

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

07 December 2020

Select Board members present: Ted Lamb, Roger Strobridge and Sherry Goldstein

Guests present: Katie Winkeljohn, Brian Powers, Carolyn Brennan, Penny Marwede, Elaine Ball

Meeting called to order at 6:33.

The minutes for the 11/23/2020 meeting were approved. Ted moved to accept the minutes as corrected and Roger 2nd.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

Department:

Town Clerk: Katie reported the budget is pretty straight forward any increases are the traditional ones that have yearly increases. Money in the capital maintenance funds for replacing some of the siding on the town clerk office and to take a look at replacing the heating system at the highway department. More work with the office being closed, having to do more of the title search work. The town audit will still be able to be done remotely and on time for town meeting.

Highway Department: Brian Powers reported that the new plow truck should be delivered next week. Slight increase in proposed budget for Vehicle Maintenance Repairs to include the excavator which had not be included previous years. Had a problem with the heater and the fan was replaced. Need to add ventilation fans to get exhaust vented out of building. Katie mentioned there are funds available to do it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carolyn Brennan co director and library director for the Kellogg Hubbard Library spoke about how they are working with new programs to get around the Covid 19 situation. Working on a system to condense the information sheet normally presented at town meeting and sending it directly to Worcester residents. Perhaps but the library's annual report in the Town Report. General discussion about increasing digital services from KHL but town wide internet services are limited. Perhaps creating a KHL hot spot for wi-fi in Worcester.

Ted moved to have the 2021 town meeting take place by Australian Ballot with a virtual informational meeting on Tuesday February 16, 2021 Sheri 2nd. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Discussion about mailing ballots to every voter in Worcester. How to handle elections of individuals normally nominated from the floor. Perhaps having people who want to run for office submit a letter of intent to the select board rather than getting signatures on a petition. Details will be worked out and presented at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Katie reported that we may have a solid answer about creating an internet hot spot at the town hall very soon.

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Correspondence: None

Bills: Signed as presented.

Announcements: The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be held by way of video conferencing on Monday December 21, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Attest: Roger Strobridge