

DRAFT MINUTES

Monday, September 18, 2023 6:30 pm

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

Guests present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Mike Utton, Tyler Billingsley, Jennifer Chambers, Freedom Maura

Housekeeping

- John called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- Roger moved to accept the draft minutes of September 5, 2023 as written, seconded by John and unanimously approved
- Additions/Deletions - none

Public Input - none

Department Reviews

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer notes Town fuel tanks will get their inspection this month. This safety precaution occurs every 3 years
- Jennifer will attend a training session on vote tabulation
- Municipal Energy Resilience Program has approved a level 2 efficiency needs assessment for all 3 Worcester buildings. That entails an in depth site visit to look at making the buildings more energy efficient.
- Jennifer reports that Doty School will be receiving a power generator through the school district

Town Treasurer Report

- Katie reports taxes were due Friday. About 29 parcels have yet to send in those payments
- FEMA full damage inventory for Worcester regarding the July storm has been submitted at \$4,624,066. Current understanding of payment responsibilities has FEMA paying 75%; the State paying 17.5% and the town being responsible for the remainder although we have hope that further FEMA and State contributions may be coming.
- We had a discussion of potential payment methods depending upon eventual FEMA contributions and contract obligations
- Town-wide reappraisal will become a state requirement every 6 years

Fire Department Report

- Roger notes that the portable generator was trialed at the Office Complex and it easily powered the lights, furnace and Fire House doors

Town Engineering Report

- Tyler notes engineering and coordination with Tatro Construction is going well
- major project start times are expected to be early October with Calais Road stabilization being the most likely start point followed by West Hill work
- final road surface completion on Calais Road will need to await next years better weather

New Business

- none

Old Business

Road Repair Review

- Mike reports that of the 16 Town road projects, 11 are completed with 3 more expected to be done by week's end should the weather actually give us a break
- difficulty finding gravel pits that have any remaining gravel for sale is an increasingly pressing problem
- John will post a road repair update on FPF
- Roger moves that John act as spokesperson for the SB regarding road repairs and construction during this storm repair period, seconded by John and unanimously approved. As spokesperson, John will provide FPF updates.

Telecommunications Ordinance review

- John notes further consideration is needed
- Roger moves to table the discussion until all information is complete, 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 October 2, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Attest John Kaeding