

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting
Minutes 1/17/23

These minutes were approved at the Selectboard meeting on 2/6/23.

Monday, January 17, 2023, 6:30pm

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

Guests present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Mike Utton, Will Baker (Planning Commission), Michael Howrigan (Pete's Equipment)

Housekeeping

- Roger called meeting to order at 6:37pm
- Roger **moved** to accept the minutes from the January 3rd, 2023 Selectboard Meeting; seconded by John and unanimously accepted.
- Additions/Deletions – N/A

Department Review

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer reporting
- Town warning presented for town meeting

Treasurer report

- Katie reporting
- On-track for town-wide audit scheduled for Jan. 24th

Fire Department report

- No report

Public Input

N/A

New Business

Application For Village Center Designation

- John **moved** to approve the application by the planning commission for village designation for the town of Worcester's village center; seconded by Roger and unanimously accepted.

Review Quotes For New Loader Lease/Purchase

- Mike U. explained that the front-end of the loader just died; it would cost about what the motor did a year ago;
 - o Quotes were gathered for a loader and a backhoe
 - o Having a loader might be good in winter with bigger bucket, though loader doesn't replace backhoe; backhoe is more versatile

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- There was a long discussion about the town's needs and the loader vs. backhoe question. The quote on the loader was represented by Michael H. from Pete's Equipment of Morrisville, the company that quickly and generously delivered a loader to the town for immediate use. The outcome of the discussion was a consensus of the road commissioner and all selectboard members that the primary equipment need for the town is a replacement backhoe for its multiple applications, and for its ability to reach places in town that a loader can't service quickly or safely, especially on hills in winter.

Review Financing Options For New Loader And Make Decision

- Roger **moved** to accept the quote dated 1/3/23 from Beauregard Equipment for a 2023 Case 580SN loader-backhoe for \$132,900 less \$25,200 for the trade-in of the existing backhoe and financed for five years; seconded by John and unanimously accepted.

Town Road Report To State Department Of Transportation

- Signed as presented

Set Town Meeting Agenda And Warning

- John **moved** to accept the warning for the Town of Worcester annual town meeting March 7, 2023; seconded by Carter and unanimously accepted.

Old Business

Unauthorized Trail Repair Ordinance Final Draft Review And Acceptance

- Roger **moved** to adopt the draft of the trail right of way ordinance; seconded by John and unanimously accepted.

Continue Discussion On After Action Report Of Christmas Storm

- Roger **moved** to table the discussion of the after action report of Christmas storm until the next available meeting; seconded by John and unanimously accepted.

Correspondence

None

Bills

Signed as presented

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the town office on Monday, February 6, 2022, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Attest, Carter Stowell