

WORCESTER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
(via video conference)

Minutes
Monday, April 19, 2021, 6:30pm

Select Board members present: Ted Lamb, Roger Strobridge, John Kaeding

Guests present: Katie Winklejohn, Will Sutton, Judy Lang, Brian Powers, Peter Fitz, Lilly & Ben Konicki

HOUSEKEEPING

- Ted called the meeting to order at 6:33pm
- Ted moved to accept the minutes from Apr 5 with correction regarding spelling of Anne Darrow's name, Roger seconded, motion approved.
- Ted requested amendment to agenda to allow Judy Lang to discuss July 4 celebration. Approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department

Will Sutton notes 4 new members added – 3 from Worcester/1 from Montpelier. Also one new member of Fast Squad. He noted that Middlesex appears to be having some difficulty staffing their Fire Department. Worcester reaffirms our commitment to provide mutual aid to Middlesex as requested.

Fire Dept will sponsor a coin drop May 28 with full observation of state COVID mandates.

ACTION: Katie will provide previously drafted letter approving this plan to Roger for signature.

Town Clerk

Katie notes multiple requests for use of Town Hall.

New firetruck purchase process continues.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Trail 18 – Ben & Lilly Konicki wish to develop old homestead on Trail 18. They had questions about trail improvements and public access. Discussion clarified Worcester cannot prevent traffic on Town Road or Trail – although Town can consider a permitting process. The Select Board recommended the Konickis meet with Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and Worcester Highway Department to formulate a plan, then return to Select Board for consideration.

Town Hall – Murphy Robinson requests use of Town Hall for group meeting July 23-26, 2021. Participants plan to use kitchen but will not sleep there overnight. The Select Board agrees to this request, contingent upon State COVID guidelines allowing such gatherings at that time.

The Grange also requests Town Hall use starting this month.

ACTION: Ted will review State COVID regs to see if such meetings are presently allowed.

Community Lunch - is set to return once COVID restrictions are loosened in July.

4th of July Celebration – the 4th of July Committee has cancelled usual fireworks/celebration and tentatively rescheduled both for Sept 4. Select Board unanimously agreed with this proposal.

ACTION: Judy will send contract to Roger for signature.

Ultimate Frisbee – Phoenix Mitchell wishes to start ultimate frisbee group to play weekly May to October from 6-8pm on Ladd Field. Select Board agreed but Phoenix will need to work out sharing field with Onion River Soccer as they have reserved the field April 26 - June 20.

ACTION: John will talk to Phoenix to clarify need for accommodation.

Chairs – There was brief discussion regarding the chairs on Ladd Field that are intended to encourage a gathering spot. It was noted that this will be a mowing impediment and will need to be moved to the gravel parking area.

OLD BUSINESS

None

BILLS

Signed as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board Meeting will be held in-person at the Town Hall with masks and distancing on **Monday May 3, at 6:30pm**

ATTEST

John Kaeding