

Monday, July 17, 2023. 6:30 pm

Selectboard members present: Roger Strobridge, Carter Stowell, John Kaeding
Guests present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Rodney Campbell, Joseph Audet, Christian Meyer, Jennifer Chambers, Peter Fitz

Housekeeping - John called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm - Minutes approval: Roger moved to accept the minutes of the regular Selectboard meeting of 7/3/2023 as presented; seconded by John and unanimously approved - Additions/Deletions to the agenda: none Public Input - Joseph Audet had questions about road repair subsequent to the storm. Those questions were addressed during

New Business.

Department Reviews Town Clerk report - a leak around a roof vent at the office complex caused an electrical outlet to be damaged. The outlet was replaced, the leak will be addressed later - MERP(Municipal Energy Resilience Program) grant application work continues - Jennifer updates the town website each day concerning road conditions

Town Treasurer report - Katie reports the last week has involved preparations for the arrival of FEMA - Katie has been instructing citizens in correct ways to prepare for potential governmental assistance - the grand list was finalized Monday morning, there were no appeals filed - Katie was able to finalize the tax rate given the grand list information

Fire Department report. – none

New Business Christian Meyer, executive director of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, was at the meeting to address the Municipal Technical Assistance Program. This state program helps small municipalities like Worcester, with limited staff, access grants providing a pathway to additional ARPA funds. That is done via grant writing, grant administration and technical assistance. The WSB will combine ideas for potential projects at the next SB meeting, then present those ideas to the CVRPC.

Road/Storm Damage Discussion - The WSB has received questions regarding who is allowed to work on the team repairing Worcester's roads after last weeks devastating storms. The Town relies on its own road crew to do repairs. The Town may use operators with previous work arrangements to augment the team. This keeps Town costs as low as possible. Hiring private contractors would result in the Town being reimbursed at a lower rate than having our road crew do the work. Once FEMA makes their assessment and offers their template for repair, the Town can proceed to "permanent repair". It will remain in the town's best financial interest to have the work done "in house" but many projects will need to be put out to bid with local contractors having the opportunity to work on those projects. Finalize Tax Rate - Katie presented the new tax rate. John moved to accept the rate as presented, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved.

Old Business Parking and Trail ordinance review - the time for community comment on these proposed ordinances has ended without any petition presented. Roger moves that the Town clerk make appropriate notes on the ordinance history and add the ordinance to the Town record, seconded by John and unanimously approved. Correspondence - none Announcements - The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Town Office Complex on Monday August 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Attest, John Kaeding