

**TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT**

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**21 January 2021**

**Select Board members present:** Ted Lamb and Roger Strobridge, Sherry Goldstein

**Guests present:** Katie Winklejohn , Will Sutton, Elaine Ball

Meeting called to order at 6:33.

The minutes for the 01/04/2020 meeting were approved as submitted. Ted moved to accept the minutes from Jan 041 2021. Cheri 2nd

**Department:**

**Town Clerk:**

Katie reported that it is looking like there will be two ballots needed for town meeting, one for the town and one for the school. She also reported that 4 pm Jan 25, 2021 is the deadline for any candidates to be added to the ballot for town meeting. She also reported that she has brought in Jennifer Lestat to work part time with Katie to help with preparations for the annual audit, voter check list and ballot mailing preparation. On another note Katie would like to have the lower half of the town building siding that is damaged and stained replaced she will get some estimates.

**Fire Department:**

Will Sutton continued the discussion on replacing the tanker truck. He recommended the quote from Midwest Fire Company based in Luverne, Minnesota for replacing the existing tanker truck at a price of \$169,953.00. He said it was a freightliner chassis and would be geared for our hills and area. He also recommended looking at government loans if the purchase is approved. He also recommended to increase the life expectancy of truck #1 and truck #2 from 20 years to 25 or 30 years. This would lengthen the gaps between purchasing replacement vehicles. Roger questioned increasing the length of time trucks are kept since it would bring them closer to the age of the current tanker. He wondered why it is ok to increase the life span of truck #1 and #2 another 5 or 10 years since they are now considered used vehicles why the current tanker which was originally a used tanker and lasted nearly 40 years why it could not be replaced with a used certified tanker at \$60,000 to \$80,000 and still could last at least 20 years. Will felt that a used tanker would be just buying used problems. Roger asked how often the tanker went out on calls and Will stated on average at least once a month he used an average since traditionally more fires occur in the winter months and that most calls for the tanker are for mutual aid to assist other departments when they have fire calls.

Cheri asked how many fire personnel are available to answer calls. Will stated that they currently have 12 firefighters, 3 work in town most of the time and are normally first to respond and a total of 8 respond regularly when called out. Ted moved to go to the next step to find out what kind of financing is available the schedule. Cheri 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

Town warning Article 7 add words no more than. Roger suggested that article 6 authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Worcester 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display be removed from the warning since the town still has \$5,000.0 from last year that was never spent due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Reviewed wording on warning for annual town meeting, Katie will have a final draft soon. Cheri made motion to schedule the informational for Feb 22 at 6:30 virtually and Ted 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cheri also recommended that the link and the phone number for the town informational virtual meeting be included in the first paragraph of the Worcester warning for the annual town meeting.

It was suggested that Ted, Katie, Roger and Cheri all be administrators for the informational meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD CONTINUED**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**18 January, 2021**

**Correspondence:** None

**Bills:** Signed as presented.

**Announcements:** The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be held by way of video conferencing on Monday February 01, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

**Attest:** Roger Strobridge