

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting
Minutes 8/15/22

These minutes were approved at the Selectboard meeting on 9/6/22.

Monday, August 15, 2022, 6:30pm

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

Guests present: Katie Winkeljohn, Jennifer LeStat, Will Sutton, Brian Powers, Noah Weinstein, Toni Kaeding

Housekeeping

- Roger called meeting to order at 6:30pm
- John moved to accept the minutes from August 1st, 2022, seconded by Roger and unanimously accepted.
- Additions/Deletions – add Planning Committee to New Business

Department Review

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer reporting
- Efficiency Vermont inspected all three buildings and will follow with a report about potential opportunities
- Draft letter completed for right-of-way permission related to Eagle Ledge box culvert; to be reviewed for board sign-off today
- Primary election was a smooth process with high participation and no issues

Treasurer report

- Katie reporting
- Receiving helpful tech support on nuances of tax payments cash reconciliation such as multiple checks for same town tax bill due

Fire Department report

- Will Sutton reports
- Info gathered related to communications infrastructure
 - o Town has three FCC licenses that are expired but can be reactivated. Licenses are for Town Highway Dept., Fire Department, and the School.
 - o Will has all info on frequencies and call signs, and will share with Jennifer for town documentation
 - o To be effective for repeaters would require equipment at some height like an 80-foot pole/tower; repeaters on trucks would not be effective
- Updated plans by Capital Fire Mutual Aid group available for review, requires a letter to be signed
 - o Radio dispatching infrastructure/equipment would be improved as a part of 10-year commitment, with annual cost to Town of \$1167 the first year and increasing nominally each year with total est. \$12,352 over 10 years; participating municipalities contribute proportionally based on grand lists

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- John moved to give Roger authority to sign the letter for the Capital Fire Mutual Aid after receiving Selectboard input within 24-48 hours; seconded by Carter and unanimously accepted.

Public Input

- Noah raised a neighbor concern related to noise and pertinent to starting a home-based daycare that would benefit many Worcester families. Noah has requested consideration by the Selectboard of a noise ordinance for the town. The Selectboard will research the matter starting with review of a prior draft noise ordinance on file at the town office.

New Business

Planning Committee

- Toni requested a letter from the Selectboard to the Central VT Regional Planning Commission to show support for approval of the Town Plan; following such approval, the town could apply for designation as a village; benefits of a village designation des in order to
- John moved that we apply for Village Center Designation by sending the letter to the Central VT Regional Planning Commission; seconded by Carter and unanimously accepted.

Home Owners Assistance Program

- Katie has reached out to VHFA to find out how to participate in the Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) that can help to release federal funds to any eligible persons who apply through HAP for assistance with Town Property Taxes

Recreation Committee Member Review

- Discussed potential timing of a first meeting of the newly to-be-formed committee to be set for mid-September and for participation at the first meeting to include Selectboard representation by Roger or John

Executive Session personnel discussion

- Roger moved to enter executive session as of 7:59pm
- Exited executive session as of 8:34pm

Old Business

Review Engineering Report on Fire Department Floor

- Roger to send to multiple parties with request for bids

No Parking Ordinance Discussion and Review

- Discussed changes
 - Added mud season through May 15 to winter parking section

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- Added fire department doors to list of restricted places
- Corrected town trail number crossing Minister Brook Rd.
- Minor copyedits
- Roger will revise the draft and share with board members

Advisory letter to Eagle Ledge landowners adjacent to box culvert replacement

- Reviewed letter and map; all appeared OK, respectful and informative as reviewed by Highway commissioner and all Selectboard members

[Correspondence](#)

None

[Bills](#)

Signed as presented

[Announcements](#)

The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the town office on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Attest,
Carter Stowell