

WALDEN SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 17,2024

Present: Robert Hatch, Brenda Huntoon, Randolph Wilson, Debbie Messier and Judy Clifford

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm (Late start to meeting due to BCA Hearing going long)

The minutes of the June 3,2024 meeting were approved as written.

Public comment: Judy Clifford, for the cemetery commission, questioned the use of the ARPA Funds that have been earmarked for cemetery. The board stated that the \$10,000.00 could be used at the discretion of the cemetery commissioners. The funds will need to be allocated by December 31,2024 but work can be completed up to Dec, 31,2026. See attached letter to Selectboard from Roger Fox regarding purchase of photovoltaic generation system.

Lister appointment: The board appointed Michelle Foster to the open lister seat. The appointment goes until Town Meeting 2025.

Review of FY24 budgets: The General Budget is currently projected to end with a deficit. Unexpected expenses include Cyber Security (due to failures of equipment), zoom upgrades, postage increases and Calex. Due to the flood recovery efforts and unexpected equipment repairs the Highway budget is also looking at ending with a possible deficit. The short-term loan received only covered funds expected from FEMA not the State of VT portion or the Town portion. After FEMA and State funds are received there will be a small surplus. Debbie will further research budget closure options that will be discussed at the July 1 meeting.

Road Report: Bob and Lonnie continue to work on Coles Pond Road ditching with Better Back Roads Grant money.

Town Clerk's Report: FEMA processes are moving forward. It is still uncertain what the final percentage of re-imburement will be. The weatherization of the town office will begin soon. This will occur on days the office is closed and will be ongoing. The delinquent dog list still has many unknowns. Please register your dogs.

Bills were signed

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Submitted by R. Wilson