TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD-REGULAR MEETING

Selectboard members present: Ted Lamb, Ben Jones

Guests present: Katie Winkeljohn, Will Sutton

The meeting was called to order by Ted Lamb at 6:30pm, 4/15/2019

Move to accept the minutes of the 4/1/2019 Selectboard meeting was presented. Motion did not pass as there were no meeting notes available to review.

Public Input: None

New Business:

• VFD

- o Discussed the general state of the WVFD and not much is going on.
- o There were a few general calls, mostly medical related.
- New Fast Squad leader would like to ramp up training however that may have to be dialed back due to recent spending on new air packs.
- o Katie Winkeljohn to research possible grants for continued training
- The Northfield VFD will be putting on a fast squad training once a week in the near future, it may be possible to send a couple of the WVFD members to this.
- Will attended a training in Maine on 4/6/2019 which was specific to small town fire chiefs.
- A lot of the training was centered on recruitment and retention of new volunteers.

• Town Maintenance

- We moved to accept a bid for \$4,316.00 to paint the 1st floor of the town hall. Work will be done by <u>Hyline Painting</u>.
- We discussed replacing the curtains in the town hall at a later date.
- We discussed updating the lighting in the town hall with recessed lighting.
 This will be placed on hold until further discovery is done to identify the amount of work needed to accomplish this.
- We discussed siding on the town hall which needs some repair. Some of the siding is cracked or missing.
- The potential pros and cons of hiring a town maintenance person were briefly discussed. The bulk of this discussion will be saved for the next meeting when all Selectboard members are present.
- Ted brought up the idea of raising the bid/purchase limit to a higher amount in order for the Selectboard to be more effective and proactive at addressing maintenance for the town. This idea was seconded by Ben Jones. This will be discussed further at the next Selectboard meeting.

• Public works

- We discussed getting a new laptop for Brian Powers that could also be used during elections. Brian's current desktop is in need of replacing, it is getting a bit old and not functioning to the best of its ability.
- We also discussed possibly getting tablets/laptops to be used by the road crew while on the road. This is needed to satisfy state requirements for aid. Duties and actions taken may need to be documented in order to provide the state with data to review for grant qualifications.

Old Business:

• None

Announcements: The next regularly-scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held on May 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Worcester Town Office.

Bills: Signed as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm

Attest: