

Select Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Time: 5:30PM – 6:30PM (1 hour)

Location: Town Hall

Present: Select Board, Dina Walker, Lisa Miller, and Steve Conant

Audience: Colleen Stewart, Lise Bofinger, Carol Conant, Robert Jackson, Ina Toth, Liz Boyle and Carol Cochran

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum: Quorum was achieved.

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS: Lisa moved to appoint Dina Walker as chair of the Board for March – 2025 – March 2026, Steve Conant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Chair prepares the agenda and runs the meeting.)

Steve moved to appoint Lisa Miller as vice chair for March – 2025 – March 2026, Dina seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Lisa moved to appoint Carol Cochran as secretary for the March 2025 – March 2026, Steve seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

1. Welcome Steve Conant as new Selectboard Member (March 2025 – March 2028)

RESOLVE: Appoint Dina Walker as Selectboard Chairman, Lisa Miller as Vice Chairman, Carol Cochran as Secretary for the period March 2025 – March 2026.

OLD (unfinished) BUSINESS:

1. Update : Compréhensive Plan (Lisa Miller)
The committee had their second meeting with guest speaker Erica Bufkins, Planning & Environments Management of Androscoggin Council of Governments. Committee members selected their areas of interest. The Comprehensive Plan for 2007 was passed at the Annual Town Meeting in 2007. Carol was able to pull the

minutes from that meeting and confirmed that it passed. We don't know why it didn't make it to the State.

Erica will be at the next meeting with to tell the Committee where to find State numbers from population to income.

The Committed is planning to be at Lake Day, Heritage Day and possibly at the Historical Society so that the people will know about the Comprehensive Plan and so the Committee can receive public comment. There will be a Survey on line as well as on paper.

April 7th at 6PM will be the next meeting.

Update: Confirmation of Lisa Miller as Selectboard contact for FEMA/MEMA. Lisa was the alternate when Richard was on the Board, so she has moved up to the main contact person.

Lisa spoke with Evelyn at MEMA on March 4th and Lisa was told that the Byron Road project has been approved. She is still waiting for paperwork to be reviewed and signed off by 2 other people, then it will come back to Evelyn and she can cut one check in the amount of \$564,456.42

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss and authorize certain Selectboard members as Selectboard liaison for each municipal department/duty below:
Job description duties liaison for the department:

Town of Weld

Job Description: Selectboard Department Liaison

The Selectboard of the Town of Weld ("Town") shall authorize a Selectboard Member ("Selectperson") to act as the **Selectboard Department Liaison** to certain Town department(s) ("Department") for the period of one (1) year from one annual town meeting to the next. Such authorization may be terminated at any time by the Selectboard. Below is a description of the Selectboard Department Liaison's duties:

1. Act as the Selectboard's point-of-contact for the head of the Department and, if necessary, keep the Selectboard apprised of the day-to-day activities of the department.
2. Assist the head of the Department in the periodic review of the Department's current budget, and the future planning of the same; and report such progress to the Selectboard.
3. Attend, from time to time, training classes relevant to the Department offered by the State of Maine and its affiliate organizations.
4. Be familiar with the sections of the *Municipal Officer's Manual* relevant to the Department and the relationship between the Selectboard and Department and/or head of Department.
5. Be familiar with the rules and regulations that regulate the day-to-day activities of the Department.

- 1) General Government – Steve
 - a) Dina – IT and Legal
- 2) Public Works – (Buildings and Grounds) - Lisa
- 3) Transfer Station - Steve
- 4) Fire Department - Lisa
- 5) General Assistance Office – Dina with Lisa being her backup.
(Confidential position)

Steve Conant moved for the following: GG – Steve, IT & Legal – Dina, Transfer Station – Steve, Fire Department – Lisa and GA – Dina the GA Officers with Lisa being her backup. Lisa Miller 2nd the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Head/Committee Reports:

Fire Department -

Lisa said that Casey Smedberg, Mount Blue State Park Director, made them aware that the State will no longer fund the program that allowed a person at the base of Tumbledown advising hikers of the danger of hiking the mount too late in the day, appropriate attire, etc. Also, the

maintenance crew will no longer be funded as well, so that may mean more calls for the Fire Department.

Lisa said that the Fire Department has a new piece of equipment called a Bridge nozzle that will spray 100 gallons of water per minute. Training of the use of the new piece of equipment was last week.

Highway Department:

The new door for the salt shed has arrived and has been installed. The panels for the garage doors are also installed.

There are 15 frozen culverts on Town roads and the cost for them to be thawed is \$300 per culvert. Robert received a quote on a Power Eagle Model 4004-BOH6G Hot pressure Washer with a mounted hose wheel with 100' of hose. After discussion the Select Board said if there is money in his account to purchase this piece of equipment that he can make the purchase without making contact with the Select Board, however he must stay within his overall budget for the year. He should also communicate with Lisa as the liaison for public works.

1. Miscellaneous updates from the Selectboard, if any
MMA – Bond Council Bank has approved our loan for the Kennedy Bridge. Dina has received the paperwork, which has been sent to the other Board Members to review before the next meeting, so that they may vote to accept it.

“Solar Farms and Large-Scale Commercial Structures Moratorium Ordinance”:

Lisa advised that the “Solar Farms and Large-Scale Commercial Structures Moratorium Ordinance” will expire on April 15th. The Moratorium can be renewed by the Select Board at a regular meeting.

Assessment Day –

Lisa will be available to be at the Town Office on April 1st from 10 A until 2 PM to accept Veteran's and Homestead Exemptions, changes on valuations, etc.

Franklin County Commissioners:

There are vacancies in all five commissioner Districts. The Selectpersons may participate in the caucus or serve on the Budget Committee. The caucus will be held on Wednesday, March 26th at 5 PM in Franklin County Superior Courtroom.

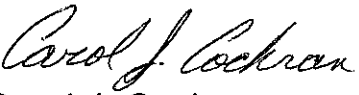
RUS#9 Vote on March 24th from 4 to 8 on the purchase of the Ingalls School for Adult Education.

Executive Session under §405 (6)(A) – personnel matter:

Motion made to move to executive session by Dina Walker, seconded by Lisa Miller, at 6:29 PM. No action to be taken as a result of executive session discussion made by Dina, seconded by Steve Conant. Motion to adjourn by Dina at 6:37PM, seconded by Lisa.

2. Next Selectboard Meeting: MP Room/Town Hall, 5:30PM, Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Respectfully submitted,


Carol J. Cochran