

## Select Board Minutes

Date: September 24, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Multipurpose Room

Next Meeting: October 8, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Minutes: **Dina Walker, Select Board Member** moved to accept the minutes from August 26<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup> as written with the corrections and **Lisa Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and passed unanimously.**

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

**Audience:** Jean Biondo, Lise Bofinger, Ina Toth, Becky Vining, Russell Banton, Julie Jervis, Carol Conant, Liz Boyle, Nancy Stowell, and Carol Cochran

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

Department Heads: There were not any in attendance.

Weld Fire: Lisa said that there have been 2 repeated rescues from Lawroweld in the last month. Corey had a question whether or not they could be billed.

Richard said that he did not think we could bill them for services, because they are non-profit, however perhaps they could be asked for an amount in lieu of taxes.

**Public Works:** The FEMA project is not finished; however, they are farther along than what Richard anticipated due to the lack of help. There are working on ditching the Temple Road, then will move on to the others roads.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> the Center Hill Road will be closed for a few hours to replace a culvert starting at 8 AM. Steve has posted the road to that effect and has left flyers at those residents that will be affected.

### **Old Business:**

- Prep for Oct 15th Special Town meeting - Review and approve articles

- 1) Approval of funding for Kennedy Bridge Dina Bond council has written \$190,000 or we can go with a cushion of \$210,000 3.87%

interest rate is the same. Lump sum we will be paying 210,000 is what we have to pay the interest Dina can take the bond for a lesser amount.

Richard believes that we should it be \$250,000 and we have already paid for part of this and set funds aside and we are asking for the \$190,000

The total need is \$238,539 and there is \$53,000 from LRAP that will go towards the project.

**Richard Doughty, Select Board Chair**, moved to accept article with as presented with the changes to appropriate the sum \$240,000 for the project and authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to negotiate General Obligation Securities for the Town not to exceed \$190,000. **Dina Walker Select Board Member**, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was voted unanimous.

- 2) Approval of supplemental pay for Equipment Operator  
\$2.50 per hour increase take it out of the Road Commissioner Account

Dina said that this does not have to go before the Town, because the amount of money for Road Commissioner was voted on at the March Annual Town Meeting. **Select Board Chair, Richard Doughty moved** to put the article as written to be voted on at Town Meeting. **Lisa Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> motion** and it was a unanimous vote.

- 3) Renew moratorium on Commercial Solar and Large Commercial Buildings

Richard reported that title attached is different than in Article 3 and feels that the article and moratorium should be the same. **Select, Board member, Lisa Miller** moved that the name in the Article should be changed to be the same as the Ordinance. **Dina Walker 2<sup>nd</sup>** the motion and it was passed unanimous.

Carol was asked to do the paperwork so that the Select Board can sign it and get it post this next week.

- Update on Vacant position

1) Road Commissioner- There are 3 candidates and the job application deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup> and the Board will meet in Executive Session on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

2) Building and Grounds Attendant – The job has been posted.

3) Weld Rec. Committee Coordinator-

April Demers resigned as Coordinator and Julie Jervis has indicated that she is willing to keep things moving along until someone else is appointed as coordinator. Julie asked if the Select Board will appoint a coordinator? The Select Board will appoint a coordinator when the Weld Recreation Committee chooses one.

Dina suggested the Weld Recreation Committee make contact the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments be contacted to help with their organizing the Committee. AVCOG will have samples from other towns that will help them with what is needed and how to go forward with a mission statement, etc.

The Weld Recreation Committee would like to see what the Town wants to see done at the Tennis Court Area. Suggestions were a pickle ball court, basketball hoops, etc.

Julie said that they have notebook that they have their minutes in and is in the process of writing a mission statement. April Demers is willing to work with the group and is working on getting their files in the file cabinet at the Town Hall.

Dina said that once they are organized that they will need to give to the Select Board a list of core members and they will be appointed.

Lise Bofinger has worked on a survey to be sent out to the Town. Lise sent the survey to Dina and Weld Recreation Committee for their input. Lise did not send the survey to Lisa or Richard but will do that in the next few days.

After the Special Town Meeting there will be Public Comment time to see what the Townspeople would like to see for the future for the creation of a multipurpose area on Town Property.

Richard said that the Town has the ability to send out a 1-page survey economically through Every Door Direct Mail. Lise Bofinger felt the best way was to send them out and return them electronically.

The link would also be put on the website so that it can be filled out and wither brought to the Town Office or put in the drop box outside the Town Office.

**Richard Doughty, Select Board Chair, moved** to authorized Carol to post a public hearing notice to gain information and town import regarding the creation of a multipurpose site owned by the Town.

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

**Dina Walker Select Board Member,** to authorize the Weld Recreation Committee at their October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to form a standing Committee of Membership and a mission statement to come before the Select Board. **Lisa Miller, Select Board member, 2<sup>nd</sup>** the motion and it was voted unanimously.

People can be added to the list - Committees will be appointed by the Select Board.

#### 4) Nancy Stowell – Retired from Tennis Court Maintenance

Richard thanked Nancy Stowell for taking care of the tennis courts over in the past years. Nancy spent a lot of time and effort to get the courts useable each spring and took care of them during the summer month.

Russell Banton is still interested in working on the tennis courts and see if he can physically do it and see if Reid will help him. Russell will also speak with Nancy to see if she will guide him on what's need to do in the Spring and Fall.

#### - Update Risk Reduction Grant –

Lisa Miller received a phone call from Maine Municipal and they decided AED machines do not reduce liability to the Town so they will not cover it through the Risk Management Grant.

Lisa will check with Sean and apply through the Weld Heritage Fund. The cost will be \$2,200 for 1 at the Town Office and 1 at the Town Hall.

**Dina Walker, Select Board Member,** for Lisa Miller to move forward with the Weld Heritage Fund with Weld Recreation contributing to the purchase of the AED Equipment. **Lisa Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion** and it was voted unanimously.

- Update on FEMA project moving forward

Steve has carried on since Dan left and the work done has been done and much of the material has been used.

- Update on Transfer Station Issues

(1) Ramp at the Transfer Station to the Compactor

Dina has received complaints on the ramp as well.

Lisa Miller, Select Board member, moved that if Richard has not heard back from the contractor that he had originally contacted that Carol will put out a bid on list serve and the website. **Dina Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion** and it was passed unanimously.

- DEP Inspection issues –

Richard said that they are working on the issues and are slowly moving forward to send in the required reports. Rodent control is progressing with 17 rats down.

## **New Business:**

- Stockpile Bids

One bid was received from Scott E. Pratt and Son Excavating 800 yards at \$15.55 per yard. **Lisa Miller, Select Board member moved to accept the bid. Dina Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion** and it was voted unanimously.

- **November 5<sup>th</sup> General Election**

1) Polls opening at 8 AM to 8 PM

**Richard Doughty, Select Board Chair, moved to open the Polls on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM and close them at 8 PM. Lisa Walker, Select Board Member 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion** and it was voted unanimous.

- Debrief on MMA Resources from Sept 2024 Executive Strategic Meeting


1) Maine Farmland Trust Information – Organization Farmland Municipal tools, policies etc.

2) Member Portal - Updating it trying to user friendly member portal each person for which is available for small towns.

- 3) Survey Results (communication with small towns)
- 4) Update manuals and legal resources CEO Municipal Officers
- 5) Background checks MMA free background checks

**Richard Doughty, Select Board Chair**, moved to approve donations for Weld Recreation from 8/27 through 9/24(\$42 for Fire Department and \$135 for Weld Recreation. **Dina Walker Select Board Member**, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol J. Cochran".

Carol J. Cochran, Town Clerk