

September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019

## Minutes of Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting

Present: Ted Lamb, Benjamin Jones, Paul Hill

Guests: Katie Winklejohn, Stewart Clark, Brian Powers

Meeting Called to order: 06:30pm

Minutes from the previous Selectboard meetings were moved forward by Ted and seconded by Ben, no amendments were needed.

### PUBLIC INPUT

- None

### Town Roads Dept. – Brian Powers

- We discussed that the paving on Minister Brook is scheduled to happen by the end of Sept.
- Jim Cota scheduled to visit with the Selectboard during September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss available state assistance for repair of town roads.
- Brian stated that the Minister Brook bridge project is going well.
- Mowing and Brushhogging on Calis Rd has been done.
- There have been some complaints regarding the looks of the Brushhogging that was done but Brian explained that he expects that will be taken care of naturally once some grow of the comes back.
- We discussed that the gravel and sand will be stock piled for the winter season by the end of this month.
- The cost of hauling said sand and gravel comes to about \$80 per truck load.
- With the cost of hauling in mind we discussed the potential need for a new town pick-up truck (4x4) to help in that regard and to help be a back-up plow truck as we currently do not have one and often have to borrow a plow truck from neighboring towns when needed.
- Brian will look into pricing for this truck, getting a used vs. new is possible. He also mentioned that money coming back into the town from the state emergency grant for flood repair work the town has done may help offset cost for this new pick-up.
- Brian stated that that annual reviews for the road department were due in by October and that he will be finished with them shortly.
- We discussed that there is annual maintenance done on the garage doors at the town garage and that maintenance seemed to determine that we may need new garage door openers. Brian will have a second option on those before moving forward with replacement.
- Lastly we discussed that a company out of Massachusetts wants to come up and remove and/or repair the electrical flywheel that was put into place years ago to act as a power supply back up for the town phones in the event of an emergency. This would be done as no cost to the town.

## TOWN CLERK / TREASURER REPORT - Reported by Katie

- We discussed the gutter estimate that Katie was able to get for both the town hall and fire station.
- The estimate was done by Worth's Seamless Rain gutters and came in at \$4261. That is for the Northside only of both building. If all sides of both buildings are to be done that will be \$8228.
- The Selectboard has approved the installation of the Northside gutters only at this time.
- Katie will work on getting estimates for snow guards on the fire station above the garage doors.
- We discussed that the town collected over \$200K in property tax payments on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- \$37K is still left to be paid
- Katie reported that she is still waiting on an estimate from Dominion tech on anti-virus software.
- We discussed that the state has been replacing street signs throughout the town despite the fact that the town had already replace many of the same signs not all that long ago.
- Ted mentioned that there was a complaint filed/made with the town about roaming dogs and that the animal control officer, Erika Holm, had not been very responsive to complaints.
- We discussed details of the town animal ordinance and what it mandated in the case of roaming dogs. It was determined that the animal control officer can levy fines and possible confiscate the dogs if need be.
- As of the writing of these notes it appears that the animal control officer has been in contact with the family that owns the roaming dogs.

## NEW BUSINESS

- The Selectboard reiterated to Stu Clark that the town plan needs to be the focus and priority for the town planning commission vs. updating the flood bylaws.
- The Bylaws, while important, can wait until after the completion of the town plan.
- The Selectboard would like the town planning commission to investigate if there are grants available to us for the map making process of the town plan.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Various town bills were signed off on at this time.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Meeting – September 16th 2019 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:52

Respectfully Submitted  
Benjamin E. Jones