

Town of Weld
Select Board Meeting
Minutes

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

Date and Time: Tuesday, JANUARY 13, 2026 @5:30PM

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

Call Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call (Determination of Quorum)

Quorum met: Dina Walker, Steve Conant and Lisa Miller

Recognitions

Steve Conant made a motion to allow Becky Durant Vining, Dirk Walker and Lise Bofinger to speak on items within the agenda, 2nd by Lisa Miller. Motion unanimously passed.

Executive Session – 1

Appointments -- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting (12/16/2025)

Steve Conant moved to approve the 12/16/2025 as amended on January 10, 2026 by Dina Walker. Lise Miller 2nd the motion. Lisa said that she had questions on the minutes and was not able to find her notes and was asking that she is given a chance to listen to the audio and present her questions at the next meeting.

Dina gave a counter motion giving Lisa time to listen to recording and table the minutes until the next meeting. The SB were all in agreement to table the minutes until the next SB Meeting (February 10th).

2. SB Liaison/Department Head Updates

Transfer Station: Steve said that we had received several reminders of a recycling report past due. This is a 2-year report that we have never done. Steve completed the 132-question report using reports from 2023 and 2024 and it will not need to be done again until 2027.

3. 2026 Budget Planning Update (Dina Walker/Becky Durant-Vining)

The next joint session with the SB and BC will be on January 27th. The BC will present their proposal budget to the SB for review and will be working together to approve a budget to submit to the Town in March.

4. Debrief from Public Information Session, January 7, 2026

- Draft Commercial Site Plan Ordinance

Dina reported that the Public Information session was very well attended and comments received at the information session will be taken into consideration for the next draft. The latest draft of the ordinance will be included in the Town Report and Annual Town Warrant.

- New Fire Station Project

Steve asked if the shared public service grant David Rackliffe had mentioned was an option. Lisa said it was not.

Lisa said that she is working on the tax impact for the Town. They are looking into another grant that may be available through Unorganized Territory that we cover. They are also looking into another grant of a joint public works and fire station. Philips has a

combination building and they understand that it has not worked out for them. Phillips will be contacted to discuss the reasons they don't feel it works.

Becky Durant Vining said that this Thursday the BC is putting together an excel spread sheet to figure out 2 different scenarios on the 2 million at 75% and 50% calculation of a bond. Lisa said the person from Senator Collins Office said 2 million, but when they were at the Sweden FD they were told the actual cost of their new Fire House was 1.8 million. The Kennedy Bridge loan for the Town will be paid off next year. Becky said have the information a week from this Thursday on what the in pact will be on our mil rate'

- New Recreation Space Project

RESOLVE: The Select Board authorizes Lise Bofinger, Chair of the Recreation Space Committee, to negotiate on behalf of the Town of Weld ("Town"), with the Owner of Lot 41 to settle on the boundary-line between Lot 41 and Lot 39 (Town property). Such verbal agreement shall then be memorialized in "Property Line Agreement" for the parties' signatures.

Lise spoke with the surveyor and he found the corners of the Latham and Town property, Houghton Brook and the mill channel. His recommendation is to do a boundary agreement where the Town talks to the property owner and both parties negotiate an agreement where the boundary line meets within a 50-foot strip of land. In order to go through this grant, we need a clean deed.

The Town will negotiate with the property owner and a lawyer will need to draft the deed. Lise can negotiate with the property owner and the surveyor can set the pins. Grant application is due June 26th or the end of June Lise did not have the exact date.

Steve moved to pass the resolve as written and Lisa 2nd the motion. Lisa thinks that a Town Official should be present during the negotiations with the property owner.

Steve amended the motion to say that the SB authorizes Lise Bofinger, Chair of the Recreation Space Committee and Lisa Miller, Select Board to negotiate on behalf of the Town of Weld “Town” Lisa 2nd the amendment and it was passed unanimously.

The original motion was then passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Treasurer’s Report (12/30/2025 and 1/12/2026 financial snapshots)

Dina explained that we are actually running on surplus right now because the budget for 2026 will be voted on at the March Town Meeting and at that time those figures voted on will be entered into each account in March.

6. Town and State Park Contract/Billing for Services (sanding, plowing, fill ice skating rink with water, etc.)
 - RESOLVE: The Select Board authorizes the Road Commissioner to sand the parking lot of Mt. Blue State Park on Saturday, January 10, 2026. The cost of sand and labor for this effort shall be billed to Mt. Blue State Park.

Robert said they used 2 yards of sand plus labor.

Lisa moved to accept the resolve as written, seconded by Steve and a unanimous vote.

Skating rink – Lisa noted that filling the skating rink is designated as a scheduled Fire Department training.

7. Town Office/USPS Plowing Issue Update

Prior to the Select Board meeting, Rocky Hill Landscaping, a company hired by Wilton USPS, informed the Town of Weld that Rocky Hill will now plow the Weld USPS side of the parking lot which currently is the responsibility of the Town of Weld’s responsibility under a lease/services contract between Wilton USPS and the Town of Weld. Dina Walker informed the Select Board that, after contacting Wilton USPS Post Master, he stated that Rocky Hill Landscaping was misinformed and he

has clarified with Rocky Hill that the Town of Weld continues to be responsible for the plowing of the Weld USPS parking lot.

- 8. Town Report outsource printing – \$1088.52** Steve moved to outsource the printing of the Town Report for this year and Dina 2nd the motion and it was passed with a unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Dina moved to go into executive session at 6:40 PM. Motion 2nd by Steve and was unanimous.

Executive Session §405 (6)(A) – Employee Matter

No decision was made by the Select Board coming out of executive session at 7PM.

Next Selectboard/Budget Committee Joint Working Session on 2026 Town Budget: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Carol will not be at the meeting due to surgery and Colleen will be asked to take minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT (15 mins)

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING PACKETS, IF ANY, ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TOWN WEBSITE UNDER “SELECTBOARD MEETINGS”

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Cochran