

**Town of Weld**  
**Emergency Select Board Meeting (01/23/2026)**

**Minutes**

*The Town of Weld Select Board meetings are recorded and open to the public for observation.*

**Location:** Weld Town Office, 23 Mill Street, Weld, Maine (Multi-Purpose Room)

**Date and Time:** Friday, JANUARY 23, 2026 @11:00AM

**Call Meeting to Order** – Dina Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11AM.

**Roll Call (Determination of Quorum):** Dina Walker determined, by roll call, that quorum for voting was achieved by 2/3 of the board being present.

**Steve Conant** – Present

**Lisa Miller** – Absent

**Dina Walker** – Present

**BUSINESS**

1. **RESOLVE:** The Select Board appoints Rick Davol as the Emergency Management Director for the Town of Weld for a 1 year term.  
**Motion in support:** Steve Conant  
**Second:** Dina Walker  
**Vote:** Both Steve Conant and Dina Walker voted in the affirmative.  
Rick Davol rejected the appointment. Position still vacant.
  
2. Using the following guidelines, the Select Board discussed whether to open the Multi-Purpose Room of the Town Office (“MPR”) as a Warming Center or Emergency Shelter for the upcoming weekend (01/24/2026-01/25/2026)
  - MMA Legal Services Legal Note to Select Board dated 1/22/26
  - Maine Emergency Management Agency (“MEMA”) warming center guidelines as published on its website
  - Pamphlets and instructions sent by Franklin County Emergency Management Agency (“EMA”) Director, Amanda Simoneau (CEM-ME), to Fire Chief Corey Hutchinson, dated 01/21/26, received by Select Board 01/23/26.

**Emergency Shelter** – The Select Board reviewed the municipal law and instructions from Franklin County EMA Director and applied the “local need” test in its discussions. The Select Board determined there was not a local need to open the MPR as an Emergency Shelter from 01/24/2026-01/25/2026.

No motion was put forth to open the MPR as an Emergency Shelter at this time.

**Warming Center** – The Select Board reviewed the municipal law and guidelines from MEMA in discussing whether to open the MPR as a Warming Center from 01/24/2026-01/25/2026. The Select Board was not able to identify a Town policy already in place to follow for a Warming Station nor could they identify 2 employees/volunteers to staff the Warming Center over the weekend to ensure that the MPR will be open to all members of the public seeking shelter. (See “not less than 2 staffing members” guideline published by MEMA for Warming Centers)

No motion was put forth to open the MPR as a Warming Station from 01/24/2026-01/25/2026.

The Select Board agreed and emphasized that a policy on opening and using the MPR as an Emergency Shelter and Warming/Cooling Centers needs to be established for the Town of Weld going forward. Dina Walker stated that Lisa Miller informed her that she will draft such a policy for the Select Board’s consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT (11:16AM)**

Motion to adjourn: Steve Conant

Second: Dina Walker

Vote: Unanimous

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Dina Walker*