

WORCESTER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Monday, Nov 1, 2021, 6:30pm

Select Board members present: Ted Lamb, Roger Strobridge, John Kaeding

Guests present: Katie Winkeljohn, Brian Powers, Peter Fitz (zoom), Judy Knapp

HOUSEKEEPING

- Ted called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- Ted moved to accept the minutes from Oct 18 with corrected spelling of DeWolfe Engineering, seconded by John, and unanimously accepted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway Department

Brian reports that road grader transmission again needs repair at the same time as he is awaiting quotes for brake repair. Given that a new grader costs >\$300,000, continued repair of this older machine still makes sense.

Brian is applying for highway grant money through the “better back roads” project.

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Katie notes that next year will bring increases in dispatch funding of 4% for the Fire Department and 3% for Ambulance Squad.

She estimates that town finances will require no tax increase next year.

EB Hyde and Northeast Wilderness Trust will be donating almost 6000 acres of wilderness forest in Worcester, Calais, Woodbury and Elmore to “forever wild” status. It will be available for hiking, skiing, hunting and preserves snow machine corridors.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Requests for funding

Most requests are unchanged from last year but two entities requested increases – Hospice and Peoples Health & Wellness Clinic. The Select Board is reviewing requests in advance of Town Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Overnight parking/signage

Ted moved that we post a no trespassing sign on the salt shed to prevent unauthorized use of Worcester's salt supply, seconded by Roger, passed unanimously.

Group agreed to continued tabling of overnight parking ban.

Furnaces and Cracks

Highway Dept boiler and Fire Dept floor crack are both awaiting quotes from consultants who are all apparently overbooked.

BILLS

Signed as presented.

ANOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board Meeting will be held at Town Hall on **Monday, November 15, at 6:30pm**. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

ATTEST

John Kaeding