

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

O6 July 2020

Select Board members present: Ted Lamb and Roger Strobridge

Guests present: Katie Winklejohn, Brian Powers

Meeting called to order at 6:32.

The minutes for the 06/15/2020 meeting were moved by Ted and seconded by Paul. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Highway Department: Brian reported that all is going well, personnel are healthy and moral is good. Culvert replacement is going well along with some ditch work. Brian has heard from the State of Vermont that there is a hold having any new money for new construction work at this time.

The highway depart has been moved a storage shed out from behind the garage and closer to the sand pile so various pieces of equipment can be stored closer to where they are needed. He also reported that the paperwork process for the replacement large truck has reached a point where the selectboard needs to sign the letter of intent to purchase the new truck. This will allow the dealer to move forward with the assembly of the new truck to town specifications.

Brian also mentioned that looking further down the road, the town may need to begin searching for a place to put the used ditch dirt. Up until now they have been able to find landowner in the town that are able to use the old dirt from ditch work but Brian is concerned that someday there will be no place to put it. So he suggest that the town begin exploring options of where to put it.

Town Clerk Report: Katie reports that things are going well and that even with the limited public access, everyone is understanding and respectful and very cooperative. They are gearing up for the vote by mail process and should be in good shape to handle the changes.

New Business: None.

Old Business: The selectboard reviewed that proposed changes to the Worcester Town Speed Ordinance, adding that the first 2000 feet of Hampshire Hill Road beginning at the intersection Minister Brook Road should have a reduced speed of 25 M.P.H. Ted made the motion to accept the amended speed zone ordinance and to begin the process of making it a legal ordinance. Roger 2nd the motion. It was reported that all three selectboard members Ted Lamb, Paul Hill and Roger Strobridge along with the town road commissioner Brian Powers have traveled that section of Hampshire Hill, observed traffic patterns, driveways and intersections and all feel that a maximum safe speed for that section should be no more than 25 M.P.H. Ted has requested that selectboard member Roger Strobridge should complete the necessary documentation and to sign all necessary documentation for the entire selectboard to properly warn the town of the proposed changes and file all documents with the town clerk and hold it for the proper waiting period until it can become a legal and binding amended town speed ordinance.

Old Business Contiued: Ted has advised that the proposed changes to the use of the Hay Meadow to allow additional space for soccer games needs to be put on hold, until a full review of the intended use of the Hay Meadow can be reviewed. Nancy Gore has indicated that the Hay Meadow was left to the town to be used in a fashion that has been acceptable and within the limits originally laid out. There is a concern that allowing additional soccer fields to the hay meadow is not within the original intent of preserving the hay meadow. Ted has indicated he will notify Ryan McCall about putting a hold on placement of the soccer fields until a complete review of the deed can be made including a review by the Vermont Land Trust. Ted also advised that the Ladd Field Committee needs to be brought back together so that the management plan can be updated.

Correspondence: None

Bills: The bills were reviewed and continued to authorize Roger Strobridge to sign approval for all selectboard members.

Announcements: The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be held on July 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held electronically via Zoom Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Attest: Roger Strobridge