

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2025 at 6:30 pm  
Worcester Town Office Complex

Selectboard members present: Roger Strobridge, Carter Stowell and John Kaeding  
Town staff present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Mike Utton and Will Sutton  
Guests present: Chris Pollard, Joe Audet and Josh Ledwith

#### Housekeeping

- Roger moved to accept the draft minutes of December 16, 2024 as written, seconded by John and unanimously approved
- Additions/Deletions to the agenda - none

Public Input - none

#### Department Reviews

##### Town Clerk Report

- Town meeting warning work is in progress
- Next week Jennifer will be attending two classes on Town meeting preparation
- She will receive new vote tabulator training next week

##### Town Treasurer Report

- Katie notes reimbursements from FEMA and the State regarding flood repairs continue to work their way through their tortuous pipelines. Worcester expects to receive \$1.26M. At least \$630K of that total must be paid to the Bond Bank.
- Katie will be attending training specific to municipal bond program procedures
- The NEMRC system has been crashing recently thus impacting all served communities.

##### Highway Department Report

- Mike reports the small truck continues to function well
- Roger reported ongoing efforts to work with the "small truck" supplier for compensation regarding lost service time while the vehicle sat in-shop awaiting repairs.

#### New Business

##### Review of Fire Department election

- John reviewed aloud several portions of the Worcester Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department By-Laws Revision 2009-2010
- John suggested reconvening a properly warned election according to by-laws as written; including proper public process for warning and posting, eligibility to vote and documentation requirements.
- Roger moved to reject the December 2024 Worcester Volunteer Fire Department election of officers and instructed the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department to hold a new election as per their bylaws before January 21, 2025 and authorize the chair of the Worcester Selectboard John

Kaeding to attend and observe the public meeting election and report back to the SB January 21, 2025; seconded by Carter and unanimously approved.

Discuss draft warning for Town Meeting

- After brief discussion it became clear that final decisions regarding Town Meeting warnings would need to be postponed until the next SB meeting

Old Business

Discuss custodian position developments

- Three interviews were done on 12/21/2024
- Jennifer and Roger made a recommendation based on interest, experience and availability
- John moved to offer the job to Jeri Walbridge, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

Correspondence

- Two Worcester firefighters submitted letters to the Town Clerk voicing disapproval of the Fire Department election process.

Announcements

- the next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Office Complex on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm. John moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved.

Bills

- signed as presented

Attest - John Kaeding