

**WORCESTER SELECTBOARD MEETING
16 NOVEMBER 2015
MINUTES**

Selectboard attendees: Cheri Goldstein, Roger Strobridge
Guests: Brian Powers, Road Commissioner
Katie, Town Clerk
Will Sutton and Craig Lang for the fire department

Meeting called to order at 06:30pm.

Roger moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting of November 2, 2015, Cheri seconded. Motion passed

The Historical Society was placed on old business.

Public input – none

Will and Craig gave the report of the fire department. The monthly report shows no expenditures. There was no official meeting in October due to the lack of a quorum.

ANR was contacted regarding the alleged dredging operation on the Minister Brook. Jaron Borg, a river management engineer came out and looked at the brook. He informed Roger that up to 10 cubic yards of material can be moved without a permit. It was Jaron Borg's view that 10 Yards had not been moved. However, it is a boarder line situation that ANR will be keeping an eye on. They are now on notice. While the brook is open for all to use, it was noted that landowners have the mineral rights to anything found in the brook that is on their land. If a landowner complains, then those searching for the minerals must leave.

Worcester Rangers led for an addendum to their permissions to be added. This will allow for a member to ride into the trail system from their home near Norton Road. This was agreed to and the permission was signed.

Old business:

The proposed budget for the fire department was given to the Selectboard. The largest increase came in the communications budget line. This is due to the cost of dispatching - over which we have limited control. There is an ongoing issue with the Town of Alburg using the same band on the radio making it almost impossible for those 27 town that use the same band to hear each other. This is an ongoing issue that all of these town fire departments are trying to address. The fire department believes that 15k is a minimum that needs to be placed in the equipment fund in order to keep it sustainable.

Options for The repair/replacement of the siren on top of the municipal building are being gathered by the fire department and the town clerk.

The fire department will need to begin to replace air tanks for active members. This is a 2017 budget consideration.

Will be contacting Matt for the indoor painting that needs to be completed this winter in the fire department section of the municipal complex.

There is an outstanding invoice from CE Wendel Electric for \$1,093.04. John Mallory had authorized this company to work on the town hall. This was an issue that John Mallory had been told to correct as it was part of the kitchen renovation work that John had completed. It was part of his original quote and he needed to get the repairs made because he had been paid for all the work. John Mallory had no authority to bind the town for this work. John will be expected to pay for this work, not the town.

Local speed limits are included in section 1007 of the Vermont statutes. This has been put in the file of the town clerk's office. The town can adopt the speed limits set by the state, but the town can not alter them. This information will be passed on to the members of the community who asked for it.

The cemetery commission wrote the Selectboard and asked for an allocation of 4000 dollars in the budget. The mowing itself costs 4700. The letter is on file.

The Road Commissioner, Brian discussed an equipment schedule through 2022 and as far out as 2032. Different scenarios were discussed as far as equipment and financing. Katie and Brian will continue to review options.

A Driveway application for Sophacles Petrioles was reviewed and signed.

Bills were signed
Adjournment at 08:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheri Goldstein