

Town of Weld
Select Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Time: 5:30PM – 6:30PM (1 hour)

Location: Town Office Multi-Purpose Room

Call Meeting to Order:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum yes
3. Housekeeping
 - a. BACKGROUND: Generally, to preserve order, all public comments are reserved to the end of the meeting at the completion of the SB's business; however, certain citizens have requested to comment on items in today's agenda.

RESOLVE: That the SB permit comment from the following individuals on the agenda issues below:

- Michelle Bellemare (unknown lot near/on Map 3 Lot 90) Dina Walker moved the resolve; Lisa Miller seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Communications

- Accept Minutes from SB meetings May 27, 2025 into the Town's records. Lisa Miller moved to accept the minutes from the May 27, 2025 into the Town's records, Steve Conant seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Transfer Station- Is under Public Works

Fire Department – Meeting Dates are the first and fourth Wednesdays

Public Works - The grader has been down for a week and will be back together tomorrow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review and Adopt: Personnel Policy (**Dina Walker**)

BACKGROUND: The draft personnel policy was circulated to the current SB on April 7, 2025.

RESOLVE: That the Selectboard adopt the draft personnel policy as written as a Town policy. Steve Conant moved to adopt the draft personnel policy as written as a Town Policy, Lisa Miller seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

2. Update on posting of adopted State Park Season Pass Policy and Lottery Procedure on Town Website (**Dina Walker**)

June 12th the applications are open for season passes to Mt. Blue State Park. There have been 5 season passes purchased and are at Skhoolhouse Variety. Those who pay Weld property tax or excise tax can sign out those passes for 3 days.

It was suggested that the applications be available at Town Meeting beginning in 2026.

3. Update and Discussion: Unknown Lot (Map 3 Lot 90) issues – ownership, collection of property tax (**Dina Walker**)

Dina brought everyone up to speed on the law of an unknown assessed owner.

The title company came up with the heirs of Olene Colton as the owner of the property. There are 2 people but the Town has not had time to contact them. Assuming the documentation is brought forward and one of these people are the owner, if Michelle is still interested in the property, she would need to make contact with them to talk about purchasing it.

If no one comes forward the property is assessed as unknown property and the Town is required to advertise in the newspaper for 3 consecutive weeks asking for the owner of this property to come

forward. If no one comes forward, the Town would foreclose on the property with the process will take at least a year. After foreclosure, (foreclosure will take place 18 months after the 3rd lien is placed on the property) the Town will own the property and will need to vote at Town Meeting whether to sell it.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Review and Discussion: Traffic Ordinances for SB adoption
(Dina Walker)
 - a. Draft Road Signage Ordinance
 - b. Draft Parade Ordinance
 - c. how to proceed in response to local organizations' request for summer events in public ways

WLA was given permission to hold the Raven Run on Center Hill Road starting at Mt. Bule State Park Headquarters during Lake Day to be held on July 12th.

The Select Board Member to oversee the Traffic Ordinance will be Steve Conant.

5. Discussion: Whether to renew the Town's membership with Maine Power Options (a program created by Maine statute, managed by both the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank) from July 2025-June 2026, for \$50/year. **(Dina Walker)**

Background: Maine Power Options counsels its members about their energy options and negotiate favorable pricing for members (public-serving and non-profits) based on their combined purchasing power.

The Town has not used these services from Maine Power Options during the free trial year of 2024-25. Membership is \$50 per year to join. Steve Conant will make contact with them for the next meeting.

If the Select Board decides to renew the Town's membership dues they will be paid from the General Government Current Expense Account - E-10-100-72.

6. Update and Discussion: Transfer Station (**Steve Conant**)

7. lack of response from Casella re request for signage, locks, and removal of waste oil which Archie's previously had accepted, solution needed for waste oil – North Coast Services –
Limit 2 mattresses and 2 tires during the free days.

North Coast Services charged \$30 for a mattress that was put into the dumpster.

Fees charged to residents will be reviewed in October following review of changes invoiced by our new provider.

8. **Logging truck parked at TG**

Lisa Miller brought up about the logging truck being parked at the Town Garage overnight. There was a person that asked about parking his logging truck at the Town Garage and he was told no. The discussion was that the truck could be in the way if there was a fire and access is needed to the water tank located by the bleachers. Robert will speak to the person and ask him not to park his truck there going forward.

9. **FEMA extension**

Lisa Miller has made an appointment on Monday with FEMA to ask for an extension which should be in 6 months.

Public Comment (15 mins)

Next Selectboard Meeting: [Tuesday, July 15, 2025]

Adjournment - Steve Conant moved to adjourn with Lisa Miller seconding it and was pass unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Cochran, Town Clerk