

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Worcester Town Office Complex

Selectboard members present: Carter Stowell, Jeff Boudreau and John Kaeding
Town staff present: Jennifer LeStat, Katie Miller, Heather Pagel and Brian Powers
Guests present: Michael Miller and zoom user

Housekeeping

- John moved to accept the draft minutes of 6/15/2026 as written except to correct the spelling of Heather Pagel's last name, seconded by Jeff and unanimously approved

- Additions/Deletions to the agenda - none

Public Input

- none

Department Reports

Town Clerk Report

- Jennifer is working on preparations for the upcoming primary election
- She is developing a process for reserving/managing the new Pavilion

Town Treasurer Report

- The Grand List was finalized today. Katie expects to present a Town Tax rate at the next SB meeting
- Katie is working with Heather Pagel to get Heather familiarized with Town matters.

Highway Department Report

- There was no report at today's meeting

New Business

Kimball Bridge grant information

- A grant application for repairs to Kimball Bridge was not approved by the State
- Brian is working with Tyler Billingsley to come up with a plan for temporary improvements

Review bids and accept future reappraisal contracts

- Katie presented on behalf of the Worcester Town Listers regarding the bidding process; the Listers solicited bids from seven firms, only one responded with a bid.

- John moved to accept the bid and contract from NEMRC for the 2031 reappraisal as presented by the Worcester Listers, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

Old Business

Forest Fire Warden Information from the State of Vermont

- Under a new State Law, Act 162, the Chief of the Fire Department automatically serves as the Town Forest Fire Warden. Albert Campbell is the Worcester Fire Chief and the Worcester Forest Fire Warden.

Executive Session - personnel

- John moved to go into Executive Session at 7:18 pm, seconded by Jeff and unanimously approved

In attendance - John, Carter, Jeff, Katie, Jennifer, Brian and Heather

- John moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:57 pm, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

- John moved to reorganize the Highway Department, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

- John moved to warn a special meeting of the Selectboard to include members of the Highway Department for Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 6:30 pm, seconded by Jeff and unanimously approved

Correspondence

- none

Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled Selectboard Meeting will be held at the Town Office Complex on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm. John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm, seconded by Jeff and unanimously approved

Bills

- signed as presented

Attest