

WALDEN SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 20,2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

The minutes of the May 6,2024 meeting were approved as written.

There were no public comments.

A Washington Electric pole permit was signed for new homes on the class 4 Coles Pond Road

Road Report: The Mack 10-wheeler is repaired and back in service. The International 10-wheeler is in the shop waiting for parts to re-build the rear-end. The damage was caused by the very difficult conditions associated with the last snow on muddy roads.

The highway budget is extremely low. The crew will continue to grade roads, haul needed gravel and haul winter sand for the remainder of May. Walden will rent an excavator for June to do Better Roads Projects that are grant financed. The office just received grants for a climate resiliency culvert upgrade that will also be done in June.

Town Clerk's Report: Washington Electric is expected to complete their engineering for the net metering project. We will know if a transformer upgrade is required. FEMA is in the process of updating Flood Plain Maps. Walden will be included in this, as it has not been mapped in the past. It was suggested at an informational meeting that Walden become part of the National Flood Ins and Bylaws be written for River Corridors. 89 dogs are still not registered. At the last FEMA meeting it was reported that the re-imbusement for the 2023 July Flood could go to 90%, up from the expected 75%.

The Listers requested an extension of 30 days for the lodging of the 2024 Grand List Abstract, which the Board signed.

The office received guard rail price quote for Summer Hill Road. After discussion the project was postponed until the FY25 budget has begun.

Bills, three overweight permits, a Washington Electric Pole Permit Request, and a Grand List Extension were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Submitted by R. Wilson