Recreation Committee, to work with Carol Cochran to provide the public with timely communications of the committee's minutes, events, and notices and required by the FOAA and the American Disabilities Act via the Town's website. Authorize Laurie Pratt to be a volunteer to assist the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk in organizing past Town minutes, agenda, policies, ordinances to update and complete the Town's records. Also, for Laurie Pratt and Carol Conant as volunteers to maintain the garden in front of the Town Office until a grounds keeper is hired. **Lisa Miller, Select Board Member**, seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Weld Recreation - What needs to be on the Website

- Agenda and minutes
- Mission Statement
- Newsletter – Weld Observer
- Move location to the library
- List of Members

At their last Meeting they set a planning meeting that will be posted on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Weld Free Public Library. – Julie Jervis was appointed as the Chair of Weld Recreation.

Membership should have a qualification that they are an official member or not full time. Present members are Julie Jervis, Ina Toth, Diana Demers, Lise Bofinger, Laurie Pratt, Liz Boyle, Lynda Redmond, Susan Fesenmaier, and Wendy Ames.

Voting has to be in person, a quorum has to be part of the policy. The Chair will decide whether the meeting is by Zoom.

It was decided at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting that there would be not more that \$400 spent on the Halloween Party, Barn Quilt Class \$20 for coffee.

Julie has made contact to invite the Tumbledown Tackers to be under Weld Recreation.

Weld Recreation can spend their money as long as they stay within their budget.

Colleen will be asked how much was spent on oil last winter to see if it will affect the usage of the Town Hall for this winter.

**Dina Walker, SB member moved to appoint as voting members to weld recreation, Julie Jervis, Ina Toth, Diana Demers, Laurie Pratt, Lynda Redmond, Liz Bole, Lise Bofinger, Wendy Ames, and Susan Fesenmaier. Lisa Miller, SB member 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was voted unanimously.**

#### **- Comprehensive Plan Review - Process for Updating**

Dina – Solar Array etc. that we are trying to do ties into the Comprehensive Plan which AVCOG can help with. – Lisa Miller will spearhead the Comprehensive Plan and work with AVCOG.

**Dina Walker, SB member moved for Lisa Miller to work on the Comprehensive Plan and work with AVCOG. Richard Doughty, SB Chair 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.**

#### **- Commercial Solar Array and Large Commercial (Big Box) Structure Ordinance – Discussion of Next Steps**

##### **Discussion:**

- Big Box back into the into Large Commercial Ordinance
- MMA converted the Ordinance into word
- Planning Board should talk about updating the Site Plan Ordinance
- Commercial Solar Array and Large Commercial (Big Box) Structure will be worked on by Lisa and be 2 separate Ordinances
- They can be worked separately and Dina will work on combining all there.
- A site Plan Ordinance

**Dina Walker SB Member moved for the board to authorize Lisa Miller 10 work on drafting a Commercial Solar Array Ordinance and a Large Commercial Construction Ordinance and Dina Walker SB member will work to get a Site Plan Ordinance for the Ordinance committee review by**

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025. **Lisa Miller SB member 2<sup>nd</sup>** the motion and was unanimous.

Dina Walker reported that the Comprehensive Plan was done except it needed to be updated. The hold up for due to AVCOG having staff problems.

**Dina Walker SB member moved** to authorize Lisa Miller to work with AVCOG to update the Comprehensive Plan. **Richard Doughty SB Chair 2<sup>nd</sup>** the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Laurie thinks PB should be

**- Oct 22nd Select Board meeting - Potential to reschedule.**

Richard has a conflict on that day and may not be able to make it back in time.

**Richard Doughty, SB Chair** moved to reschedule the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to October 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Diana Walker SB member 2<sup>nd</sup>** the motion and it was a unanimous vote.


**RSU 9 – Superintendent** - Lisa Miller, SB member asked if we had heard when the Superintendent was coming to explain the formular for the School Budget. Richard said he had not and will follow up on it.

**Archies-** The town was over billed for a second container for an extended period of time and they have stopped charging for the 2<sup>nd</sup> container. Richard will report at a future SB meeting the timeline on the reimbursement.

**- Executive Session under Section 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters**

**Richard Doughty SB Chair**, moved to go into Executive Session under Section 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters, **Diana Miller, SB member, 2<sup>nd</sup>** the motion and it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Carol J. Cochran, Town Clerk

  
Dina Walker, Select Board