

August 19th 2019

Minutes of Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting

Present: Ted Lamb, Benjamin Jones, Paul Hill

Guests: Katie Winklejohn, Stewart Clark, Will Sutton

Meeting Called to order: 06:30pm

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

TOWN CLERK / TREASURER REPORT - Reported by Katie

- Katie mentioned that she is still waiting for tax payments to come in, final payment date of the first portion of taxes is September 3rd 2019
- She discussed working on getting estimates to install gutters at the town clerks office.
- We discussed that the state of Vermont introduced new regulations regarding obtaining a copy of a birth certificate. Katie will now have to go through a state system called Vital.
- Katie discussed having issues with accessing the system, it appears the town has been blacklisted due to an insufficient computer anti-virus system.
- She is working on getting quotes on upgrading our anti-virus & ransom ware. After contacting the state for assistance they recommended a local company named Dominion tech.

WFD

- We discussed that both of the WFD fire engines have been recently recertified.
- The WFD was called in to assist with a rescue of an injured hiker on August 17th. The hiker had a broken ankle.
- The hiker was near the top of worcester mountain and several local Fire departments were called in to assist. It ended up being an 8 hrs ordeal.
- One of the WFD fire fighters was taken to the hospital for an evaluation after showing signs of dehydration.
- Will mentioned that the WFD was also recently called in to help a motorcyclist who had crashed his motorcycle on route 12.
- We discussed the WFD BBQ which happened over July 4th, Will reported that did not go as well as in years past.
- There apparrantly were other vendors selling items very similar to the items being sold by the WFD which may have led to a decrease in customers.
- We discussed Money raised by the WFD goes to help fund the equipment and other necessities ultimatlly helping the town so we'd like to make the BBQ as successful as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Selectboard has elected to move forward with a new company to pave Minister brook road.

- Stu Clark attended the meeting to discuss the towns implementation of flood bylaws and the map creation process of the town planning commission.
- We discussed that the Town of Worcester does have say in the development of flood plain areas although we do not have any zoning.
- In the case were we don't have a say on development we can also involve the state to help in that process.
- In regards to the implementation of Flood hazarad by-law Stu mentioned that there could be an impact to residents.
- Ned Swanberg, Flood Hazard Mapping Coordinator at State of Vermont, stated that we need to have regluations in place regarding development in flood zones and an application made available that can be completed by anyone wishing to start development in a flood zone. That application would have to be reviewed and approved by the Administrative Officer (AO).
- The Town of Worcester has to select an AO and also establish a board of Appeals in order to stay in compliance with the NFIP (National Flood insurance program).
- Section VII-C (Flood Model) of our Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) needs to be updated with by-law part D.
- By-law part D which is determined by the state lists which regulation needs to be used when a town has zoning or when the town does not have zoning.
- Also Part D replaces the term fluvial erosion with a River corridor performance standard.
- In regards to town maps Stu needs to finalize what is needed for maps, i.e. how many maps are needed and what the cost is.
- The town planning commission is investigating what grants are available for us to apply for to help cover the map making cost.

PUBLIC INPUT

- Will Sutton raised concerns over the implementation of these new by-laws stating that often the data used to determine flood zones and corridors isnt always accurate causing impact to current residents of the town even with existing structures.
- The Selectboard recognized the concerns and will make ever effort to minimize any impact.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various town bills where signed off on at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Meeting – September 3rd 2019 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Respectfully Submitted
Benjamin E. Jones