

APPROVED MINUTES

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

January 20, 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 Brian Powers

Guests present: Chris Pollard and Joseph Audet

Housekeeping

- John moved to accept the draft minutes of the regular Selectboard meeting of January 5, 2026 with a correction in "Announcements" noting the next meeting date being Tuesday, January 20, 2026 rather than Monday, January 19, 2026 due to MLK day; seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

- Additions/Deletions to the agenda - John moved to add "Review Certificate of Highway Mileage Annual Documentation" to the agenda for signing, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Public Input - none

Department Reviews

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer notes Town Report work continues, all reports from committees and commissions have been received

- Preparations continue for the special election vote regarding the future of Doty School with the vote occurring on February 10, 2026

Town Treasurer Report

- Katie provided updates on MERP (Municipal Energy Resilience Program) spending to date. Work on the program must be completed by the end of 2026.

Fire Department Report

- Chris Pollard was present to report on outcomes of the Worcester Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department annual organizational meeting of December 20, 2025

- Albert Campbell is Fire Chief

- Chris Pollard is President

- William Pollard is Fast Squad director

- Jordan Nobler is Treasurer

- Gracie Taylor is Secretary

Chris also reported on mutual training opportunities in association and cooperation with East Montpelier and Woodbury Fire Departments

New Business

Review Certificate of Highway Mileage Annual Documentation

- John moved that the SB sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage ; seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Discuss budget limited spending policy template

- It is the responsibility of the SB to adhere to our Town budget. In furtherance of that responsibility, we discussed a new protocol which allows the SB closer evaluation of departmental spending in relation to annual budget restrictions and compliance with the procurement and budget management policy.

- Roger moved that John represent the SB in bringing the budget spending protocol to the HD and report back to the SB, seconded by John and unanimously approved

Old Business

Consider accepting new Fire Department By-Laws

- John moved to accept the By-Laws of the Worcester Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

Sign final draft for 2026 Town Meeting Warning

- Roger moved to accept the 2026 Town Meeting Warning, seconded by John and unanimously approved

Review the LRSWMD agreement

- John moved to sign the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District agreement, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Correspondence - none

Announcements

- the next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Town Office Complex on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:30 pm. John moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm, seconded by Roger and unanimously approved

Bills - signed as presented

Attest - John Kaeding

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