

Worcester Selectboard Meeting – May 21, 2018

Present: Ted Lamb, Chris Casey, Paul Hill

Absent:

Guests: Katie Winklejohn, Will Sutton, Virginia Humphries, Kyle Devitt, Will King

Ted called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Ted made a motion to approve minutes from previous meeting as written, Paul second. Motion passed.

Additions to meeting: NONE

Public Input: Virginia “Ginny” Humphries. Ginny approached the board to say that she wanted to go on record that whoever was mowing a path on the Ladd Field was crossing a portion of her property. Ginny expressed no concerns as to stopping the mowing but wanted the Town to know that the path was in fact coming onto her property. Ted acknowledged her concern and said he would find out the person doing the mowing to let them know the situation.

New Business:

Water District review – Will Sutton gave the board an update about the Minister Brook Road project. Will has discussed the situation with Brian Powers, the Town Road Commissioner, and believes they have a plan to determine the extent of the damage and needed repairs to a water line valve. The Town will not have access to grant funding to repair Minister Brook Road, so Will is working to find the most cost effective way to address the situation and will keep the Board informed.

Fire Dept. – Will said he has sent the quotes to Katie about the costs to acquire the 4 new air packs.

Ted asked Will about any needed repairs to the building. There is a holding tank for contaminated water running from the floor drain. The department no longer needs or uses that system so will recommends removal of the tank. However, Will noted that tank still seems to collect water run-off from outside the building. Ted noted it’s possibly water from rains and re-grading the ground could help solve that issue. Will also mentioned there is an exterior fuel tank that’s no longer needed or used and recommended its removal.

Will mentioned that the department went through a flagger training course and now has eight certified flaggers.

Solar array project – Kyle Devitt, Will King

Kyle Devitt is working with an independent energy consultant, Will King, and is exploring the possibility of installing a 500 kW solar array on property owned by Kyle. In order to proceed with the State’s requirements under Act 248, the project needs to go before the Public Service Board with a letter of support from the Selectboard. After some discussion about the project, the Selectboard would like to have input from the Town Planning Commission. Ted suggested the Board takes the time to so a site visit. The Board will try to make a decision about offering its support by its next board meeting on XXXXXXXX.

Town Clerk/ Treasurer’s Report:

Hancock Brook, class 4 road work. Katie is applying for a state grant for \$20,000 that requires a 20% match which can be 100% of "in kind" contribution from the Town. The work will fill in some gaps/holes, grade to help with run-off and remediate some of the high /narrow shoulders. The work could be done by the end of September. The Board signed the grant application.

Delinquent tax issue –The board reviewed the delinquent tax report and took actions reflecting the town policy.

Old Business

Town Hall Lighting & repairs. Ted mentioned that we needed to have three bids on the scope of work he prepared (electrical, paint& paper, new door) for the Hall. Katie will make calls to contractors who might be interested in bidding for a portion or all of the work needed.

Bills- the Board authorized the payment of typical expenses as presented by Katie.

Ted made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Paul seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.