

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

04 MAY 2020

Select Board members present: Ted Lamb, Paul Hill Jr., and Roger Strobridge

Guests present: Katie Winklejohn, Brian Powers, Sara Pollard, David Book, Alan Erdossy, Megan McClane, Mike McCleese, Judy Knapp, Susan Dodge, Dell Waterhouse.

Meeting called to order at 6:32.

The minutes for the 04/06/2020 meeting were moved by Ted and seconded by Paul. The minutes were approved as submitted.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Brian reported all is going well, no major equipment problems. The road crew is following the suggested Covid 19 procedures. With the use of PPE, social distancing and assigning individuals to specific equipment to reduce cross contamination.

Brian reported that there might be a need for more barriers on the Worcester side of the Eagle Ledge trail as 4 wheelers, ATV's and mud trucks have found another way around the existing barrier. This led to a lengthy round table discussion from most of the guest and board members. Many options were offered and many complaints were filed about the current abuse of Eagle ledge trail and the verbal abuse residents have suffered when they try to talk to the operators. There were complaints about the lack of law enforcement. Ted reported that the VSP have said the town needs its own ticket book to support the town ordinances before they can enforce the ordinance. Katie remembers seeing one and will try to locate it. The select board was asked to have the town constable patrol the eagle ledge area at least on the weekends. The board will talk with the town constable once the ticket book is located or another one is acquired.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tax Bill Due Date: Alan Erdossy presented the listers recommendation that the property tax due date be moved to September 15, 2020 because state of Vermont temporarily changing its tax dates. Katie has the letter from the state and Ted can sign it for the entire board. The listers have also suggested a note be included with the tax bill asking residence that if possible, to please send their tax payments in by August 15 if at all possible, to help keep the town running until September 15, 2020.

4th of July festivities: Judy Knapp from the Worcester Historical Society brought up the possibility of canceling the July 4th celebrations due to the covid 19 pandemic and be rescheduled for some time in the future. Ted made the motion that the town postpone the July 4th celebration to a future date and time to be determined. Paul Hill Jr seconded the motion and the motion passed. It was also pointed out that since the town had already voted in the \$5,000 for this year's fireworks and the money was in the budget it should be held and used when the celebration takes place.

Correspondence: None

Bills: Signed as presented

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM

Attest: Roger Strobridge