

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Worcester Town Office Complex

Selectboard members present: Roger Strobridge, Carter Stowell and John Kaeding
Guests present: Katie Miller, Will Sutton, Chani Waterhouse, Tyler Billingsley and Jeffrey Boudreau

Housekeeping

- John called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm
- John moved to accept the draft minutes of November 4, 2024 as written, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved
- Additions/Deletions to the agenda - none

Public input - none

Department Reviews

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer was away - Katie notes that there is substantial interest in the custodian position

Town Treasurer Report

- Katie noted continuing work on next year's budget
- Outstanding taxes due are near \$99,000
- Katie reviewed Tyler Billingsley's road repair review which notes the Town needs to decide when to move forward on plans for 6 major bridge/culvert projects needing completion after the 2024 flood. She noted that it is fiscally responsible to start as soon as possible. John moved that we ask Tyler Billingsley to begin site and hydraulic studies for permanent road repairs on the sites reviewed by FEMA regarding damage from the 2024 flood, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved.

Fire Department Report

- The tanker truck had issues with rear springs being undersized for the water load of the truck. They are being replaced with much more substantial springs. Will plans to talk to the original manufacturer for accommodations.
- Will notes a burn ban is in place for ALL fires. He notes it remains illegal to burn trash in 50 gallon barrels in resident's yards.

New Business

Discuss Recreation Committee

- John notes that after a few months of inactivity the Recreation Committee plans on reactivating itself.
- Jeffrey Boudreau was present at the SB meeting to note his interest in the Recreation Committee and plans to be present at its next meeting.

Discuss MERP (Municipal Energy Resilience Program)

- The Town's grant application was successful and resulted in an award of \$449,861.20 that will pay for building system improvements at the Town Complex, Town Hall and Highway Garage.

- John moved to authorize Katie Miller to be signatory for the Town of Worcester regarding MERP, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved.

Old Business

Consider reworked Energy Task Force letter

- John moved to support the Worcester Energy Task Force to invite neighboring town's energy committees, planning commissions and/or Selectboards to sign-on to the letter and send the letter to public officials, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved.

Correspondence - none

Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Office Complex on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Roger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm, seconded by John and unanimously approved.

Bills. - signed as presented

Attest - John Kaeding