

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

17 August 2020

Select Board members present: Ted Lamb and Roger Strobridge

Guests present: Will Sutton, Carol Gosslin

Meeting called to order at 6:33.

The minutes for the 08/03/2020 meeting were approved as submitted. Ted moved to accept the minutes and seconded by Roger.

Department:

Worcester Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Will Sutton reported that the application for state providing PPE has been completed and submitted. He is now waiting for the product to arrive and will distribute as planned.

All fire department trucks with pumps have been tested and recertified for another year. Will has the Vermont Town Forest Fire Warden Appointment Form and will forward to Ted for select board to sign appointing Will as fire warden. Once signed it will be forwarded to the Agency of natural resources.

The annual mowing of the hay meadow and brought up and Will requested that it be completed soon, in order to lessen the possibilities of standing dead grass catching fire. Ted will follow up on having it done as soon as possible.

Public Input:

Carol Gosslin came forward to complain about the security lights and nighttime deliveries to LBJ's grocery. She stated that the new security light flashes on and off every 45 seconds all night long making it difficult to sleep. She also noted that the late night or very early morning deliveries at the store are still going on, involving trucks idling for long periods of time with thumping, banging and clanging, making it difficult for people to sleep. Carol also referred to the town plan which addresses these issues and nothing has been done to enforce it. Roger advised Carol that the town plan is just what it is, a plan. It is not a law and any section of the plan can only be enforced if an ordinance is written and approved by the town. Ted did offer to have a select board member act as an arbitrator and meet with the owners at LBJ's to see if a solution can be found.

New Business:

None

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Ted reported that the Town Planning Committee was still at a standstill and he suggested that the current committee be dissolved and have all records returned to the select board for review and then restarting the planning committee with new members and new goals for getting the plan completed. Roger agreed and requested that Ted make the motion. So Ted made the statement a motion and Roger 2nd, the motion passed. Ted and Roger will contact the current committee members and perhaps some of the previous members and have a conversation with them about either staying on the committee or returning to help out with the town plan. Then the select board will move forward with appointing members to the new planning committee.

Correspondence: None

Bills: Signed as presented.

Announcements: The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be held by way of video conferencing on Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. due to the Labor Day Holiday on Monday September 7, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Attest: Roger Strobridge