

# TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

## MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD REGULAR MEETING

03 February 2020

**Select Board members present:** Ben Jones (acting chair) and Paul Hill, Jr.

**Select Board members absent:** Ted Lamb

**Guests present:** Katie Winklejohn, Will Baker, Ryan McCall

Ben called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

The minutes for the 20 January 2020 meeting, moved by Ben and seconded by Paul, were approved.

**Public Input:** Will Baker came to the meeting to give the Selectboard a status of the Doty Playground Renovation project. This committee feels that the playground functions as a community facility and while some of the equipment functions well, some things need attention to be up to current safety standards. Will mentioned that the Doty School principal thought it would be a good idea to explain some of this at Town Meeting this year in the hopes of getting local volunteers to work on the project as well as getting information/ideas about funding for rehab work.

**Road Commissioner's report** – As Brian wasn't present, Katie passed along that Brian and the crew are happy with the acquisition of the new truck for plowing/sanding.

**Town Clerk's report** – Katie reports...

- The draft budget is in place and looks good.
- The current amount of unpaid delinquent taxes are about one-half of the typical amount at this time of year (a good sign!). Katie is expecting to have much of the remaining balances to be under a payment agreement soon.
- The Worcester Neighbor Network seems to be coming together and working well on issues like "trash vouchers", helping those residents who can't afford the trash/recyclable fees at the transfer station. The WNN has set up a donation bucket at the transfer station to fund this project

**New Business:** Ryan McCall with the Onion River Soccer club came to the meeting to discuss the club's needs and suggestions on using more of the space at the Ladd field rec area. After looking at the field documents concerning suitable uses and maps with field configurations, the board had some concerns about sensitive areas (leach fields and abutting property owners' concerns) and issues about team and spectator parking. Ryan said he would come back to the board on February 17<sup>th</sup> with new field layouts that would better accommodate the different age-group/league needs and be acceptable to the board.

**Old Business:** None

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**Correspondence:** None

**Bills:** Signed as presented.

**Announcements:** The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be held at the town office on 17 February 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Attest: Paul Hill, Jr.