

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

15 February 2021

Select Board members present: Ted Lamb and Roger Strobridge, Cheri Goldstein.

Guests present: Katie Winklejohn, Paul Hanlon, Michelle Salvador, John Kaeding, Elaine Ball.

Meeting called to order at 6:32.

Ted moved to accept the minutes from Feb 01 2021 as submitted, Cheri 2nd. The motion passed.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

Department Reports:

Town Clerk:

Katie reported that ballots have been mailed and the town report should be going out on the 15th. Everything else is going ok, very busy but manageable. She also spoke about software program that is available that would enable tax payers to get copies of tax bills via the town web site for an annual fee of \$500 which would easily offset the cost of her providing the same service manually. Ted made the motion approving the purchase, Cheri 2nd the motion and the motion passed. Katie also talked about the options of getting the town hall connected to the town internet. Ormsby's computer could do it but there would still be some limitations and was complicated. A more straight forward approach would be to have Comcast make a direct connection to the town hall. Ted made the motion to have Comcast provide the service. Cheri 2nd the motion and the motion passed.

Fire Department:

Will Sutton reported that there may be an addition to the fire department membership and a possible addition to the fast squad and more information would be provided later. In January the select board had asked the fire department for a 2020 report of activity and Will mentioned that someone was working on the report but it wasn't done yet. Will asked why there was a delay in getting a financial plan together about possibly getting a new tanker truck. He stated that he felt like the select board was dragging its feet about the whole thing. Ted responded that the board and town clerk were still waiting on the fire department to provide a firm price on a new tanker and which vender they had chosen. All the select board could do until then, would be to provide possible scenarios for a revised equipment schedule which had been done. Nothing else can happen until the board has firm numbers to work with. Roger added that with all the added work of changing town meeting to an Australian ballot and with training on how to run virtual informational meetings plus keeping up with new state regulations and training sessions it has taken up a huge chunk of Katie's time. Meanwhile she is still trying to run the town clerk's office with reduced staff and covid 19 regulations.

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New Business:

Ted provided information about operating the informational meeting for town meeting. He has set up each board member the town clerk and Paul Hanlon to be administrators for the meeting. After much discussion it was decided that a test meeting be performed on zoom to learn how to use the chat feature, how to communicate with the moderator on who is next in que, etc.

The board decided to do a trial run of zoom on Friday Feb 19 2020 at 6:30.

The select board was presented with a 2021 2nd class liquor license renewal application from Waheguru Corporation D.B.A. LBJ's Grocery at 44 Worcester Village Road, Worcester, Vt. Ted made the motion to approve the request and to have select board member Roger Strobridge sign on behalf of the entire select board. Cheri 2nd the motion and the motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Bills: Signed as presented.

Announcements: The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be held by way of video conferencing on Monday March 1, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Attest: Roger Strobridge