

APPROVED MINUTES

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Worcester Town Office Complex

Selectboard members present: Roger Strobbridge, Carter Stowell and John Kaeding

Town staff present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Mike Utton and Tyler Billingsley

Guest present: Bonnie Waninger (VLCT)

Annual reorganization

Motion: chair of Selectboard

Roger moved to have John Kaeding serve as chair of the Town of Worcester Selectboard, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

Motion: Secretary of SB

John moved to have Carter Stowell serve as secretary of the Town of Worcester Selectboard, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Motion: posting sites; publication of record; policies, procedures and ordinances

Roger moved that the Town of Worcester continue using the five official posting sites - Doty School, Town Hall, Town Office Complex, Post Office and LBJ's Store; to continue the publication of record being the Times Argus and to renew and adopt all policies, procedures and ordinances of the previous administration, seconded by John and unanimously approved

Motion: representatives

John moved to continue with SP&F as our Town attorney representative, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

John moved to appoint Mike Utton as Road Commissioner, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

John moved to appoint Katie Miller as Town Treasurer, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Housekeeping

- Roger moved to accept the SB draft minutes of March 3, 2025, as written; seconded by John and unanimously approved

Department Reviews

Town Clerk report

- green up day town representative is Colleen Kutin
- Australian ballot results of Town Meeting were sent to Vermont Secretary of State, posted on Town website and in Town Record

Town Treasurer Report

- There was a protracted discussion centered around Calais Road and its designation as a federal highway. Financing alterations may be necessary in the next several months as federal vs. State reimbursements get clarified.

Fire Department Report

- Mike reported the cascade system wiring has been completed
- new turn-out gear has been ordered
- Roger recognized and thanked the volunteer department for getting their building clean and tidy in preparation for upcoming final inspection

New Business

Energy Task Force report

- Roger moved to table the report until next meeting, seconded by John and unanimously approved

Planning Commission member appointment

- John moved to appoint Amy Thornton as a member of the Worcester Planning Commission, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

Review firework's contract

- signed as presented in the amount of \$6,000 as per the election result

Old Business

MERP grant administrator application review

- only one application was received, that was from Roger Strobridge
- John moved to name Roger as MERP grant administrator, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved. Roger abstained from the vote.

Town Engineer - motion to continue position with Worcester

- John moved to have East Engineering (Tyler Billingsley) continue as Town Engineer representative, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Correspondence

- Lincoln Frasca from CVRPC notified the Town that the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan has finally been completed and then was accepted by Vermont Emergency Management. This process will not need to be repeated until March 30, 2030. Thanks to Lincoln, the CVRPC and the Worcester Planning Commission for their diligence in completing this task.

Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Town Office Complex on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:30 pm. John moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm; seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Bills

- signed as presented

Attest - John Kaeding

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