

WORCESTER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
(via video conference)

Minutes
Monday, May 3, 2021, 6:30pm

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

Guests present: Katie Winkeljohn, Dell Waterhouse, Caitlin Howansky, Judy Knapp, Allen Gilbert

HOUSEKEEPING

- Ted called the meeting to order at 6:41pm.
- Ted moved to accept the minutes from Apr 19 with correction that Judy Knapp was a guest, not Judy Lang. Roger seconded, motion approved.
- Ted requested amendment to agenda to allow 4th of July Committee discussion. Second by Roger. Amendment approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk

Katie noted Brian Power's absence tonight but remarked on his ongoing success identifying and receiving funding for highway grants.

The second wave of digitizing records is underway, should have 40 years of land records done in next 10 days.

Next Lister's grievance hearing will be held in Town Hall.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

NEW BUSINESS

American Recovery Plan Act Funding – Allen Gilbert addressed Select Board about need to renew appointments for himself and John Russel (alt) to CVFiber Board. Motion made to renew both appointments by Ted, seconded by John, motion passed. Allen proceeded with thorough discussion of broadband plan for Worcester:

- Total cost ~\$950,000
- Worcester will get ~\$322,000 in ARPA funding over two years
- Progress will be accelerated by involving neighboring town
- Broadband needs to be available to all residents at a price that is affordable

Ted suggests Allen returns to Select Board when ARPA funding is clarified and a concrete proposal can be made.

4th of July Committee - Dell, Judy, and Caitlin reported that the 4th of July celebration is cancelled for this July but is tentatively scheduled for Sept 4, 2021. Northstar will be providing fireworks and documents requiring Select Board signature will be forthcoming.

ACTION: Katie will note change of date on Town website.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Rental Guidelines

- State COVID guidelines will be followed
- Participants will be limited to 16 people per floor if vaccinated and 6 people per floor if unvaccinated
- Participants must sign in at entry with name/address/phone
- Masks must be worn at all times

Motion to accept guidelines made by John, seconded by Ted, approved unanimously.

BILLS

Signed as presented.

ANOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board Meeting will be held via ZOOM on **Monday May 17, at 6:30pm**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

ATTEST

John Kaeding