TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

23 November 2020

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

Guests present: Katie Winkeljohn, Will Sutton, Elaine Ball

Meeting called to order at 6:37.

The minutes for the 11/02/2020 meeting were approved as submitted. Ted moved to accept the minutes and Roger 2nd.

Department:

Town Clerk: Katie reports delinquent taxes are coming in slowly not terribly concerned but keeping an eye. Still waiting on F.E.M.A. money from 2019 Halloween storm. Received a surprised \$12,000 from state as part of the better back roads program money cannot be used for equipment but could be set aside for repaving of roads as an example. The town of Worcester has been randomly selected to have their vote audited the first of December.

Fire Department: Will Sutton reported the department has been status quo, training has been state extended to 2021. Very few mutual aid calls, handed out candy Halloween went well everyone socially distanced. Converting highway truck to tanker truck still in progress. Recommends level funding 2021 budget. Reviewed positive progress on new members.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ted moved that the select board accept the recommendations of the Social Concerns Committee for \$9898.0 and the recommendations as presented. Cheri Goldstein second. Motion passed.

Katie will try to coordinate a joint meeting between the Town of Elmore and Town of Worcester along with the State Highway Department on Wednesday December 9th about replacement of two bridges on Route 12 effecting both towns.

Discussion of town meeting by Australian ballot. Petitions no electronic signature. Select board needs to hold an information meeting before town meeting. Absentee ballots available on request either by mail or pickup at Town Clerk office. Town Report has to be in the hands of the voters two weeks before town meeting. Some discussion about electronic signatures be available for candidates running for town office state of Vermont has waived the need of signatures but they still have to fill out a consent form.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion about wi-fi connections in the town from the town hall. More things happening because of Covid 19 looking at Comcast v.s. consolidated communications. Ted moved to get public wifi into the town hall for the town at a minimum of 100mps. Cheri 2^{nd} .

Correspondence: None

Bills: Signed as presented.

<u>Announcements</u>: The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be held by way of video conferencing on Monday December 07, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Attest: Roger Strobridge