

Monday August, 21, 2023 6:30 pm

- > Selectboard members present: Roger Strobridge, John Kaeding
- > Guests present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Will Sutton, Joe Audet Jr. Mike Utton, Tyler Billingsley and Walt Bador
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- > Housekeeping
  - > - John called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm
  - > - John moved to accept the draft minutes of the regular Selectboard meeting of August 7, 2023 with the addition that we add this sentence to the Tyler Billingsley segment of the Highway Department report:” Roger had previously searched for engineering firms to assist our Town. That search included Otter Creek Engineering on 8/2/23, VHB Engineering on 8/2/23 and East Engineering. East Engineering responded to our request”. Roger seconded John’s motion and unanimously approved
  - > - Additions/Deletions to the agenda: none
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  - > Public Input: none
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  - > Department Reviews
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  - > Town Clerk Report
    - > - Jennifer notes there have been questions regarding Town help in FEMA personal damage assistance. These repairs are handled by FEMA personal loss programs and are not arranged by the Town. The Worcester Town website has links to connect concerned residents to FEMA assistance.
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  - > Town Treasurer Report
    - > - Tax payments are coming in at a time when payments are most useful given the enormous cost of town repairs
    - > - the Town has identified 13 separate major sites of road repair subsequent to the storms of July. The timing of payment of repairs will be tricky as FEMA checks lag well behind invoices for individual projects
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  - > Fire Department Report
    - > - Will notes a portable electric generator intended to power through outages at the Fire House will be adequate if it powers both the furnace and the Fire House doors. A trial will be arranged to test the generator and clarify its capabilities
    - > - stationing a fire truck at the yearly fireworks display is a concept that Will thinks is reasonable depending on Worcester’s future Fourth of July plans
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  - > Town Engineering Report
    - > - Tyler Billingsley of East Engineering noted the Town faces 3 major road washouts that will require engineering assistance. The first is the West Hill Road washout, then Bridge 30 on Minister Brook road and lastly the Calais Road and Bridge. The last project will likely be postponed until next summer.
    - > - Tyler notes a pre bid conference will be held Thursday August 24 at 9:00 am at the West Hill site
    - > - August 31 at 9:00 am is the deadline for bids to be received

- > - Roger moves to accept East Engineering's proposal for West Hill reconstruction to enter the bid phase, seconded by John and unanimously approved
- > - Tyler Billingsley is the point of contact for all West Hill construction related questions
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- > New Business
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- > Old Business
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- > Town Road Repairs
- > - repairs near Frazier road are almost completed
- > - FEMA's initial road repair contact with the town will occur Wednesday August 23 at 10:00 am via phone. We anticipate in person meetings to follow.
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- > Road Grader purchase
- > - Our new to us, refurbished, used road grader has been delivered from Anderson Equipment in East Montpelier and the old grader was exchanged as trade in. The Town was reluctant to make this purchase, but the old grader was failing badly with a leaking pump and a transmission that no longer worked in 3rd or 4th gear. Neither of those problems were repairable as it's manufacturer has gone out of business and repair parts are no longer available.
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- > Correspondence: none
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- > Announcements
- > - The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Town Office Complex on Tuesday September 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.
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- > Attest John Kaeding
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