

WORCESTER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING Minutes 4/3/23

Monday, April 3, 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, Cheri Goldstein, Dave Jablonski

Housekeeping

- John called meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- Minutes Approval: John moved to accept amended regular Selectboard Meeting minutes of 3/20/23; seconded by Roger and unanimously accepted.
- John moved to accept special Selectboard Meeting minutes of 3/27/23; seconded by Roger and unanimously accepted.
- Additions/Deletions: N/A
- Public Input: N/A

Department Reviews

Town Clerk Report:

- A leak was noted in Town Hall Roof. It was repaired.
- VLCT representative will be coming to assist Worcester in evaluating the ventilation system in town highway building.

Treasurer Report

- Katie gave grant applications update including VLCT passive grants and 2024 HW department grants
- Updated VLCT portal offers a calendar of grant information

Highway Department

- Mike reports all is going well
- New hire is working out well

New Business

Planning Commission Report

- Chani provided an overview of an Enhanced Energy Plan. This might serve as an addendum for the town plan and support regional targets to reduce emissions related to electricity, heating and transportation. The SB notes it's support of such a proposal.

Recreation Committee Report

- Caitlin reports working with VLCT to update Ladd Field plan

- working with CVRPC and VTRANS concerning potential for bike lanes on highway 12

- working with grants to identify funds for resurfacing basketball court

- John moved to add Josh Seidman to the Recreation Committee, seconded by Roger and unanimously accepted.

Discussion of Ordinance Adoption

- Roger is producing an ordinance adoption history that will clarify steps in future ordinance adoption and acceptance

Opioid Settlement Participation

- Katie notes this settlement is intended for towns over 10,000 people, Worcester will not be participating

Old Business

Review of Rules of Procedure for Selectboard Meetings

- The policy will be reworked for the next SB meeting
- A copy will be included in the minutes of the next meeting

Local Emergency Management Plan

- Plan was reviewed by Jennifer and John earlier in week, it will be ready by signing by next meeting

Follow up stray sheep incident

- More than 30 days have passed without anyone coming forward to claim sheep
- sheep will happily stay at its present home

Discussion of Ordinance work on parking and trail right of way

- SB will review proposed draft ordinances for next SB meeting
- once we are comfortable with them, the SB will warn a special public meeting for the end of the month to gather public input to assist in finalization of these ordinances

Correspondence

- none

Bills

- signed as presented

Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the town office building on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm
- the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Attest,

John Kaeding