

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting

Minutes

Monday April, 18, 2022, 6:30 pm

Selectboard members present: Roger Strobbridge, John Kaeding

Guests present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller(zoom), Allen Gilbert, Will Sutton, Wayne Holland, Brian Powers(zoom)

Housekeeping

- Roger called meeting to order at 6:36 pm
- Roger moved to accept the minutes from April 4, 2022, seconded by John and passed unanimously
- there were no additions or deletions to agenda

Department Reports

Treasurer Report

- Katie reports 3 letters have gone to Town attorney in preparation for tax collection procedure.
- Sullivan and Powers auditors have finished town audit. The Town will be getting the final results in time for discussion at next Selectboard meeting.
- Deadline for first ARPA report is April 30, 2022

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer discussed the existing Emergency Management System Protocol which was signed by Will Sutton. We discussed the fact that the purchasing policy clarifies who can make emergency decisions regarding expenditures and their limits

Fire Department

- Will Sutton reports Worcester Fire Department will be doing a training event in East Montpelier this coming Saturday
- a contractor will be coming this week to assess repairs of firehouse floor deterioration
- we had a long discussion of financing for new fire truck. All delays and financing aberrations are secondary to Covid induced parts and labor shortages. We expect delivery of truck sometime this coming autumn.

Highway Department

- Brian reports he was able to arrange a 253,000 dollar grant from the state for the Eagle Ledge box culvert project. It will require an engineering study and Roger signed a form required to advance with that study.
- Brian has additional grants in process for bridge repairs and one for repair of paving on Calais Road

New Business

Ladd Field

- There was a request to allow ultimate frisbee again this year on Ladd Field. This seems a wonderful use of the field. They will need to coordinate with Onion River Soccer who has already scheduled their program for this spring/summer. This coordination worked well last year
- action - John will speak to Phoenix Mitchell regarding this plan

Appointment of Worcester Representatives to CV Fiber District Board

- Allen Gilbert reported that CV Fiber has access to matching funds for Worcester's previous 53,000 dollar ARPA funds contribution to the program. Roger signed a letter of intent to secure

this match. The Town now must evaluate the CV Fiber investment agreement. Roger will discuss the agreement with VLCT and bring findings to next Selectboard meeting.

- Worcester needs to appoint representatives to CV Fiber district board. John moves we appoint Allen Gilbert as primary delegate and John Russell as alternate delegate. Roger seconds and unanimously passed

2023 Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Appointments

- discussion tabled until next meeting

Old Business

ARPA Fund updates

- discussion tabled until next meeting

Norton Road cell tower update

- tabled until next meeting

Correspondence

- none

Bills signed as presented

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Town office building on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Attest,

John Kaeding

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