

WALDEN SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2024

Present: Robert Hatch, Brenda Huntoon, Randolph Wilson, Debbie Messier, Michael Southworth and Bart Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

The minutes of October 7, 2024, meeting were approved

Louis Patoine submitted the only plowing bid at last year's costs. He was awarded the contract.

Walden received two Engineering bids for the Orton Road bridge replacement. Ruggles Engineering Services, Inc. of St Johnsbury was awarded the contract.

Road Report: The crew continues to prepare for winter. Grading and road repairs are being continued with the favorable weather. Some gravel will continue to be stockpiled and added to roads as needed.

Town Clerk's Report: Sullivan and Powers will be hired to conduct an outside audit. They will review records in December and then audit in July for 2024/2025. The cost will be \$22,000.00. The Stannard Mtn. Road FEMA paperwork for 2023 Flood has been completed with re-imbursement expected in November. The third 2024 FEMA meeting will occur October 22, 2024 at 11:30 am. The Fire Dept. has used their ARPA allocations from the town. The library has almost utilized their ARPA funds. The cemetery is in the process with the deadline of October 31, 2024 for allocation of funds.

ARPA Allocations: The \$30,000.00 ARPA allocation for office weatherization has been altered. \$10,000.00 will go towards the office with the balance coming from the reserve fund for office renovations. \$9,000.00 will go towards the updating of the St. of Vt. Parcel Viewer, \$6,000.00 towards the outside audit and \$5,000.00 to cover Calex cost.

The board discussed the first draft of the Town Plan and received a second draft that we will review. Discussed the proposed schedule for its completion by the Planning Commission.

Bills were signed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm

Submitted by Randolph Wilson