

## Walden selectboard Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm

The minutes of the November 20,2023 meeting were approved as written.

Public Comment: Roger had questions within the General Budget and discussed the Equipment Replacement Schedule. The Replacement Schedule will be updated for the 2023 Town Report.

The General Budget will be presented with an increase of over 6%. The primary increase is our ambulance contract with Calex. There are also increases in health insurance, electricity, cemetery mowing, fire department and computer updates.

The Board discussed an emergency generator for the garage. A decision was tabled until additional quotes can be obtained.

Zoom availability was discussed. Our contract expires March 15, 2024. Whether or not to continue or return to pre-pandemic recordings will remain a topic of consideration that may be presented at Town Meeting.

There was no road report

The Town Clerk reported that the 2023 Town Report is being worked on now. This will give time for office staff and auditors to review it.

Other Business: The plowing bids were opened. Louie Patoine was awarded the contract.

The Board also voted to contribute \$150.00 to Front Porch Forum to acknowledge the coverage they provide.

Bills were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Submitted by R. Wilson