

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD REGULAR MEETING

07 October 2019

Select Board members present: Ted Lamb, Ben Jones and Paul Hill, Jr.

Select Board members absent:

Guests present: Katie Winklejohn, Brian Powers, Stew Clark, Kyle Devitt

Ted called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

The minutes for the 16 September 2019 meeting, moved by Ted and seconded by Ben, were approved.

Public Input: Kyle came by to ask about the Right of Way the town has regarding Class 4 roads. He was inquiring about Trail #3 (AKA Trail #18 off of Hampshire Hill Road). This trail provides access to his property and Kyle wants to have better access, create a drive way from the trail to his cabin and improve the ditching on the sides. Brian explained the ROW is 3 rods (49.5 feet) from the center of the road to each side.

Road Commissioner's Report – Brian reports...

- The grant application for the flooding emergency repairs has been submitted. The Town should receive \$86,152 from the state. The culvert on Eagle Ledge road will be done next year, and costs are estimated to be \$125,000, which, if approved, could be covered in this grant request.
- Ted mentioned that the Selectboard and Brian should come up with a funding plan to address the future paving needs of roads in Worcester.
- Ted completed the "Local & Regional Input Questionnaire" for the state's application concerning the work needed to be done in replacing the bridge on Route 12, north of the village.

Town Clerk's report – Katie reported...

- Delinquent taxes are now about \$10,000 with half of that amount owed by one resident. November taxes are starting to come in.
- The Worcester Neighbor Network held a game day last week at the Town Hall and there was a good turnout. The WNN, in connection with the Worcester United Methodist Church, held a lobster dinner a few weeks ago and this, too, was well attended. WNN is thinking to make these and other gatherings (like a movie night) regular events.
- The meal train for Brandon went well.
- Budget preparation work has begun.
- Katie may need fewer volunteers for voting in 2020, as Berlin has agreed that we may be able to use their tabulators.

New Business: None

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Old Business:

Stew explained that the Town has applied for the Municipal Grant for funding to pay for the maps to accompany the updated Town Plan. We're likely to hear the decision on approval sometime in December.

Correspondence: None

Bills: Signed as presented.

Announcements: The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be held at the town office on 21 October 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Attest: Paul Hill, Jr.