

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Selectboard members present: Roger Strobridge, Carter Stowell and John Kaeding  
Guests present: Jennifer LeStat and Katie Miller

Housekeeping

- John called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm
- Roger moved to accept the draft minutes of February 5, 2024 as written, seconded by John and unanimously approved
- Additions/Deletions - John moved to add to Old Business an update on municipal water testing for perchlorate, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Public Input -none

Department Reviews

Town Clerk Report

- On February 14, 2024 ballots started being issued for upcoming local elections
- WCUUSD ballots were mailed
- Preparations for Town Meeting fill Jennifer's days

Town Treasurer Report

- Katie's days are filled working to secure promised FEMA funds, that work includes
- Submitted annual SUBSCRIPT report to SoV (internal audit of grant money received in 2023)
- Work on SoV subgrant agreement for State portion of FEMA event
- Coordinate with Sullivan and Powers in preparation for required FEMA single audit that will take place in early 2025
- Completed the PACIF labor audit for 2023
- Continued work with Brian Powers and FEMA officials to secure FEMA funding

Fire Department Report

- none

New Business

- LBJ license renewals  
John moved to support LBJ's license renewal for the sale of tobacco (license #18491) and second-class liquor (license #19247); seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan discussion

Katie noted Worcester is already underway with renewing our Town LHMP. She is working with the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission to prepare this plan. Worcester is requesting grant money to assist in preparation of this extensive document. The Town has 2 years to complete this process.

Old Business

- Emergency Watershed Protection plan follow up  
The SB has decided to opt out of the EWP plan. The program involves too many legal and financial liabilities for the Town to make participation prudent.

- Facilities Supervision discussion

The SB reviewed the creation of the role of Facilities Supervisor. This role would involve developing schedules of maintenance for Town facilities and assets. The facilities supervisor would be the “go to person” for coordinating facility repairs.

John moved to give Roger authority to go forward with the Facilities Supervisor description of duties; seconded by Carter; Roger abstains. This is a non-funded position.

- Preparation for Calais Road repair

John notes he is contacting folks who will need to provide construction easements along Calais Road in preparation for this summer’s repair. He has reached 3 of the 5 land owners.

- Municipal water testing for perchlorate

John notes that Endyne Labs in Williston Vt. can accept water samples for perchlorate testing. The samples are sent to their out of state laboratory to complete the study. Officials from the Municipal Water Board will gather a water sample to be tested. Results are generally returned in 3 weeks. Results will be publicly available.

Correspondence - none

Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Office Complex on Monday March 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Bills

- Signed as presented

Attest. John Kaeding