

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting
Minutes 4/4/22

These minutes were approved at the Selectboard meeting on 4/18/22.

Monday April 4, 2022, 6:30pm

Selectboard members present: chair, Roger Strobridge, John Kaeding, Carter Stowell

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

Housekeeping

- Roger called meeting to order at 6:30pm
- Roger moved to accept the minutes from March 21, 2022, seconded by John and unanimously accepted.
- Additions/Deletions – adjusted agenda to start with the Treasurer’s Report

Department Reports

Treasurer report

Katie reports via zoom

- Updates on delinquent tax process, advocacy measures included monthly letters
- High gas prices have outpaced projected heating and gas costs, though general fund continues to be in good shape
- Keeping eyes open for possible mud season grants
- Discussed upcoming first payment on truck chassis and ideas to increase confidence in future delivery timing
 - o Action: Katie to set a call with company and to be joined by Roger

Town Clerk Report

Jennifer reports

- Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District; home hazardous waste event August 20th
- Motion for LRSWMD to hold home hazardous waste event at the Worcester Transfer Station on August 20, 2022 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Motion by Roger, seconded by John, unanimously accepted.
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Highway Department Report

Brian Powers reports

- Mud season was “horrific”; three roads were particularly bad (Pratt Rd, Wood Rd, Hampshire Hill Rd); all roads are passable now due to efforts of road crew
- Applied for various state grants for road structures including railings on MBR bridge and other bridges; for Calais Rd paving; for Eagle Ledge box culvert job, and others. Any potential grant awards are pending at this time.
- A grant was received for work on Hampshire Hill Rd.

Public Input – no comments

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New Business

Onion River Soccer Club use of Ladd Field

- Roger moved to allow Onion River Soccer Club continued use of Ladd Field for the year 2022 Spring Soccer Season for the U8, U10 and U12 age groups where ORSC will provide payment of \$1000 to Worcester, porta-potties, insurance, pick-up and clean-up with respect to the season from approximately 4/26/22 – 6/20/22; seconded by Carter and unanimously accepted.

Rewrite of Fire Department RFP

- Reviewed rewritten RFP; it will be posted in the newspaper and sent to contractors for responses by June 1, 2022.

Local Emergency Management Plan annual adoption and signing

- Reviewed the LEMP for 2022, adopted the changes, and it was signed

Old Business

Shepards Hill Trail discontinuance request from John “Barker” Willard

- John “Barker” Willard had other obligations. We’ll wait for later in April to hear from him again and briefly discussed possible options.

Norton Road Tower update

- Discussion of the tower
- Two members of Dept. of Public Service visited and spoke with neighbors

Bills

Signed as presented

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the town office on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Attest,

Carter Stowell