

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting
Minutes 3/7/22

These minutes were approved at the Selectboard meeting on 3/21/22.

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Monday March 7, 2022, 6:30 pm

Selectboard members present: Roger Strobbridge, Carter Stowell, John Kaeding

Guests present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Winklejohn (zoom) Brian Powers (zoom)

Housekeeping

- Roger called meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- Roger moved to accept minutes from Feb. 13, 2022, seconded by John and unanimously accepted.
- Roger moved to accept minutes of special meeting from Feb. 27, 2022, seconded by John and unanimously accepted.

Organizational Session

Elect Selectboard Chair

- John nominated Roger for Selectboard chair, seconded by Carter and unanimously accepted.

Elect Clerk of Minutes

- John nominated Carter Stowell for clerk of minutes, seconded by roger and unanimously accepted.

Elect Health Officer

- Roger nominated John for health officer, seconded by Carter and unanimously accepted.

Motion to accept policies, procedures and ordinances of previous Selectboard

- Roger moved to accept all policies, procedures and ordinances from previous Selectboard for current Selectboard, seconded by John and unanimously accepted.

Motion to accept previous members of Planning Commission in current form for another year

- Roger moved we accept previous members of Planning Commission in current form for another year, John seconded motion and unanimously accepted.

- Katie noted legal posting sites need to be standardized. She proposed that we use the Town Hall, Town Office building, Town website and LBJ's (if they allow the posting).

We will continue to use The Times Argus for publication of official records.

- As regards Article 2

Roger moved Katie Winklejohn be appointed treasurer for Town of Worcester, seconded by John and unanimously accepted. John moved we accept Katie's resignation from elected position as town clerk/ treasurer, seconded by Roger and unanimously accepted.

Department Reports

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Treasurer

- Katie reported the town is working on new procedure to make evaluation of highway funding more clear.
- Katie continues to arrange payment agreements for people with delinquent taxes.

Town Clerk

- Jennifer noted, there is a question about timing the opening of the Town Hall for usual activities given the present state Covid restrictions. Roger moves we review state covid guidelines before opening the Town Hall, seconded by John and unanimously accepted.
- Jennifer notes we have no designated Tree Warden, therefore, questions regarding this issue will default to the Selectboard. Further discussion on this issue is tabled for the moment.

Highway Department

- Brian reports repairs to the backhoe are complete but cost 5000 dollars more than expected. The choice to repair rather than replace still seems appropriate as a new backhoe costs well over 100,000 dollars
- Roger notes it's time to think about a new highway equipment schedule category to include backhoe/grader as these will need to be replaced in future years.

New Business

John Willard, Shepards Hill Trail Proposal

- Mr. Willard postponed his proposal until the March 21 meeting
- Animal Control Officer - We have no such officer now. The Selectboard will attempt to find a citizen to assume this position.

Bills - signed as presented

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the town office building on Monday, March 21, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Attest,
john Kaeding