

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD-REGULAR MEETING

November 21, 2016

Select board members present:

Roger Strobridge

Cheri Goldstein

James "Ted" Lamb

Guests present: Katie Winkeljohn, Laura Ranker, Ashley Andrews, Stewart Clark, Bill & Leslie Haines, Joe Audet, Will Sutton, Wayne Holland

The meeting was called to order by Roger at 6:30 p.m.

Cheri moved to accept the minutes of the November 7, 2016 selectboard meeting. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

Public Input: Bill Haines addressed the Selectboard about creating a policy for purchases over \$25,000 stating that he was concerned about town indebtedness, increasing property taxes, transparency, and voter participation. It was agreed that meeting minutes could be more detailed and additional warnings of selectboard meetings could increase voter participation.

Joe Audet presented an Application for Certification of Approved Location of Salvage Yard, which had been approved for 2016. The new application was signed by all members of the selectboard and is good for five years.

New Business: Laura Ranker and Ashley Andrews reviewed the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) for Worcester. The plan identifies possible hazards that could affect the community and proposes mitigation strategies. Currently the town has a flood plan and corridor plan, which will be included in the LHMP.

Katie presented the selectboard with a preliminary budget for the town office. The budget was reviewed and will be discussed again in the near future.

Ted reported that he received a complaint about trash and possible rodent infestation on Brown Road.

Old Business: Will Sutton and Wayne Holland stated that the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) is working on a budget for 2017. Will also discussed the placement

of a dry hydrant on Norton Road and the need to replace the 10 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) over the next few years.

Announcements: The next regularly-scheduled Selectboard meeting will be on December 5 at 6:30 pm at the Worcester Town Clerk's Office.

Bills: Signed as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Attest: James "Ted" Lamb