

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING

03 June 2019

Selectboard members present: Ted Lamb, ben Jones and Paul Hill, Jr.

Selectboard members absent:

Guests present: Katie Winklejohn, Brian Powers & Phoenix Mitchell

Ted called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

The minutes for the 20 May19 meeting, moved by Ted and seconded by Paul, were approved.

Public Input: None

Road Commissioner's Report – Brian reported...

- The heavy rains and floods on May 19th & 20th are not FEMA covered events but will be under the State's emergency grants program. At this time, Brian's estimate is \$184K. He and his crew were able to salvage a lot of road material. He and Katie are working on the application for state funds.
- Paving on Minister Brook Road will be pushed a bit but could take place in mid-to-late July.
- Road-side mowing this year will be done by road crew employees using a rented mowing unit.
- Brian purchased more road material from Montpelier at a very good price, keeping within the budget for same.

Town Clerk's report – Katie reported...

- A large delinquent property tax account will likely be settled around mid-August when the owners sell the property. Delinquencies are looking very good with almost all accounts resolved.
- The State will not have determined the school tax rate by the time the tax bills will need to be mailed to residents for the August installment; this will cause the need for two mailings. The State will cover the cost of the second mailing.
- The newly formed Town Service Committee (TSC) held their second meeting. Members are:
Heather Paigle, chair
Mimi Hill, **XXXXX, XXXXX**
Katie is recommending that next year's budget have a line item of funding for \$200 to the TSC. Their first project is to create a "welcome bag" to new families settling in Worcester.

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Old Business:

- The Board discussed the need for a noise ordinance and will continue to look at drafting some guidelines.
- Ted recommended that the board consider installing rain gutters on the Town Hall and the Office building, to help prevent rot and damage to the siding. Katie has been working with Bob Beauregard about prices for the gutters as well as roof guards to prevent snow runoff in the winter.
- The board took a quick walk up to the side of the town office building to review the grade of driveway where runoff has been damaging the siding and entering the garage area. Brian agreed he would try to re-grade some of that area to handle the runoff.
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New Business:

Phoenix Mitchell, a Worcester resident, has developed a concept called “Coffee-Pooling” to help those who want to car-share a ride back and forth between Worcester and Montpelier. The concept is generally described in the attached flyer created by Phoenix. With support from the Post Office Café and Birch Grove Bakery, those needing rides can buy “coffee coins” or \$1 each and offer those coins to drivers. Drivers can then use those coins as credits at the participating café for food items. The major issue at this point seems to be locating the kiosk (or “hitching post”) as the point where riders can leave a car and drivers can pick up riders. The Town Hall was ruled out due to other activities needing parking spaces and plowing issues in the winter. Phoenix is seeking a state grant of \$500 to help cover some of the costs in developing this idea. To apply for the grant, he needs a letter of support from the Selectboard. The board decided to give a letter of interest and support subject to further defining and accepting the final details, primarily concerning parking and kiosk placement.

Correspondence: None

Bills: Signed as presented.

Announcements: The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the town office on 17 June 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Attest: Paul Hill, Jr.