

Monday, June 5, 2023 6:30 pm

Selectboard members present: Roger Strobridge, Carter Stowell, John Kaeding

Guests present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Mike Utton, Matthew Brewer, Allen Gilbert

Housekeeping

- John called the meeting to order at 6:33pm
- Minutes approval: Roger moved to accept the minutes of the regular Selectboard Meeting of 5/15/2023 as presented; seconded by John and unanimously accepted.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - N/A

Public Input: none

Department Reviews

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer noted ongoing need for an animal control officer; brief discussion of potential to find an animal control officer to serve Worcester and a neighboring town of Middlesex or Calais
- Village center designation has been received and is good for eight years
- Installation of new wooden post on town hall was completed with all costs of damages to be paid by a private individual, not the town
- John moved that Roger sign the Vermont Grant Agreement to accept the MERPS \$4,000 Community Capacity Mini-Grant; seconded by Carter and unanimously accepted.

Town Treasurer Report

- Policies and procedure updates include a consolidated monthly financial review for selectboard review
- Update on delinquent tax collections, very few remaining

Highway Department Report

- Replaced culvert on the ledge road
- Ditching and culvert replacement in progress on Minister Brook Rd

NEW BUSINESS

Emerald ash borer concerns - State assistance

- A state expert will be available to visit and discuss the concern for Worcester's ash trees
- Selectboard will attempt to coordinate with a local forester to be present for the state assistance visit on date TBD

OLD BUSINESS

American Recovery Plan Act - discussion of plans/timing

- Original award was approx. \$307K
- Spent in 2022: \$53K to CV Fiber, and \$797 for an engineering fee related to fire

department floor

- Spent in 2023: Fire department floor, approx. \$107K
- Remaining balance is a little over \$146K and must be spent by 2026
- The list of priorities for possible uses of ARPA funds was reviewed as noted in Selectboard meeting minutes 5/17/22. Other requests were noted briefly including CV Fiber as represented by Allen.

Solar considerations for Worcester

- Roger moved to table Solar considerations discussions until next meeting, seconded by Carter and unanimously accepted.

Correspondence - none

Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Town Office Complex on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Attest,

Carter Stowell