

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Worcester Town Office Complex

Selectboard members present: Roger Strobridge, Carter Stowell and John Kaeding
Guests present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Will Sutton, Keith Cubbon (CVRPC) and Dell Waterhouse

Housekeeping

- John called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- John moved to accept the draft minutes of August 5, 2024 as written, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Additions/Deletions to the agenda - none

Public Input - none

Department Reviews

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer continues preparations for upcoming elections
- She has provided training for poll workers
- She continues work on developing guidelines for Town Animal Control Officer

Town Treasurer Report

- Katie is arranging terms for a line of credit with Community Bank for \$4.5M to cover road repairs caused by the July 2024 flash floods
- interest rate will be 4.99%, it remains unclear if interest payments will be reimbursed by FEMA

Fire Department Report

- Will noted pumps were recertified on both fire engines and both passed without issue
- 2 new members, Jordan Nobler and Chris Pollard, will be starting firefighter course work next month
- the Worcester Fire Department has been doing more mutual aid assistance over the last couple months

Town Engineering Report

- Tyler Billingsley provided a written report of recent road repairs.
- he notes Calais Road paving should occur in late September with finish work buttoned up by Thanksgiving.
- most emergency repair work should be completed in the next 2 weeks. Larger permanent repairs will need to wait for next year and are subject to authorization from FEMA once a disaster declaration is made and FEMA inspectors weigh in on the Town's intention to upgrade several structures.
- we have received word from Vermont Emergency Services that FEMA is out of money for this fiscal year and awaits new funding from Congress. That fact will delay needed

reimbursement.

New Business

4th of July Fireworks Discussion

- Dell Waterhouse explained democratically assessing town interest in hosting a fireworks display next year. The State allows a non-binding question on this November's ballot. Carter moved to add a non-binding question to the ballot; seconded by John and unanimously approved.

- the question will read: Shall the voters of Worcester approve the Town hosting a fireworks display in 2025 on any Town property? Yes or No

Old Business

Vote on adoption of LHMP (Local Hazard Mitigation Plan)

- Keith Cubbon from (CVRPC) addressed the SB and noted that no substantial alterations were suggested over the last 2 weeks, therefore, we were prepared to vote on adopting the plan.

- John moved to adopt the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved.

Review loan documents for FEMA funding

- that topic was covered during the Treasurer's report

Update on flood plain project

- John gave update on flood plain development on the Daniel Chaplin property. The project remains a work in progress and proceeds with assistance from the Vermont River Conservancy.

Correspondence

- none

Announcements

- the next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Office Complex on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Bills

- signed as presented

Attest,

John Kaeding