

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting
Minutes 2/20/23

These minutes were approved at the Selectboard meeting on 3/6/23.

Monday, February 20, 2023, 6:30pm

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

Guests present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Will Sutton, Mike Utton, Shawn McManis

Housekeeping

- Roger called meeting to order at 6:40pm
- Roger **moved** to accept the minutes from the February 6th, 2023 Selectboard Meeting; seconded by John and unanimously accepted.
- Additions/Deletions – N/A

Department Review

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer (JL) reporting
- Next meeting will involve consideration of LBJ liquor license
- Preparations for town meeting continue to keep Jennifer very busy
- Seacoast Security evaluated town garage and fire department for fire and carbon monoxide monitoring. That review generated concerns regarding exhaust management for both bldgs.
Action: JL will discuss with VLCT to find expert to help us design appropriate safety system

Treasurer report

- Katie (KM) reporting
- Delinquent tax balance is now less than 13000 bucks
- Town audit has been completed and all is well
JL will consult VLCT to see if we can use FPF for legal notifications of town business
- Worcester will make \$500 donation to FPF this year as they have been such a valuable source for disseminating town/community information

Fire Department report

- Will Sutton (WS) reports
- Fire Dep purchased protective mats to preserve the newly repaired department floor. Funds came from the donations fund
- Overhead Door Co was here today repairing/adjusting the large Fire Department front door
- Capital fire/mutual aid requires each town to have representative. That representative from Worcester will be the Fire Chief
- Will notes concern re: identifying local Seacoast Security on call personnel
We will contact Seacoast security to clarify the issue

Public Input

N/A

New Business

Review Of New Town Ordinances With Town Constable And General Discussion

- Shawn (SM) explained his work as constable. He checks Eagle Ledge occasionally each year and responds to calls on a range of issues such as dog complaints.
- Parking Ordinance discussion
 - o Shawn had feedback and questions about parking ordinance enforcement. He said it's unclear what ticket to write and who gets the ticket, the driver or the owner? He wondered if it'd be a civil case. Shawn suggested that the selectboard pull and reissue the ordinance after further legal review.
 - o John described the reasoning for the parking ordinance is to alter the flow before somebody gets hurt
 - o We went over signage needs: No Parking Begin with some bike/pedestrian signage; No Parking End; and in between the start and end, multiple of the sign with P in circle with line through it. Selectboard and SM all agreed this plan was sound.

Recreation Committee Funding Policy

- What should happen with revenues generated from uses of Ladd Field such as donations for use of the soccer field?
 - o Katie said there's already a Ladd Field Capital Fund; the name of this could be changed
 - o Currently there's a Haymeadow/Ladd Field heading with Operating Budget under it that covers mowing and port-a-lets
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Health Officer Position Discussion and Appointment

- Ted Lamb's resignation as Health Officer was received and effective as of February 9, 2023.
- Roger **moved** to appoint John Kaeding as a Health Officer for the term from this date February 9, 2023 through Town Meeting day March 5, 2024; seconded by John and unanimously accepted.

Community Service Coordinator Discussion Review Of Duties and Possible Funding

- John says that Karen Hoskey was someone

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- There was a discussion of how the town might be able to support the continuation of the
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Animal Control Officer Position and Possible Appointment

- There was a discussion about the need to fill the animal control officer position. We talked about announcing at town meeting
- John will speak with Erika Holm for possible recommendations
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Old Business

Highway Department Job Applications Review (Possible Executive Session)

- Roger moved to enter executive session as of 9:07pm
- Exited executive session as of 9:19pm
- John **moved** to offer the Road Crew position to applicant Jeffrey Utton at \$20 per hour; seconded by Roger and unanimously accepted.

Continue Discussion 2022 Christmas Storm

- Tabled until next meeting

Correspondence

None

Bills

Signed as presented

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the town office on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Attest,

Carter Stowell