

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

February 18, 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 and Mike Utton

Guests present: Tyler Billingsley

Housekeeping

- John called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- Roger moved to accept the draft minutes of February 3, 2025 as written, seconded by John and unanimously approved
- Additions/Deletions to the agenda - none

Public Input - none

Department Reviews

Town Clerk Report

- Worcester's Town Annual Report has been mailed to residents
- Absentee ballots are ready and being distributed
- Town Meeting preparations continue

Town Treasurer Report

- After a meeting with the State, the Town awaits paperwork for state funding on four FEMA obligated projects
- Katie and Roger met with Sam Lash from CVRPC regarding the Municipal Energy Resilience Grant
- Katie, Brian Powers and Mike did extensive research related to a bill for a culvert charged to the Town which we apparently neither ordered nor received

Fire Department Report

- Some Fire Department turn out gear (protective gear) needs replacement. Each set of protective clothing costs about \$2,500. Mike approached 3 vendors, 2 of which provided quotes
- Reynolds and Bergeron Protective Clothing. Katie confirmed funding availability related to Fire Department operating and Capitol budgets. The SB approved purchase of four new sets of turn out gear using Mike's vendor of choice.

New Business

Discuss roadwork for next summer

- The SB reviewed permit applications as prepared and presented by Tyler Billingsley, Town engineer, per requirements of the Army Corps and Agency of Natural Resources
- Carter moved to authorize John to sign on behalf of the SB for permit applications and easements pertaining to 2024 flood damage induced FEMA projects which will be undertaken in

2025, seconded by John and unanimously approved

- John moved to authorize Katie to contact the Town attorney to draft deed easements pertaining to 2024 FEMA projects toward 2025 road work, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

Adoption of Road Certification Standards

- The SB signed the Road Certification Standards document required by the State

Executive session regarding employment discussion

- John moved to enter executive session at 6:57 pm, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

- Roger moved to exit executive session at 7:08 pm, seconded by John and unanimously approved

- John moved to publicize a Municipal Energy Resilience Program grant Facilities and Asset Grant Supervisor position for Worcester with deadline for for letters of interest being March 17, 2025; seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

Old Business

- none

Correspondence

- none

Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the office complex on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm. John moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Bills

- signed as presented

Attest - John Kaeding