WORCESTER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING

Minutes Monday, June 26, 2021, 6:30pm

Select Board members present:Roger Strobridge, John KaedingGuests present:Katie Winkeljohn, Mike Utton, Ernie Laplant

HOUSEKEEPING

- Roger called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.
- John moved to accept the minutes from June 7, seconded by Roger, and accepted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk

Katie reports delinquent taxes are down to \$10,000. This is only about 1/3 of the usual deficit. The Select Board recognizes that this is due to Katie's diligence and ongoing assistance to members of the Worcester community.

COVID stresses on Worcester will likely cause exemption from strict adherence to tax repayment standards.

Highway Department

Select Board goes into executive session at 7pm and comes out at 7:35pm.

John makes motion to offer full time highway crew member position to Ernie Laplant. Seconded by Roger and accepted unanimously. Katie will send necessary paperwork so Ernie can join our Town Highway Dept.

Mike also discussed Worcester's need for part time flaggers to control traffic during road maintenance. John moved that Mike pursue training and hiring appropriate workers. Roger seconded.

<u>Fire Department</u>

There appears to be a hold up on availability of new fire truck. We are awaiting more information regarding delivery.

The Select Board notes its appreciation of regular fire chief/representative input at second Select Board meeting of each month and hopes that such input can be offered with consistency.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Declaration of inclusions – John brings sample declaration of inclusion written by Bob Harnish of Pittsford, VT. This document has been adopted by several towns in VT. Roger suggests we accept this declaration with minor change in wording. John will make changes and bring to next meeting for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

BILLS

Signed as presented

ANOUNCMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board Meeting will be held in-person at Town Office on **Tuesday, July 6, at 6:30pm**

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST

John Kaeding