

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD-REGULAR MEETING

April 4, 2016

Select board members present:

Roger Strobridge

Cheri Goldstein

James "Ted" Lamb

Guests present: Stewart Clark, Judy Knapp, Kate Willard, Kate Wanner, Bill Arrand, Brian Powers

The meeting was called to order by Roger at 6:32 p.m.

Cheri moved to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2016 Selectboard meeting. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

Public Input: Stewart Clark inquired about a letter previously sent to the Selectboard by Bill Haines, which suggested forming a committee to investigate options for the purchase of an excavator for the highway department. He was informed that discussion about the possible purchase of an excavator will be put on the agenda at a later date.

New Business: Judy Knapp, representing the Worcester Historical Society, contacted Northstar Fireworks about moving the staging area for the July 4th fireworks display. Northstar submitted a map showing a new location that maximizes the distance between the staging area and homes located around Ladd Field. The Selectboard approved the new location and a map of the new location is expected to be delivered to Jim Dawson.

Kate Willard and Kate Wanner, representing the Vermont Department of Forests Parks and Recreation and the Trust for Public Land, respectively, informed the Selectboard that they are interested in purchasing 1003 acres of the Patterson Brook Headwater land in Worcester and were seeking Selectboard approval. The land is around the Hunger Mountain trailhead and would become part of the CC Putnam State Forest and would be managed by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Cheri motioned to support the addition of the Patterson Brook Headwater land to the CC Putnam State Forest. Ted seconded. Motion passed.

Brian Powers reported that the town grader is currently under repair and should be finished soon. He also stated that the grader that was lent to the town by Calais was returned with a new cut blade installed. Worcester's grader is approximately 20 years-old and discussions were had about creating a preventive maintenance schedule for brake replacement. Brian also indicated he will be test-driving excavators over the upcoming summer.

Katie Winkeljohn informed the Selectboard that she would like to purchase the option to deposit checks via scanner instead of driving to Barre to personally deposit town checks. The service is \$15.00 per month. The Selectboard unanimously agreed to purchase the check-scanning service from Merchant's bank.

Old Business: Worcester's Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) will be reviewed at the next meeting. Appropriate appendices to the plan are expected to be reviewed and added to the plan at a later date. The plan is expected to be approved and submitted by May 1, 2016.

The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) was reviewed and it was determined that the Town Plan, which includes parts of the LHMP, needs to be updated. Initial changes will be made to the LHMP. A planning commission meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2016 and Katie will post a call for volunteers on Front Porch Forum.

Correspondence: Cheri moved that Steve Lang be appointed the Town of Worcester Fire Warden. Ted seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements: The next regularly-scheduled Selectboard meeting will be on April 18 at 6:30 pm at the Worcester Town Clerk's Office.

Bills: Signed as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Attest: James "Ted" Lamb