

July 15th 2019

Minutes of Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting

Present: Ted Lamb, Benjamin Jones, Paul Hill

Guests: Katie Winklejohn, Stewart Clark, Bill & Linda Como

Meeting Called to order: 06:33pm

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

PUBLIC INPUT

- Bill & Linda Como came in to discuss the plan for the area surrounding the utility boxes outside the town clerks office after having removed the trees that were directly in front of that area.
- They stated it cost them about \$300 to remove the trees however they declined any reimbursement.
- We discussed "sprucing up" the existing deck to make it more visually appealing with Bill and Linda doing the work. They esitmate no more than \$125 in cost.
- The Selectboard agreed to a max of \$200 toward the repairs.
- Bill and Linda suggested not putting up any small trees or shrubbery due to concerns with snow coming of the roof and damaging newly planted greenary.

TOWN CLERK / TREASURER REPORT - Reported by Katie

- We discussed that there are only two delinquent property tax accounts left to be paid.
- One of the delinquent accounts is said to be under investigation by law enforcement due to the circumstances surrounding the sale of property in question. \$3,185.10 is owed to the town.
- While that is on going a delinquent notice will be sent to the property owners lawyers.
- The other delinquent account has been partially paid and the Selectboard has granted a 30 day extension for the remaining amount to be paid off.
- Audit of the towns books have been done and no issues were found.
- We discussed needing a training manual for the town clerk position per the auditors suggestion. Katie will be working on this over time.
- There is still no town education property tax rate available and the mailing of the tax bill will be delayed due to this.
- Despite the delay, payment of the bills will still be allowed to be paid 30 days from mailing date of the bills.
- Lastly the town has raised \$195 in total from the sale of town bags/welcome bags.

NEW BUSINESS

- Steward Clark discussed the hemp operation (Big CBD/Vermont Natural CBD) over at the Old Tavern Farm. The state has recently inspection the operation and determined that the greenhouse that was constructed is in the flood plane and flood corridor.

- This information has led to Ned Swanberg, employee of the state licensing department, questioning the town about our flood hazard regulations and building permits for construction in flood zones.
- The selectboard has contacted the Vermont League of Cities and towns (VLCT) along with the Vermont regional planning commission for assistance with this matter.
- We also discussed the state mandated sewage ordinances for which we have also reached out to VLCT and the regional planning board for guidance.
- A representative from Big CBD/Vermont Natural CBD dropped off a flood map to the Town clerks office noting the greenhouses placement. This was added to the current use file for the farm land.
- The Selectboard is questioning the reliability of the map as it appears to not account for the flood plane and/or flood corridor. At this time the state will be handling this matter going forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various town bills were not signed off on at this time, Selectboard members will be stopping by the town clerks office to sign these in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Meeting – July 29th 2019 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Benjamin E. Jones