

WALDEN SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

The minutes of the April 22, 2024, meeting were approved as presented

The Board reviewed two short term operation loan options. After discussion the board chose Passumpsic Savings at a rate of 5.79%. Walden has been approved for \$192,000.00 in reimbursement from FEMA to cover our flood recovery efforts. That is 75% of total expenses, leaving 25% for the FY24 budgets to cover, less 7% from the State of Vermont.

Road Report: Both 10 wheelers are experiencing mechanical problems. The Mac a fuel deficiency and the International a rear-end problem. The grader and loader are in excellent repair.

Town Clerk's Report: Walden has 164 registered dogs with possibly 96 out of compliance. The office and constable will try to contact owners thought to be keeping un-registered dogs. The office desks and cabinets obtained from VT. Leagues of Cities and Towns for free are in the office. Better and increased storage cabinets and workstations. Green-up day was successful. The Town had one bid for weatherization of the office. We approved the bid from T & K Mayo Enterprises, LLC to include \$10,000.00 of materials and \$18,000.00 of labor.

Road Crew Member: The board entered executive session to review and discuss the applications from four qualified people. After discussion the position will be offered to Lonnie Waterman from St. Johnsbury at a rate of \$25.00 per hour without benefits.

Bills, the road-side mowing contract, and two overweight permits were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Submitted by R. Wilson