

June 6th 2019

Minutes of Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting

Present: Ted Lamb, Benjamin Jones, Paul Hill

Guests: Katie Winkeljohn, Will Sutton, Stewart Clark, Judy Knapp, Jeannie

Meeting Called to order: 06:31pm

Minutes from the previous Selectboard meetings were Moved by Ted and seconded by Paul, no amendments were needed.

PUBLIC INPUT

- Jeannie- reported her concern with the haying of her property which abuts Ladd field. In the past there was a stake put in to set the property line however that was removed long ago and she would like it put back. She does not mind people using parts of her land to access Ladd field via the walking path however she wants to make it clear that part of the land being mowed does indeed belong to her. To that end the town acknowledges we are using her land for a public path and we encourage her to place a stake back where she feels appropriate.

TOWN CLERK / TREASURER REPORT - Reported by Katie

- Outstanding property tax rate computation should be ready by 7/1
- Preliminary tax rate may potentially increase by \$15.00
- School budget & impact to tax rate should be known by 7/1
- Tax delinquencies are in good shape, there is only one property without a repayment plan, however that property is up for sale which if sold will make the town whole
- Tax bills should be ready and in the hands of the property owners by 7/15
- The town is still working on securing funding from the state for recent flood damage.

WFD

- Membership is steady, no increase or decrease however membership recruiting tools are being implemented to help increase volunteers
- There have been no recent note worth events that the fire department has responded to.
- The WVFD has made the decision to respond to all cardiac events and not wait for Montpelier to respond as they are all trained for such situations
- There is still no update on the structural analysis of the pit in front of the fire department, the roads and highway department will be securing an engineer to provide analysis.
- Will mentioned there is a water valve on minister brook that needs replacement however it will have to wait until repair of the road itself is done.
- The recent coin drop was very successful and the fire department will also participate in the upcoming July 4th festivities by hosting a fund raising BBQ.
- Lastly we were made aware that the fire department fills water tanks at the community gardens however recently during filling of one of the tanks present it was noted that there was a leak. Presumably this was the result of water being left in the tank over the winter which caused damage and the subsequent leak issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- More July 4th vendors are requesting access to various town buildings to pull electricity from. We have accommodated this in the past however multiple vendors drawing power from the same building maybe an issue depending on what will be powered and the load (amps) being drawn. We will investigate the number of vendors asking for power and try to accommodate will feasible.
- We discussed the moving forward of the town plan by 1/1/2020 as it has been in the works for over 3 years, Steward Clark was present to discuss his concerns.
- In an effort to help with the completion of the town plan the handing over of map making to the Vermont regional planning commission was discussed. Steward mentioned they, the Vermont regional planning commission, will be handling the actual drawing of the maps but that it would be done in conjunction with his assistance.

Old Business

- The Selectboard revisited and discussed the implementation of a Town Noise ordinance.
- There have been 1 to 2 grievances against the implementation of a town noise ordinance.
- The Selectboard has decided to table further discussion for now and bring up the noise ordinance at town meeting day for public discussion and vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various town bills where agreed to and signed off on.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Meeting – July 1st 2019 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8: 15 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Benjamin E. Jones