

Walden Selectboard Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2024

Present: Robert Hatch, Brenda Huntoon, Randolph Wilson, Debbie Messier and Tom Muth in person. Marie Blodgett via zoom (with partial audio)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

The minutes of the April 8,2024 meeting were approved.

Public Comment: Tom Muth discussed road conditions

ARPA Funds: The board voted to move the ARPA Funds from the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund back to ARPA Fund Account. The Board then voted to allocate the remainder of the funds. At the April 8,2024 meeting the Board voted to allocate funds to a solar array at the Town garage to net meter the municipality and allocate funds to weatherize the Town office. New allocations include an outside Town audit, office computers and firewall security, the Cemetery Commission, the Library and Playground Committee. Any remaining funds will go to the office renovation account. A complete list of ARPA Allocations is included.

Roadside Mowing Bids: The Town received two roadside mowing bids. The bid from Walt Nebrosky was accepted.

Road Report: The foreman continues to add gravel and grade as needed. An ad will be out this week searching for a short-term crew member. Our equipment is in good repair. Our sand pile is already half of next winter's need.

Town Clerk's Report: The office has sent out 58 postcards to dog owners that are delinquent in their registrations. The school has scheduled a re-vote for their budget on May 7,2024. The vote will be by Australian ballot at the Town office from 10 am to 7 pm. The FEMA projects from the July flood have a total calculated cost of \$ 255,253.98. Walden is expecting a reimbursement of 75% and could be up to 90%. This money will be available sometime this year. Walden will take a short-term loan to balance our out going FY24 budgets. The board will vote on the loan at our next meeting on May 6, 2024. In the next two weeks the town will operate with \$60,000.00 from our Capital Fund which will be replaced with the loan. Voted by the board. The listers are inspecting properties with noted changes. If you have made changes, please call the office. Green Up Day is May 4,2024. The garage will have dumpsters for Green Up Bags and tires from 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Bills, two overweight permits, and the Local emergency management plan were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Submitted by R. Wilson