

APPROVED MINUTES

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Worcester Town Office Complex

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

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

Guests present: Karen Dyer, Rick Dyer, Betty French and Greg French

Housekeeping

- John called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- Roger moved to accept the draft minutes of July 21, 2025, as written, seconded by John and unanimously approved
- Additions/Deletions to the agenda - Roger moved to add an item to tonight's agenda, a proposed executive session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee pursuant to 1 VSA Section 313(a)3; seconded by John and unanimously approved

Public Input - none

Department Reviews

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer sent 2026 appropriations applications to organizations that service Worcester
- Preparations are being made to review the voter checklist at tomorrow's Board of Civil Authority meeting

Town Treasurer Report

- Katie provided updates on the FEMA appeal process related to Calais Road funding
- Town tax rate will be discussed as a separate item

Highway Department Report

- The excavator is again out of order, awaiting servicing
- The small truck is back in service

New Business

- none

Old Business

Set the Town Tax Rate

- John moved to accept the Town tax rate of 0.6087 as presented by the Town Treasurer, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Sign Mutual Aid form

- having already accepted this process at the last SB meeting, the form was simply signed tonight

MERP grant update

- Roger presented the draft contract with RUGGCO to be discussed and signed later in tonight's meeting

Speed Study on Rte.12 follow up

- John has contacted the Vermont State Police, the Sheriff's Office, VTRANS and the Montpelier Police Department for information regarding radar speed signs. We are still awaiting replies from some of the organizations.

- Radar speeds signs are likely in the \$4K range with installation costs in the \$6K area. Therefore, 2 signs are likely to cost around \$20 K. We are searching for grant funds to help pay for this project.

Naming private road

- Two of three households on the new road were present. There was discussion offering several names with Bear Alley being the most popular. Residents will return with a proposed name when all participants are in agreement.

Executive session

- John moved to enter executive session at 7:32 pm, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

- John moved to end executive session at 8:40 pm, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Correspondence

- none

Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Office Complex on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Bills

- signed as presented
- We discussed and signed the RUGGCO draft contract for improvements on all 3 Town buildings as provided by the MERP grant

Roger moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm, seconded by John and unanimously approved

Attest

- John Kaeding