

## Select Board Minutes

Date: September 10, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Multipurpose Room

Next Meeting: September 24th

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Minutes:** Richard said that they were working on some edits for the August 23rd meeting so they will wait until next meeting to approve them.

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

**Audience:** April Demers, Carol & Steve Conant, Lise Bofinger, Ina Toth, Bob Arp, Tom Wheeler, Diana Demers, Carla Gauthier, Susan Fesenmaier, and Martha Winter Vining

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

Department Heads: There were none in attendance.

#### **April – Recreation Committee**

Weld Rec Committee have planned on September 28<sup>th</sup> either pot luck or make pizza and a dance afterwards. October 26 is trunk or treat.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **- DEP Transfer Station Report - Status of issues**

There was a list of 18 issues with some of them serious at the Transfer Station and Judy has been addressed 5 of the 18. The shed that has been used for storing universal waste and light tubes has sunken into the ground. There is an empty shed next to the one used for returnable bottles and that one can be used for universal waste.

Richard reported that 4 rats have been caught and lost 1 trap.

### **- FEMA Project - Status Update**

Richard reported that the spreadsheets were updated today and there has been 6,000 yards of material that has been applied to the roads. August 1<sup>st</sup> there were 33% and now there has been 48% of the material applied to the roads and a total of 8,400 yards were purchased. Dan's plan was to get 6,000 yards on the roads this year which has been done.

Richard has asked Steve to do some ditching where it is needed to be ready for Spring.

### **- Dept of Labor - Appeal of Chainsaw Safety Fine - Status Update**

There is a meeting with Bureau of Labor on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM which Richard will be attending. Richard needs to let them know if there will be any witnesses or other documentation by September 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **- Special Town Meeting Prep**

Primary article is to authorize the Select Board to borrow funds for the Kennedy bridge project. Also, an article on salary issues for town Public Work employees.

The Moratorium on Solar Farms and Large Commercial Structures ended on September 5. Lisa called MMA and they said the Town should vote again on it. The Moratorium needs to be updated and bring it back for the Special Town Meeting. Lisa will head it and get it ready for the Special Town Meeting.

On Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> is when the Special Town Meeting will be held at 7 PM at the Town Hall. There are only 2 more SB meetings before the 15<sup>th</sup> of October so the Warrant and articles have to be done for the SB meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Dina reminded the Board about Ina recommending that an article about the State Park Passes for Residents also be added for the STM. Dina will get that article written as well.

Richard will meet the Colleen and get them number that is needed for the loan with the MBB for the Kennedy Bridge.

Dina received the Bond Document and forwarded then on to the SB today. The deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**- Road Commissioner Job Search – Update**

Richard reported that there are 3 candidates and there will be more detail in executive session. The SB will be setting up interviews with the potential candidates.

**- Personnel Policy – Status Update**

Dina said the it is still with the lawyer.

**- Cemetery Policy - Status Update**

The pricing was updated and the policy will be updated in the near future.

**New Business:**

**- Job Posting for Building and Grounds Attendant**

Richard said that they need to post the Building and Grounds Attendant's Positions and put someone in place. Richard worked on job posting and Did not go into details. **Lisa Miller, Select Board Member**, moved to post the job for Building and Grounds Attendant, **Richard Doughty, Select Board Member**, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**- Clarification of Weld Recreation Committee Status and discussion of any citizen's concerns. (Pickleball, communication, etc.)**

The Select Board explained that Weld Recreation is a committee and not a department. There is no one paid by the Town and the Legislative Body would need to vote to create Weld Recreation a Department of the Town.

Discussion on the following were discussed:

- Weld Recreation Facebook page
- Agenda items must be posted on the website
- Photos being posted of children – Waiver needs to be signed
- Who are the members of Weld Recreation Committee
- Pickle ball interest – Donation needs to be accepted by the legislative body

- Straw vote at the end of the Special Town Meeting on a pickle ball court.
- Lise Bofinger said she would work with Dina and create a survey to be sent out to taxpayers before the special town meeting.

**Dina Walker, Select Board member moved** to hold a public comment or a straw poll, after the Special Town Meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> to see what to do with the area by the Tennis Court/playground area as a pickle ball court or a recreational facility for the Town of Weld. The Weld Rec Committee is authorized to come up with a flyer survey and mail it out in advance of the meeting. **Lisa Miller, Select Board member 2<sup>nd</sup>** the motion and it was passed unanimously.

There are not concerns of what Weld Recreation are doing and they should proceed and go ahead with the September 28<sup>th</sup> games and pizza.

#### **- Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Solar Farms and Large Commercial Structures**

Lisa Miller said that she did not feel that the site plan ordinance is not the direction to go in. When they started it, they were talking about the Solar Farms and Large Commercial Structures. The site plan ordinance is something that the Planning Board should do. When the Committee was formed it did not include a site plan ordinance. Going forward Lisa feels that the Solar Farms and Large Commercial Structures Ordinance should be done and a site plan be a stand-alone Ordinance.

Dina Walker clarified that the Maine lawyers said that it should be a site plan ordinance and those were not her words.

Richard Doughty suggested that they convene that committee and see if we should move forward with a site plan. When this committee was formed, they met 1 time. He felt that the issue was combining the Solar Farm Ordinance and the Large Commerical Structure Ordinance and id they feel strongly for them have an Ordinance for each one and let the people vote on it. Richard also that they need to revise the Building Ordinance.

It was agreed that the Building Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan need to be revised.

There will be meetings set up after the Special Town Meeting.

**- Executive session under Section 405(6)(A): Personnel Issues**

**Richard Doughty moved** to go into executive session under Section 405(6)(A): Personnel Issues **Dina Walker 2nd** the motion and it was passed Unanimously.

**Lisa Miller moved** to come out of executive session under Section 405(6) (A). **Dina Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion** and it was passed **unanimously**.

**Lisa Miller moved** for the Select board to move forward on the Road Commissioner interview process and schedule tentative interviews for September 16, 2024 and September 23, 2024. **Dina 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion** and it was passed **unanimously**.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol J. Cochran".

Carol J. Cochran, Town Clerk