

WORCESTER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Monday, August 16, 2021, 6:30pm

Select Board members present: Ted Lamb, Roger Strobridge, John Kaeding

Guests present: Katie Winklejohn, Dell Waterhouse

HOUSEKEEPING

- Ted called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- Ted moved to accept the minutes from August 2, seconded by Roger, and unanimously accepted.
- Additions to agenda: John moved to discuss Eagle Ledge traffic and ARPA funding, seconded by Roger and unanimously accepted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk/Treasurer

- Payments for taxes going well with many people paying entire bill up front.
- Many tax delinquencies have been settled.
- Worcester has received its ~\$50,000 ARPA deposit. The next tranche will be sent in May 2022.
- Worcester still awaits specific instructions for use of funds from federal representatives and Vermont League of Cities & Towns.
- Katie has been in touch with town plumbing/heating resource but we do not yet have appointment for evaluation of heat systems in Town Garage, Hall and Office Buildings.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dell Waterhouse reports Labor Day weekend is now scheduled to be a low-key local celebration with events scheduled throughout the day involving outdoor activities.

- Fireworks scheduled
- Kyle Devitt will be providing food at The Landing
- All activities remain subject to Governor's guidelines
- Final decisions regarding all activities will be made the week before celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

Overnight parking/camping on Town land

We have recently received complaints about overnight parking on Town property. The Select Board is considering fair and appropriate measures to deal with this issue. Resolution may involve alternations of Town Ordinances.

Eagle Ledge Traffic

We recently received a query from Vt Land Trust regarding traffic on Eagle Ledge Road/Trail. The Town has reviewed and made recommendations regarding such traffic in the past. If the Vt Land Trust has further suggestions, the board is open to ideas.

OLD BUSINESS

Social Media Policy

A proposed Social Media Policy is presented by Roger. John moves to accept policy as standard for Worcester employees, seconded by Ted and unanimously approved.

Flood Zone Administrator

Will Baker has agreed to serve as Flood Zone Administrator for Town of Worcester. Motion to accept by Ted, seconded by Roger, unanimously approved.

ARPA funding

The Select Board has two major projects under consideration for ARPA funding:

1. Renewal of heating system for Town Office Building/Fire Department. Roger will speak to VLCT regarding possible use of ARPA funds for this project.
2. Broadband – CVFiber continues to be a major consideration for ARPA funding. Paying out ARPA allotments appears a complicated endeavor and many Towns are hiring special agents for this function. We will continue to follow VLCT recommendations to see what will be required of Worcester. There are no imminent deadlines, we have until 2024 to spend these initial funds.

BILLS

Signed as presented.

ANOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board Meeting will be held in-person at Town Office on **Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30pm**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

ATTEST

John Kaeding