

WALDEN SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2024

Present: Robert Hatch, Randolph Wilson, Debbie Messier, Dia Michaud and Roger Fox

The meeting was called to order, following the abatement hearing, at 6:50 pm.

The minutes of the January 2, 2024 meeting were approved as written.

Public Comment: Roger Fox thanked the board for its efforts to minimize property tax increases and then retired from the meeting.

Road Report: The Town crew continue to plow and sand roads. They were able to get all repairs done to equipment.

Town Clerk Report: The office is working on the Annual Report. Dia has been helpful in the office while also dealing with delinquent taxes. Our FEMA progress has been delayed because of staff changes in the local FEMA office.

Finalize FY25 Budgets: At the previous meeting the board discussed a short-term loan for \$30,000.00 to finalize the purchase of the six-wheel tuck. The alternative is an overall budget increase of 4.40%. A loan over three years will increase the overall budget by 2.42%. This will be a 1.04% decrease in the Highway budget and if the loan is approved, an increase of 8.42% in the General budget. The board approved the loan article for the warning.

Town Warning Articles: The board discussed the Town Meeting Warning. Dia will work to improve the article stating when property taxes are due. The article needs to be updated to meet current statutory requirements.

Bills and two overweight permits were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Submitted by R. Wilson