TOWN OF WELD

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SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date	September 15, 2026
Time	5:30 p.m.
Location	Weld Town Office – Multi-purpose Room
Board/Committee	Select Board

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lisa Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Miller, Chair; Dina Walker, Select Board Member; Steve Conant, Select Board Member.

3. MEMBERS ABSENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Select Board Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2026

The Board reviewed the minutes. Corrections submitted by Dina Walker had been incorporated. The Board also discussed a factual correction regarding the number of proposals received for the fire station engineering work.

Motion: Dina Walker moved to approve the August 18, 2026 Select Board meeting minutes as corrected.
Second: Steve Conant
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Select Board Special Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2026

The Board reviewed the minutes and had no additional comments.

Motion: Steve Conant moved to approve the August 24, 2026 special Select Board meeting minutes.
Second: Dina Walker
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the importance of reviewing minutes for accuracy prior to approval and clarifying the process for making factual corrections.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Protection and Solid Waste

The Board discussed Franklin County's request for information for the 2027 budget process, including reimbursement for fire protection, emergency services, solid waste, Perkins Township, Washington Plantation, Number Six, and Tumbledown Mountain rescue calls. Tom Schofield reviewed the municipal cost component process for unorganized territories and encouraged the Town to submit complete service costs, including apparatus hours, inflation, and related expenses. He also discussed the responsibilities of the Bureau of Parks and Lands and the need for broader county and legislative discussions regarding road maintenance and search-and-rescue costs.

B. Verault Tax-Acquired Property

Lisa Miller reported that Timothy Verault, beneficiary of the deceased owner's estate, is sending payment for the outstanding back taxes. Upon receipt of payment, the Town may proceed with a quitclaim deed returning the property to the estate while probate is pending.

C. Town Clerk and Transfer Station Attendant Positions

The positions were advertised through the Maine Municipal Association website, the Daily Bulldog, the Town website, and other local communication channels. Applications were being accepted through September 22. The Board discussed an inconsistency regarding whether the Transfer Station Attendant appointment is for one year or three years. The Town Report identifies the position as a one-year appointment.

D. Transfer Station Office Replacement

Steve Conant reported that SR-1 provided an estimate of approximately $16,500 for a modified 20-foot container with insulation, flooring, walls, heat, and electrical service, excluding delivery. Electrical work associated with the compactor, as well as the need and cost for a suitable pad, remains under review.

E. Morgan Road

The Board discussed maintaining Morgan Road in passable condition, including work on a rocky section, gravel, ditching, drainage, and a culvert. The road provides access for hikers and may also support Fire Department rescue access. The Board discussed considering additional work during the next budget cycle. If the road is discontinued, the Town would need to specify whether walking, bicycling, or other easements are retained.

F. WBRC Contract and Weld Fire Station Project

The Board discussed the proposed WBRC Phase One contract and the need to review the request for proposals, the proposals received, and the contract terms before committing to legal review. The Town attorney's role was identified as legal review, while the Board is responsible for determining the appropriate business and financial course of action.

G. 4-H Program

The Board discussed the recent 4-H informational meeting and the program's planned October 7 start. The Board clarified that 4-H is a private organization and is not Town-sponsored or funded with taxpayer money, although the Town may publicize the program.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Retirement Celebrations

The Board considered a proposal from Julie Jarvis to create a community subcommittee to organize retirement celebrations for Carol and Judy. Donations would be tracked separately through the Weld Recreation account, and the Recreation Committee could assist with setup and cleanup.

> **Motion:** Dina Walker moved to create a subcommittee to organize retirement celebrations for two Town employees using individual donations, with volunteers appointed by the Select Board.
> **Second:** Lisa Miller
> **Vote:** All in favor. Motion carried.

B. RSU Nine School Board Representative

The Board considered appointing Richard Doughty to complete Debbie Smith's term as RSU Nine School Board representative. The term ends in March 2027, with the subsequent election expected in February 2027.

> **Motion:** Dina Walker moved to appoint Richard Doughty as RSU Nine School Board representative for the remainder of Debbie Smith's term through March 2027.
> **Second:** Steve Conant
> **Vote:** All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Wreaths Across America

Wendy reported on an effort to place wreaths on veterans' graves in all five Weld cemeteries in December. Planning for cemetery assignments, ceremony details, sponsorships, and wreath removal is ongoing. No Town funds are being requested. The Board discussed publicizing the program through Town communication channels.

D. Planning Board Summer Meetings

The Board discussed a request for twice-monthly Planning Board meetings during June, July, and August beginning in 2027. The Planning Board's general consensus was that regularly scheduled additional meetings were unnecessary. The Board noted that the Planning Board may schedule additional meetings when needed, subject to required public notice, and that any budget impact would be considered through the normal budget process.

E. Voter Tabulator

The Town is receiving a new voter tabulator for the upcoming election. The Town Clerk must sign the user agreement. The Board discussed changing the lock on the storage-room door to ensure the machine remains secure.

F. Park Passes

Historically, park passes were purchased with funds from George and Raymond Frank Foundation. Those funds have been expended, and the program is temporarily on hold while the Town contacts the foundation. Dina Walker reported that a George and Raymond Frank Foundation representative expressed interest in continuing the program.

G. Winter Sand Stockpile Bids

Bids for the 2026–2027 winter sand stockpile were issued and are due October 1. Sand must be delivered to the Town garage by November 1. The Board also discussed issuing future bids in the spring to provide contractors with additional time to prepare sand and gravel for delivery.

H. Tax Commitment and Overlay

The Board reviewed a proposed mill rate of 0.010500, which would produce an estimated overlay of $29,651.01. The proposed amount was intended to remain near the Town's historical overlay target of approximately $30,000. Dina Walker stated that she had just received the worksheet and was not prepared to vote. The proposed motion was withdrawn, and no formal vote was taken.

I. Miscellaneous Matters

The Board approved a request from Ursula Winthrop to serve beer and wine at a September 19 celebration of life at Town Hall.

Motion: Dina Walker moved to approve serving beer and wine at the September 19 celebration of life.
Second: Steve Conant
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board also reviewed an abatement involving five vacant campers at Dummer's Campground, including a tax bill that had been assessed to the wrong person.

Dina Walker reported that AVCOG had provided draft amendments to the draft Shoreland Zoning and Floodplain Management ordinances and would provide a revised Building Ordinance. The Planning Board and AVCOG were expected to review the drafts on September 23 at 5:00 p.m., followed by Select Board and legal review before eventual Town consideration.

7. MOTIONS, SECONDS, AND VOTES – SUMMARY

#	Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Vote
1	Approve the August 18, 2026 Select Board meeting minutes as corrected.	Dina Walker	Steve Conant	All in favor; carried
2	Approve the August 24, 2026 special Select Board meeting minutes.	Steve Conant	Dina Walker	All in favor; carried
3	Create a subcommittee to organize retirement celebrations using individual donations.	Dina Walker	Lisa Miller	All in favor; carried
4	Appoint Richard Doughty as RSU Nine School Board representative through March 2027.	Dina Walker	Steve Conant	All in favor; carried
5	Approve serving beer and wine at the September 19 celebration of life.	Dina Walker	Steve Conant	All in favor; carried
6	Adjourn the meeting.	Steve Conant	Dina Walker	All in favor; carried

8. NEXT MEETING

Date: October 13, 2026
Location: Weld Town Office – Multi-purpose Room

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Steve Conant moved to adjourn the meeting.
Second: Dina Walker
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared using Otter.ai transcription.

Approved by: Select Board
Date of Approval: October 13, 2026