

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Worcester Town Office Complex

Selectboard members present: Roger Strobridge, Carter Stowell and John Kaeding
Guests present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Mike Utton, Tyler Billingsley and Chani Waterhouse

Housekeeping

- John called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm
- Roger moved to accept the draft minutes of October 21, 2024 as written, seconded by John and unanimously approved
- Additions/Deletions to the agenda - none

Public Input - none

Department Reviews

Town Clerk Report (provided by Katie)

- all attention is around Tuesday's election
- early voting very high (400+)

Town Treasurer Report

- Katie reports the Town still awaits federal flood disaster relief funds related to Calais Road repairs
- Katie has started work on next years budget draft

Highway Department Report

- Mike reports the small truck remains in the shop and appears months from repair
- the Town of Washington accepted Worcester's bid for purchase of their 2017 10-wheel International plow truck
- John moved that the SB authorize Katie Miller to issue a check for purchase of the truck to the Town of Washington and that John sign the corresponding warrant, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Town Engineering Report

- Tyler reported that next week Worcester will have an inspection with FEMA regarding long term road/bridge projects scheduled for 2025 and 2026

New Business

Review custodian job description

- John moved to accept the Custodian job description including the edit that maintenance issues be reported to the Town Facilities Manager, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

Game Warden assistance discussion

- Carter shared information he just learned about local Game Warden assistance
- Carter noted Game Wardens can assist in “out of control” dog situations
- a proper flow chart regarding Town dog issues would be first Worcester’s animal control officer (Buffy Langlois) followed by Town Constable followed by local Game Warden

Old Business

Energy Task Force letter consideration

- Chani Waterhouse spoke about the revised Task Force letter regarding the State’s net metering regulations
- further letter alterations were discussed and the letter will be presented to the SB at our next meeting

VOSHA evaluation discussion

- Roger recapped progress in addressing VOSHA’s report/recommendations about the Fire Department space
- Required upgrades will include electrical repairs to the circuit board and electrical outlets as well as 3 phase updates

Update Chaplin farm/flood plain plan

- John reported that the Town continues it’s support of the Chaplin Farm flood plain development. The Vermont River Conservancy remains determined to provide the administrative assistance to see the project to fruition. It remains a work in progress.

Correspondence - none

Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Office Complex on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Roger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by John and unanimously approved.

Bills - signed as presented

Attest - John Kaeding