

# TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

## MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING

17 December 2018

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

**Selectboard members absent:** Cheri Goldstein

**Guests present:** Katie Winklejohn, Will Sutton, Ben Jones

Ted called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

The minutes for the 12/03/18 meeting were reviewed. Ted made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Minutes were approved.

### **Fire Department report** - Will reported...

- Membership is flat and is a continued concern. The staffing is at 12 members now (three EMTs and nine fire fighters). He would like to have six EMTs and 16 fire fighters.
- In October, Will had the Lakes Region Fire Apparatus Company certify the condition of the pumps on the fire truck, which showed one valve leaking. It was repaired but a subsequent inspection said all valves were leaking, yet the truck was not put in service after the initial inspection by Lakes Region. Will is attending to the outcome of this and will report his findings back to the board.
- Will reported that the fire alarm panel in the FD garage had a malfunction but is now repaired and operational.
- The FD will hold its annual meeting in late December and elect officers at that time. Will expressed his desire to stay on as chief.

### **Town Clerk's report** – Katie Winklejohn reported...

- She had a conversation with Nancy Gore who will take the lead as committee chair for the Town Social Services Committee.
- The “round up” option, as a way for residents to help fund the Service Committee’s actions, has been cleared per the town’s auditor. Per the VLCT, as long as the option is transparent, voluntary and funds aren’t co-mingle with other funding, this should not be a [problem for the town to implement. The option may be ready by the time the next tax bills are issued.
- The town report needs to be finalized. She will get a list of town assets prepared.
- Katie has six residents who had agreed to make payments to cure delinquent taxes but those residents have not honored their agreement. She is issuing a letter giving them 60 days to respond or the accounts will go to legal for collection.
- The auditors will be coming on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** Ted mentioned we need to re-visit the noise ordinance issue.

**TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT**

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Public Input:** Ben Jones attended the meeting again and expressed his interest in filling the seat vacated by Chris Casey. Ted will discuss this with Cheri Goldstein who is filling that seat temporarily.

**Correspondence:**

Katie received a letter from a resident asking if the town has in its by-laws information about the FEMA flood plains in town. Ted said he thought the information was in the Town Plan. At some point, the board will engage the State to help update the town by-laws.

**Bills:** Signed as presented.

**Announcements:** The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the town office on 07 January 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Attest: Paul Hill, Jr.