

Monday, May 1, 2023, 6:30 pm

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

Guests present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Mike Utton, Chani Waterhouse, Caitlin Howansky, Sam Lash

Housekeeping

- John called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- Minutes approval: John moved to accept the minutes of the regular Selectboard Meeting of 4/17/2023 as presented; seconded by Carter and unanimously accepted.
- Minutes approval: Roger moved to accept the minutes of the special Selectboard Meeting of 4/24/2023 as presented; seconded by Carter and unanimously accepted.
- Additions/Deletions: none

Public Input: none

Department Reviews

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer notes repair to Town Hall porch is underway and should be completed when all materials are available
- Jennifer is studying availability of grants to help attract EV chargers to Worcester

Treasurer Report

- Katie reports Worcester received a VLCT passive grant award
- Katie is developing job descriptions clarifying responsibilities for assistant Town Clerk and assistant Town Treasurer

Highway Department

- Mike reports Minister Brook culvert repair will soon begin
- Town road grader is scheduled to undergo repairs within the month

New Business

Worcester Planning Commission

- Chani reports that Planning Commission member Will Baker has completed and submitted the application for Village Center designation
- Sam Lash of the CVRPC has been of great help in planning a Worcester Energy task force
- the Planning Commission is working on grants for a feasibility study regarding pedestrian paths/sidewalks for Ladd Field or elsewhere in the Village - the intention is to enhance community use within the limits of what the town can afford

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Report

- Sam Lash, who is climate and energy planner at CVRPC, was at meeting to talk about multiple grant opportunities. She promoted the Municipal Energy Grant Program which aids Municipal projects aimed at replacing fossil fuels with sustainable energy. She offered the Town ongoing assistance in our attempts to move through the process of grant application with intentions of reducing Town reliance on fossil fuels.

Old Business

Discussion of Parking and Trail Ordinances

- We reviewed the Parking Ordinance subsequent to the special Selectboard Meeting of 4/24/2023.

Minor wording change was made. Roger moved to amend the accepted draft of the Parking Ordinance to change the wording on section 4(e) to read "upon any bridge"; seconded by John and unanimously accepted.

Roger moved to adopt the Parking Ordinance as amended and written. We request that the Town Clerk attach the full text of this ordinance with the minutes of this meeting and, within 15 days, ensure posting in five designated public places and the local newspaper. Seconded by John and unanimously accepted.

- We then reviewed the Trail Right of Ay Ordinance. After discussion at the special SB meeting it was clear that the ordinance was acceptable as written. Roger moved to adopt the Permitted Use Of Trail Right Of Way Ordinance as written. We request that the Town Clerk attach the full text of this ordinance with the minutes of this meeting and, within 15 days, ensure posting in five designated public places and the local newspaper. Seconded by John and unanimously accepted.

Discussion of barriers in front of Town Hall

- this is not an urgent need since damage to the porch has been infrequent over the last 100 years, however, if the right solution appears, we will certainly entertain it in hopes of preventing any repeat damage

Correspondence - none

Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Town Office Complex on Monday May 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Attest, John Kaeding