

**Town of Weld**  
**Select Board Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Time: 5:30PM – 6:30PM (1 hour)

Location: Town Office Multi-Purpose Room

Dina Walker, Steve Conant, Lisa, Miller, Carol Cochran, Robert Jackson, Gayle Davis, Carla and Rich Gauthier, Liz Boyle, Russ Banton, Lisa Bofinger

**Call Meeting to Order:**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum – Quorum met will all present
3. Housekeeping
4. SB to vote on permitting members of public to speak on certain agenda items, if any

Gayle Davis others speak Steve Conant moved to all members of the public to speak on certain agenda items with Lisa Miller seconding the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting and Communications**

- Accept Minutes from SB meetings July 15, 2025 into the Town's records.

Lisa Miller moved to enter the July 15 Select Board minutes into the Town's records with Steve Conant seconding the motion which passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Salt Shed/Dome
  - MMA Risk Management Services: Follow-Up from July 2024 Property Survey – Structural concerns to salt shed addressed? Plan?

A copy of the inspection report done by Calderwood Engineering was sent to John Waterbury, MMA Risk Management, to follow up On the July 2024 Property survey.

MMA has a grant available for a salt dome constructed with Jersey Barriers which is 60 x 80 but is not made with a concrete floor.

- Grant research update - Lisa Bofinger and Ina Toth looked into the Resilience grant through MMA for the Sand and Salt Dome. This grant cycle in closed August.
- Lisa Bofinger drove out to to determine how that one was built. They built it themselves and was done cheaper than what was originally thought. The one in Industry does not have a concrete floor whit is needed to retain the salt from leaching into the ground. They are looking at a 60' x 80' size salt shed with a concrete floor. The cost will be between \$40,000 to \$60,000. Lisa suggested that Robert go with her to look at the salt shed.

## 2. Kennedy Bridge Reconstruction

- Construction Update
- Invoices paid

Dina Walker reported that it was going very smoothly and the railings are being installed and will be done by the end of this week

After making this payment there will be 2 more left.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion re: Webb Lake Association's (Gayle Davis) potential conditional gift for Town to create a pollinator garden at the Town Office property

Gayle Davis was present information on the pollinator garden that they are proposing for the Town Office. The members of WLA will get

the gardens ready this fall for massive planting in the spring. Gayle said WLA will fund the total project. The garden will have some type of irrigation system and will need minimal care. WLA members will volunteer to take care of the garden for the first 2 years then it would be the Town's responsibility.

All were in agreement that WLA proceed with the redo of the current garden to a pollinator garden being funded by them as well. There is paperwork that needs to be done and the Town vote on the project before we move forward. There is a special Town Meeting in September and it will be added to that Warrant.

Lisa Miller moved for the SB to propose draft article for a Pollinator Habitat Garden at the Town Office for the special Town Meeting in September. Steve Conant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was accepted unanimously,

2. The effect on Tax Commitment 2025 by the Select Board's Acceptance/Expense of \$150,000 FEMA funds towards Public Works gravel purchase post-Town Meeting (March 2025)

**(Treasurer: Colleen Stewart)**

*"I think the best thing to do is for you to include in your tax commitment the additional FEMA expenditures you'd mentioned of \$150,000 as part of your total Municipal Appropriation line up top and then include this same amount within the Other Revenue line below, so no net effect on your actual commitment, but this will allow it all be to be more easily followed and traced back to other records and reports. Separately, should there be another Town Meeting this year (hopefully), I do think it would also be ideal to have the townspeople bless this by way of an article approving the receipt of this additional FEMA revenue and the associated additional expenditure, even though both have already occurred at this point, just to be crystal clear for posterity's sake."*

(Auditor email to Treasurer 8/7/25)  
\$550,000  
Account for the \$150,000

3. Logistics Planning re Public Information Session Scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2025 @ 7PM in the Town Hall

Topics to be covered:

- Draft Site-Plan Review Ordinance
- Comprehensive Plan

Update at to the public results in April

Questions responses to those questions

Questions from the floor

The draft will be available 2 weeks before the Special Town meeting.

Comprehensive Plan:

There will be a table at the back of the Town Hall during the public hearing and survey boxes will be at the Town Office, Skoolhouse and Library

4. Adoption of the **Town of Weld's Administrative Policy**: Select Board members may approve disbursement warrants by email.

RESOLVE: That the Selectboard adopt the policy, that if a Select Board member is unavailable to sign a disbursement warrant due to extenuating circumstances, the Select Board member may approve the disbursement warrant prepared by the Treasurer by reviewing an email copy of the disbursement warrant and issue the member's approval by email response. The relevant Select Board member shall then sign the original disbursement warrant at the next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting that the member attends. The Treasurer shall print the Select Board member's response email and attach it to the relevant disbursement warrant for the Town's records.

Steve Conant moved to accept the resolve Town of Weld's Administrative Policy as written above. Lisa Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and was passed unanimously.

5. Execution of Town of Weld Free State Park Passes Program 2026 (August 15, 2025 – annual passes go on sale from Maine Dept of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry)

Treasurer's proposal:

- Announcement of Open Applications: week of August 11, 2025;
- Applications Close: Friday, Sept 12, 2025;
- Announce Application Results/Issue Passes: Monday, September 29, 2025

6. Department Updates:

**Transfer Station:** Steve recycling report never filled one out 110 questions – Steve is working with Judy filling out the report.

**Public Works:** Robert reported that FEMA 7 project and West Brook Road were finished,

**Fire Department:** Whenever there is a call on Tumbledown for a lost hiker or injury Weld Fire Department gets called out as first responders and do not get reimbursed for the State or from the individual. The department is looking into seeing if they can get reimbursed for their services either from the State or from the individuals as they do in other States.

7. MISC Matters

-Accept donations received since 7/13/2025 to date

Steve Conant moved to accept donations in the amount \$5,190 from the Weld Fire Department and \$2693.21 from Weld recreation with

for total of \$7,883.21 Lisa Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and was passed unanimously.

**Excavator-** Lisa has received questions on the purchase of a new excavator without first coming to the legislative body for approval.

Lisa had from Maine Municipal Association what can be done with reserve funds. The Select Board are trustees of the reserve funds and can authorize the expense for the purchase.

Dina authorized the expenditure for the excavator from the equipment reserve funds with Steve in agreement.

8. Executive Session re Personnel Matter (1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A))

Steve Conant moved to go to executive session re personnel Matter M.R.S. §405(6)(A)) Lisa Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Steve Conant moved to come out of executive session and Lisa Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No other resolution was passed as a result of executive session.

**Public Comment (15 mins)**

**Next Selectboard Meeting:**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 (Tax Commitment 2025)

**Adjournment:** Steve Conant moved to adjourn at 6:40 PM with Lisa Miller seconding the motion and it was passed with an aye vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J Cochran and Dina Walker