

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD-REGULAR MEETING

July 1, 2013

Selectboard members present:

Roger Strobridge

Cheri Goldstein

James "Ted" Lamb

Active participants present: Brian Powers, Sabra Fairbanks, Matt McLane, Tammy Thompson, William Barker, Randy Shover, Lou Bravakis, Alex Bravakis, Collen Kutin, Laura Atkinson

The meeting was called to order by Roger at 6:36 p.m.

Cheri moved to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2013 Selectboard meeting. Ted seconded. Motion passed.

Public Input: Colleen Kutin asked if she could build a tool shed for the community garden. She was informed she would need to submit a written proposal to the Ladd Field Committee for initial approval before the Selectboard could approve the project. Follow up is expected.

Laura Atkinson proposed the Town of Worcester purchase carpet runners to protect the Town Hall floor. Funds are available and she was asked to find out the size and cost of the runners before they were purchased by the Town of Worcester.

Old Business: Brian Powers reported recent rains have caused severe damage to both Collar Hill and Down's Road, but that repairs had been completed. He cautioned that continued heavy rain could cause more flooding and road damage. He also reported there are approximately \$6000 worth of culverts that need to be replaced, but he only has \$4000 in his budget.

William Barker, Tammy Thompson, Matt McLane and Randy Shover, representing Eagle Ledge Trail and Shepard's Hill Trail were present to discuss the continued heavy, unauthorized and damaging use of the trails by recreational vehicles. After lengthy discussion the following were presented as a plan of action: 1) Check the enforceability of an existing town ordinance that prohibits unauthorized motorized travel on both Eagle Ledge and Shepard's Hill trails, 2) increase the penalty of unauthorized use (if ordinance is found enforceable), 3) increase the presence of the Town Constable at the beginning of Eagle Ledge Trail, 4) contact off-road magazine editors informing them Eagle Ledge and Shepard's Hill trails are not open to motorized recreational vehicles, 5) determine the true end of Shepard's Hill trail and finally, 6) revisit the plan to barricade the Elmore/Worcester town line with interlocking concrete blocks.

All plans for the Fourth of July festivities and fireworks are scheduled to go on as planned.

Lou and Alex Bravakis, representing Novus Energy, reported that the land around the town's water tower is a viable location for their proposed small-scale solar panel array that would essentially provide discounted electricity for the town buildings. The next step is to enter into a

land lease agreement with Novus Energy, however, the Selectboard decided to have informational meetings before moving forward. Warnings for informational meetings will be posted in the near future.

Town Hall Key Policy: Roger motioned to make two more keys for the Town Hall and to give Dru Carter and Marla Edson each a copy of the keys. More keys will be made on an individual basis. Ted seconded. Motion passed.

New Business: Sabra Fairbanks, representing the Friends of Doty, asked the Town of Worcester for assistance regrading and spreading gravel over the school parking lot and driveway. The Selectboard unanimously agreed it was a good idea and authorized the road commissioner to complete the project.

Town Tax Rate: Cheri motioned to set the 2013 tax rate at 0.5314 per \$1000. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence: State of Vermont notified the Town of Worcester of a Municipal Park and Ride Grant Program for 2014.

Senator Bernie Sanders sent a letter of acknowledgement commemorating Worcester's 250th anniversary.

Announcements: None

Bills: Signed as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Attest: James "Ted" Lamb