

WORCESTER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
(via video conference)

Minutes
Monday, April 5, 2021, 6:30pm

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

Guests present: Katie Winklejohn, Brian Powers, Katie Jones, Anne Darrow

HOUSEKEEPING

- Ted called the meeting to order at 6:35pm
- Ted moved to accept the minutes from March 15, 2021, Roger seconded, motion approved.
- Roger requested amendment to agenda to allow discussion of Onion River Soccer Club. Request approved. See New Business.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway Department

- Brian Powers, who recently retired has agreed to return to part time highway department employment effective April 6, 2021.

Town Clerk

- New Highway department personnel lineup has been working well. Details regarding purchase of new fire department vehicle are proceeding smoothly.
- The process of scanning and downloading land records will begin shortly and should be completed in 2 weeks.
- Ted noted Worcester is scheduled to receive funds from the American Recovery Program. More information will be forthcoming.

PUBLIC INPUT

See New Business

NEW BUSINESS

1. **LEMP** – the Local Emergency Management Plan was reviewed and approved.
2. **Memorial ideas** - Katie Jones spoke to us regarding potential memorial ideas such as apple or oak tree plantings. She was encouraged to return with a formal proposal.
3. **Dog complaint** - Anne Darrow noted 4 or more complaints regarding dogs owned by Nadya Beck. These dogs have left the owner's property and harassed people on the road. State Police have been called on multiple occasions. It was noted we no longer have an Animal Control Officer who normally would record and deal with dog complaints. ACTION: The Select Board agreed that we need to send a formal letter to Nadya clarifying that further complaints will result in impounding the offending dog.
4. **2nd dog complaint** - A second vicious dog complaint was noted regarding the dog living at the house next to the historical society. This dog has had 2 incidents – one biting a person while leashed, one biting a person who presented to the owner's premises. This

dog is particularly troubling because of its proximity to Ladd Recreational Field and Doty School children. Ted has notified dog owner of these concerns.

ACTION: Ted to talk to family recommending additional signage on all sides of property, noting CAUTION: VICIOUS DOG

5. **Onion River Soccer Club** – Has requested use of Ladd field again this year. Historically they have rented Ladd field each spring. ORSC will provide:

- Payment of \$1000 to Worcester
- Port-a-potties
- Insurance
- Pick-up & clean-up

Season starts April 26, ending June 20. Ted moved to allow ORSC to use field with stipulation that they follow State COVID guidelines. Motion passed unanimously

ACTION: Ted will notify ORSC of decision.

OLD BUSINESS

Phoenix Mitchell applied for seat on the Planning Commission. Unanimously approved following discussion.

BILLS

Signed as presented.

ANOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board Meeting will be held by way of video conferencing on Monday April 19, at 6:30pm

ATTEST

John Kaeding