

WORCESTER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING  
(via video conference)

**Minutes**  
**Monday, June 7, 2021, 6:30pm**

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

**Guests present:** Katie Winklejohn, Allen Gilbert, Brian Powers

**HOUSEKEEPING**

- Ted called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.
- Ted moved to accept the minutes from May 17, seconded by Roger, accepted unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Highway Department**

Brian reports Worcester was awarded a paving grant for Minister Brook Rd. He is now securing sealed bids for the road work. Expect they will be ready for review at next meeting.

Discussions continued including:

- Concerns about speeding on newly improved road.
- Worcester will be changing from Highway District 8 to District 6 from now on.
- Permitting for Clean Water Act continues up to date.
- Brian is grateful to CVRPC assistance for alerting towns to availability of road grants.
- Brian notes 4 large white pines along Minister Brook Road were recently wind-damaged and needed removing. Fortunately Walt Bador did this work promptly for Town.

Select Board went into executive session at 6:59pm. Came out of executive session at 7:14pm.

Tyler Whalen gave notice of resignation effective 6.7.2021. John moved to accept, seconded by Roger, unanimously accepted. Worcester will post position for FT Road Crew Assistant.

**Town Clerk**

Things are relatively quiet at Town Office.  
40 years of land records have been digitized and are now complete.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Town Plan discussion is tabled until next meeting when Toni Kaeding can be present to explain Plan. So moved by Ted, seconded by Roger, accepted unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

We had lengthy discussion about ARPA.

Allen Gilbert helped clarify CVFiber's Plan for providing broadband availability to all Worcester residences. Select Board is supportive of CVFiber but is also aware that we must consider needs of those Worcester residents severely harmed by COVID pandemic.

- Can we fairly quantify loss?
- Can we then fairly compensate for loss through ARPA?
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Vt. League of Cities & Towns has not clarified manner or guidelines for distribution of ARPA funds. Select Board awaits further information from State before making decisions on use of funds.

## **BILLS**

Signed as presented

## **ANOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled Select Board Meeting will be held in-person at Town Office on **Monday, June 21, at 6:30pm**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

## **ATTEST**

John Kaeding