

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting
Minutes 2/6/23

These minutes were approved at the Selectboard meeting on 2/20/23.

Monday, February 6, 2023, 6:30pm

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

Guests present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Mike Utton, Walt Bador, David Jablonski

Housekeeping

- Roger called meeting to order at 6:30pm
- Roger **moved** to accept the minutes from the January 17th, 2023 Selectboard Meeting, and the January 26th, 2023 Worcester Selectboard Emergency Meeting; seconded by John and unanimously accepted.
- Additions/Deletions – N/A

Department Review

Treasurer report

- Katie reporting
- Taking steps under guidance of PC Construction to clear out the state permit with respect to fire safety zoning before the town can release funds
- In-progress updating purchase policy

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer reporting
- Read a letter from Craig Seadeck about road repair request; Roger says that's already on the to do list
- In-progress checking on port-a-potties for 4th of July and one through September
- Looking into CO monitors for town garage and fire dept.

Fire Department report

- Mike reports
- Loader returned to Pete's
- New backhoe is in service
- Maintenance of vehicles is up-to-date

Public Input

N/A

New Business

David Jablonski Eagle Ledge Complaint

- David described trucks, trailers and people blocking the road making it difficult to get through to home. There was a long discussion, and Roger explained that the roads ordinance that could become law around mid-March is intended to reduce

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the problem and provide an enforcement pathway that would be at the discretion of law enforcement officers.

Community Service Coordinator Discussion

- Karen had given notice.
- Jennifer described a proposal for a stipend to make the role a paid position. Roger identified this would be an additional town employee. There was a discussion and brainstorm of possible, community-based ways to fundraise for the role such as grants, fundraisers, social concerns town funds, or other sources.

Hitching Post Vermont Program Removal Of Hitching Post

- Phoenix said the landowner is OK that the post be removed
- John moved that come spring the town removes the hitching post and fills in the hole and presents the post to Phoenix; seconded by Roger and unanimously accepted.

New Fast Squad AED Quotes

- John **moved** to approve the purchase of the six AEDs for \$10,238. From CPR1 of Oceanside, CA based on the sales order 6817 dated 2/2/23; seconded by Carter and unanimously approved.

Highway Department Job Applications Review (Executive Session)

- Three applications have been received.
- We elected not to enter an executive session at the current meeting, and rather to give the selectboard an opportunity to review applications and revisit at the next regular selectboard meeting on Feb. 20th.

Old Business

Fire Department Floor Repair Final Update And Review Of Contractors Pay Requisition

- Roger **moved** to pay from ARPA funds the full amount of \$107,360. for Fire Department Floor Repair costs pending completion of the Final Construction Validation Form; seconded by John and unanimously accepted.

Continue Discussion On After Action Report Of Christmas Storm

- There was a long discussion about the need for sets of generators to power the town garage, town hall, and town office buildings in the event of power outage.
- Roger highlighted the town garage is powered by Washington Electric Coop, whereas the other buildings along Route 12 are on Green Mountain Power. In the recent storm, the GMP serviced buildings had power a little more than one day later, and the WEC building was a little more than three days later.
- John expects to get estimates for generators on March 2nd; the discussion will be tabled until that information is available.

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Correspondence

None

Bills

Signed as presented

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the town office on Monday, February 20, 2022, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Attest,

Carter Stowell