

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD REGULAR MEETING

06 March 2020

Select Board members present: Ted Lamb, Roger Strobridge and Paul Hill, Jr.

Select Board members absent:

Guests present: Katie Winklejohn, Brian Powers

The Board has begun meeting via the Zoom online conferencing service. Ted called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

The minutes for the 03/02 2020 meeting, moved by Ted and seconded by Paul, were approved.

Installation of board officers: Roger nominated Ted, with a unanimous vote approving same. Paul nominated Roger as the committee scribe, which was approved by unanimous vote. Paul and Roger agreed to share the duties, alternating minutes for meetings.

Ted moved that the board vote on accepting the following issues;

1. That the Times/Argus would be the Board's paper to use for notification issues,
2. That the Board will meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month,
3. And the official location for Board related activities will be the Town Hall and/or the Doty School.
4. All existing committees, i.e., Planning, Social Committee, Worcester Neighbor Network (WNN), would continue to meet and operate as before. Since there are no members at the present time on the Ladd Field Rec Committee, that responsibility falls to the Board.
5. Ted Lamb would continue as the Town's Health Officer.
6. That the Board would adopt the LEMP document.
7. Ted nominated Will baker as the Town's 2nd representative to the WCCU School Board. Roger seconded the motion, which passed.

All issues were approved by the Board.

Public Input: None

Road Commissioner's report – Brian reported that Tyler Whalen had started work for the Town.

Town Clerk's report – Katie reports...

- The Town Offices are closed indefinitely due to the covid-19 pandemic. She has waived the fee for dog licensing and attorneys doing title searches will need to make an appointment.
- Office Assistants; Fran is staying out of the office, Judy is coming in.
- The Town's IT support company, NIMIRIK, is waiving its set up fees for remote access. All Town info is being backed up on the cloud. Cost is \$9/unit/month or about \$360/year.
- The Town Meeting went very smoothly.

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- Many volunteers stepping up for the WNN, very gratifying. WNN is coordinating meal deliveries. At the present time, Katie will remain as the point person to be contacted and coordinate WNN activities.
- She will circulate warrants for Board's signatures.
- Regarding the paving issue of Minister Brook Road; Katie has had an initial conversation about using Community National Bank to acquire municipal bond funds. The Town will need to hire an approved bond counsel for the next steps in developing the application and associated supporting information, such as the engineers' quote on the scope of work and the estimated life of the work. Ted commented that he felt time was of the essence, given the time probably needed to develop and file the app, then acquire a final contract for paving if it's to be done this year. A special Town meeting will need to be warned and held for voter approval. Ted will reach out to the appropriate legal firm and coordinate with Brian and Katie. Ted also commented about the need for repairs on the Calais Road, that there may be State funds available for shimming and overlay.

New Business: None

Old Business:

Re; Onion River Soccer Club – continued use/ expansion of playing area at Ladd Field. The Board agrees that the Club's proposed use as "option 4" was preferred, adding 3,000 SF to the area used by the Club. Ted mentioned that the Ladd Rec Field management document requires the Board to consider the impact of the activities on residents. The Board will communicate the Club's activities to neighbors with info, including maps and description of the proposal and solicit comments.

Proposed;

- The Club to increase its onetime payment to the Town from \$500 to \$1,500
- Mowing will be done by the Town.
- Any needed surface preparation will be the responsibility of the Club, which will need to be "mower ready" upon completion.
- Port-a-Pottys supplied by the Club.
- Proper posted notice to attendees for appropriate parking areas.
- Responsibility of cleaning any trash and pet refuse is the responsibility of the Club.

The motion on the foregoing issues was moved by Roger and seconded by Paul, which passed.

Correspondence: None

Bills: Signed as presented.

Announcements: The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be held at the town office on 06 April 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Attest: Paul Hill, Jr.