

Town of Weld
Select Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Time: 5:30PM – 6:30PM (1 hour)

Location: Town Office Multi-Purpose Room

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

Call Meeting to Order:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum – All members of the SB were present.
3. Housekeeping; Vote to permit speakers from the audience, if any.
Lisa Miller moved to allow Tom Skolfield to speak on the Electrical work that the Mystic Tie Lodge that will be done at the Town Hall. Steve Conant 2nd the motion and it was passed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Communications

- Accept Minutes from SB meeting, Tuesday, August 12, 2025 into the Town's records.

Steve Conant moved to accept the August 12th minutes into the Town's records, seconded by Lisa Miller and were passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Brief: FEMA road work progress and financial reimbursement update
Lisa Miller reported that all the projects have been completed and the final paperwork and required pictures were filed within the 9/30 deadline and are awaiting on a date for the final meeting. There was \$10,000 spent over the FEMA amount and may be able to get re-imbursed.

2. Brief: Transfer Station – status of the recycling bi-annual report and the new reported past due annual report

Steve Conant reported that there were a few loose ends and the Annual Report will be sent in.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Brief/Discuss: Mystic Tie Lodge #154 (Masonic Lodge in Weld) potential donation to the Town of Weld for electrical rewiring of Weld Town Hall Mason's

Tom Skolfield was present on behalf of the Mason's – The Lodge building was built over 100 years and needs new and improved wiring as it has not been updated in the last 20 years. The wiring is 1920 issue. Upstairs there are 2 outlets in the kitchen and there are fluorescent lights. They want to replace 16 lights upstairs in the kitchen/dining room add more outlets. The price to do this work is in the \$4,000 range. They would like the Select Board to contract the electrician, with whom they will find, then the Masons will reimburse the Town the total cost. significantly more \$4,000. When the bill comes in within a month or 6 weeks, they will reimburse the Town.

Steve Conant said the money would come from Town Building Account to upfront the cost. The Select Board will consider working with the licensed Electrician and require a certificate of insurance from him with the Town being listed as an additional insured. The matter was tabled by the Select Board till the Mason's submit the electrician proposal to the Select Board.

2. Brief: Pre-Designated Landing Area (PELA) Information from Life Flight

August 22nd – PELA is a record in LifeFlight's record book with all of the quadrants that is needed that allows LifeFlight to locate the landing area without further information from the Town in case of an

emergency. All that is needed is a physical location and they already have the quadrants. Of course, LifeFlight can and will land at other coordinates provided by the Weld Fire Department if they are more efficient at the time of emergency.

3. Brief/Discuss/Vote: Commitment of 2025 Taxes

After looking at the numbers and looking ahead with the cost of the Kennedy bridge project over the next few years keep the lower rate this year. Lisa Miller moved that the mil rate be \$10.90 per \$1,000 value with an overlay of \$29,640.94. Steve Conant 2nd the motion and it was passed unanimously.

4. Brief/Discuss: Weld Rec Pollinator Murals Project - The canvas is 5' by 6'. This Saturday and Sunday there will be painting of these murals at the Multipurpose room hosted by Weld Recreation. The finished murals will be displayed at Skoolhouse Variety Store, the Weld Free Public Library, Transfer Station and Tennis Court. The pollinator signs will be displayed in the Fall and removed for the Winter. Displaying such murals for a limited time on town property violated no rules or regulations to the Select Board's knowledge.

State Park Passes - Julie Jervis said they have 15 names for the State Park Passes and have put another post on the website.

Phil Drapeau has donated Halloween decorations that belonged to Purse Drapeau.

5. Brief/Discuss/Vote: Resolve payroll discrepancy issue

Lisa Miller moved to deduct 5% from the employee's payroll to rectify the overpayment, Steve Conant 2nd the motion and was passed unanimously.

6. Brief/Discuss: Ordinance Adoption Proposal (Special Article to collect animal control fees)

- Municipal law requires an ordinance “establishing fees necessary and appropriate to finance the cost of animal control services” (see 7MRS Section 3950) to be adopted for a municipality’s collection of ACO fees to be legally enforceable

Repeat visits, time and labor is paid for and the Town needs to be reimbursed. There is a simple article which will be voted at Town Meeting. There has been payroll in the amount of \$510 spent.

The Select Board Chair will draft a copy of such ordinance for Select Board discussion.

7. Brief/Discuss/Vote: Moratorium/Special Town Meeting Schedule

- Extension of Large Commercial Structure/Solar Farm Moratorium (expiration: Sept 15, 2025; if approved by Select Board, moratorium would extend to March 15, 2026)
- Special Town Meeting Schedule/Agenda
 - i. Special Articles
 - ii. Commercial Site-Review Plan Ordinance Adoption

Lisa Miller reported that a public hearing where opinions were heard on Large Commercial Structures Ordinance and recommendations that were heard, there is a need to have 2 or 3 more meetings for the changes and send it back to our lawyer to be reviewed before going to Town Meeting.

Lisa moved to extend the Large Commercial Structure/Solar Farm Moratorium until March 15, 2026. Steve 2nd the motion and it was passed unanimously

Special Town Meeting articles:

Accept the in-kind donation from Brent Doug \$20,000
Animal Control Ordinance
Accept \$500,000 from FEMA
\$150,000 for gravel from LRAP

Kenedy Bridge Bond Loan has an interest payment due
November 1st –that will need town legislature approval before
annual town meeting in March 2026.

A Special Town Meeting was discussed to be scheduled in
October/November of the above.

8. Department Updates

Public Works:

Know when the deadline for insurance – Back wall of salt shed will be
reinforced.

Transfer Station maintenance done by Public Works. Work done at the
Transfer Station can be paid out of the Transfer's Station Building
Maintenance account. Public works are now spending 3 hours twice a
week cleaning up the free area and putting items in the dumpster and
items left out back of it, instead of putting them in, when they drop them
off.

Dina said the job descriptions need to be cleaned up so that the
employees know what is expected.

MMA Property and Casualty - \$30,00 has been received to cover the
sewer back up at the Town Office.

9. MISC Matters

Public Comment (15 mins)

Proposal for Next Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Cochran