

**TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT**

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD-REGULAR MEETING**

**December 7, 2015**

**Select board members present:**

Roger Strobridge

Cheri Goldstein

James "Ted" Lamb

**Guests present:** John Mallery, Hillary Niles, Brian Powers, Judy Knapp, Katie Winkeljohn

The meeting was called to order by Roger at 6:27 p.m.

Ted moved to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2015 Selectboard meeting. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

**Public Input: None**

**New Business:** Hillary Niles reported that the town website is up and live. The website has been streamlined and will provide updated information on matters regarding the town, including meeting agendas and minutes. The website is [www.worcestervt.org](http://www.worcestervt.org)

Ted motioned to allocate \$2,000.00 from the 2016 town budget to the Worcester Historical Society. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

Brian Powers reviewed the capital equipment fund and presented some scenarios on fund balances with anticipated equipment purchases. The projections extended to 2023 and illustrated a clear need to increase the capital equipment fund. In addition, Brian reviewed the reasons why he feels a third full-time employee is needed for the highway department. Some of those reasons include: 1) Compliance with VOSHA requirements, 2) Increased administrative duties as a result of the Lake Champlain stormwater clean up efforts, and 3) Training a replacement for Tim, who is expected to retire in the near future.

Katie Winkeljohn presented the Selectboard with an updated delinquent tax report. Letters are expected to be sent out to the appropriate individuals.

**Old Business:** John Mallery discussed the events that led to the electrical repairs by Wendell Electric this summer at the town hall. The Selectboard agreed to pay the outstanding bill to Wendell Electric, but emphasized that all contracted repairs made to town property must have prior approval of the Selectboard. John was thanked for all the work he has done on the town hall.

**Correspondence:** None

**Announcements:** The next regularly-scheduled Selectboard meeting will be on December 21 at 6:30 pm at the Worcester Town Clerk's Office.

**Bills:** Signed as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Attest: James "Ted" Lamb