

## WALDEN SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2023

Present: Robert Hatch, Brenda Huntoon, Randolph Wilson, and Debbie Messier in person. Roger Fox via zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

The minutes of the December 4, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

Public Comment: Roger noted that municipalities can borrow money at a lower rate than individuals. The board had discussed the small truck replacement for several years and planned to make the purchase through the equipment fund.

The board discussed the development of our Highway and General Budgets and have finalized both. The Highway Budget will be presented with a 4.08% increase. The General Budget will be presented with a 4.71% increase. The board also discussed and further developed our equipment replacement schedule. The Capital Improvement schedule was also reviewed.

Road Report: The road crew has been dealing with breakdowns while getting the roads plowed and sanded. One truck had a computer failure, one had a spring break, and the grader developed a problem in the rear-end. As of our meeting they had two trucks operating, but the grader remains out of order. The board accepted an emergency generator bid from Degreenia Electric to be installed at our garage. The cost from our Capital Fund will be \$10,895.00.

Town Clerk Report: FEMA paperwork continues in the office.

The board agreed to give year-end bonuses to our five workers.

Bills were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

Submitted by R. Wilson