

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

15 June 2020

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

Select Board members absent:

Guests present: Katie Winklejohn, Judy Knapp, Alan Gilbert, Susan & Robert Connolly,
John Russell

The Board began meeting via the Zoom online conferencing service. Ted called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

The minutes for the 05/18/ 2020 meeting, moved by Ted and seconded by Paul, were approved.

Fire Dept. Chief's report – Will Sutton was absent.

Town Clerk's report – Katie reported that things were going fairly smoothly, “status quo.” The Listers are working Monday mornings, getting delinquent letters out. Judy is coming to the office once a week. Title exams are done by appointment only. Work now is to gear up for the election.

Public Input: Judy Knapp reported that Bill Dodge recommended Jim Shover as a person to brush hog the field again if the fireworks display would take place. Jim hasn't yet responded to calls to mow. Judy mentioned that it isn't certain whether the fireworks display would take place. Ted asked if Northstar Fireworks had been on notice that the display is pending and Judy said yes.

Alan Gilbert asks if the Selectboard would appointment John Russell as an alternative representative for the Union Community District council. The Board made and approved the appointment of Allen as the first representative and Joh as the alternate.

6:53 PM – Dave Stridesburg joined the meeting

Old Business: Ted brought up the issue of changing the speed limit on Hampshire Hill Road, reducing the limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH. Roger discussed the process as 1) doing a traffic study by the Board, having members and Brian Powers drive the location 2) determine the sign locations (both directions) 3)) place ads in newspapers for 60 days 4) amend the current ordinance and have Board approve the change.

Concerning the sign at the intersection of Minister Brook Road and Hampshire Hill Road, Brian mentioned he had a discussion with Jim Cota of the VT AOT and he advises holding off on doing anything until a traffic study could be done.

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Concerning the traffic issues on the Shepard Hill Trail: Ted and Brian's research shows that putting up barriers would be illegal. Brian is looking at the VLCT's sample ordinance to limit ATV activity on town trails. Ted mentions we already have a permit process in place and the over the last 7 years, he knows of only 2 instances where a citizen has complained. Roger mentions that Washington County Sheriff Sam Hill might be willing to go with Town Constable Sean McMannis to patrol the area. Brian asked/suggested it might be good to know about how many ATVs are using the trail now. Dave Stridesburg said he thought it to be about 6 vehicles every day, including ATVs, trucks, and motor bikes. Dave said it doesn't bother him personally.

New Business:

Correspondence: None

Bills: signed as presented. Roger has been delegated the signing authority with SB approval.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Attest: Paul Hill, Jr.