

WORCESTER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Monday, Nov 15, 2021, 6:30pm

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

Guests present: Katie Winkeljohn, Will Sutton, Grace Vinson (zoom), and Toni Kaeding

HOUSEKEEPING

- Ted called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
- Ted moved to accept the minutes from Nov 1, seconded by Roger, and unanimously accepted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FireDepartment

- Will reports Worcester will have 2 or 3 people taking the new Rookie Firefighter course to be held in Morrisville this coming April.
- Will notes he has agreed to be the Regional Emergency Management Committee alternate coordinator.
- Work on the new fire truck being built in Minnesota continues. The company cannot provide date of completion at this time.

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Katie reports being very busy processing town tax payments

PUBLIC INPUT

None

NEW BUSINESS

ARPA Revenue

Grace Vinson from CVRPC provided an up-to-date understanding of ARPA restrictions and allowances. Basically, funds can be used for:

1. Pandemic response including public health and economic impacts.
2. Premium pay to essential and front-line workers.
3. Mitigation of lost revenue to governmental services due to Covid-19.
4. Water and sewer projects – limited to drinking water or clean water revolving fund. Also broadband for underserved populations is included in this category.

Towns have until 2024 to receive and disperse funds. Our first report on use of funds is due April 30, 2022.

ACTION: Select Board members are eager to receive community input regarding use of ARPA funds. To that end, we will develop a survey for Worcester resident's ideas for ARPA utilization.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Plan

Toni Kaeding, clarified the chronology for public input, planning commission hearing, and Select Board approval – all contributing to the final confirmation process.

Requests for funding

Tabled until future meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of support

The Select Board sent a letter to the Northeast Wilderness Trust in support of their “forever wild” preservation process.

BILLS

Signed as presented.

ANOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board Meeting will be held at Town Hall on **Monday, December 6, at 6:30pm.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

ATTEST

John Kaeding