

Worcester Selectboard Meeting – July 2, 2018

Present: Ted Lamb, Chris Casey

Absent: Paul Hill

Guests: Katei Winklejohn, Brian Powers, Bill Arrand, Stew Clark, Gary Nolan, Mick Eckhardt

Ted called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Ted made a motion to approve minutes from previous meeting as written, Chris second. Stew Clark suggested that the previous minutes be amended to indicate that he suggested that new lighting include the town garage. Ted withdrew his motion. Ted made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Additions to meeting: no additions but the order of the meeting was switched to accommodate members of the planning commission.

Public Input: NONE

Old Business

Solar Array Support Letter – Ted made a motion to approve the letter of support as written. The letter indicates the current location as a preferred site. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ted and Bill Arrand signed the letter.

New Business:

Highway Department Review:

- Gary Nolan was a guest of the Selectboard to join in a discussion regarding the administration of paving grants in District 8. Jim Kota has developed a procedure to administer grants. Gary and Brian have both spoken with Jim regarding the difficulty that a small town like Worcester has in obtaining a grant based on the current criteria. Jim agreed and also agreed to look at the criteria. Gary agreed to visit this issue when the legislature reconvenes in February.
- Brian is working on Hancock Brook Rd. The first phase of the stormwater grant work is completed and the second phase will be completed by the end of the month.

Town Clerk/ Treasurer's Report:

- Mick Eckhardt joined the meeting to discuss the scope of carpentry work needed/desired at the Town Hall. It was Mick's suggestion that the initial scope of carpentry work only include the replacement of the door and the lower clapboards on the north side. Mick suggested that the cosmetic work on the stage really needed more direction and planning.
- The Selectboard needs to really define the scope of the work and layout a plan for the lighting, the painting and the cosmetic work for the stage.
- Katie informed the Board that the school tax rate was set that day. This would allow the town to set the town tax rate. Ted made a motion to set the 2018 Town Tax Rate at 0.5965/ \$1000 on the grandlist. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Katie recommended that the Board consider the process of a town wide reappraisal. The whole process could take three years. No action was taken by the Board.
- Katie informed the Board that the State is going to charge town an annual fee for tax mapping. Likely to cost the town an additional \$200/year.
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Old Business

Town Hall Lighting – not addressed.

Ted made a motion to adjourn at 8:15. Chris seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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