

Worcester Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

July 22, 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, Brian Powers and Roger Strobridge

Guests present: Michael Miller and Zoom User

Housekeeping

- John moved to accept the draft minutes of the regular Selectboard meeting of 7/6/2026, seconded by Jeff and unanimously approved
- John moved to accept the draft minutes of the special Selectboard meeting of 7/8/2026, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

Additions/Deletions to the agenda

- John moved to add a discussion topic of mowing Ladd Field under new business, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

Public input

- none

Department Reports

Town Clerk Report

- School ballots have been mailed to all who requested early or absentee ballots
- Logic testing of the tabulator has been completed

Town Treasurer Report

- Katie provided an update of the FEMA appeal process
- Single audit for 2024 and 2025 has been completed and submitted to federal clearinghouse officials, this satisfies the Town's annual audit requirements

Fire Department Report

- There was no report this month

New 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 Carter and unanimously approved

Direct Town Treasurer to pay off remainder of Bond Bank payments

- John moved to direct the Town Treasurer to pay off the remainder of the Bond Bank payments

regarding road repairs, seconded by Jeff and unanimously approved

Review sand contracts for Highway Department

- Brian described key points of three quotes received for winter sand
- John moved to accept the Gravel Construction Co. Inc. quote, seconded by Jeff and unanimously approved

Sign Highway Structures Grant Agreement

- No action needed as we are awaiting the final grant paperwork

Pavilion reservation policy

- There was a long discussion of the early draft Pavilion reservation policy
- John proposed removal of deposits and fee requirements with Jeff agreeing
- Carter suggested articulating the purpose and intent of Pavilion use for public enjoyment
- Jennifer will be using further input to update the draft policy

CVFiber application to bury cable

- John moved to approve the CVFiber application to bury fiber on Dugar Road, seconded by Jeff and unanimously approved

Sign Sheriff contract

- John moved to approve the contract for Washington County Sheriffs Department, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved

Mowing Discussion

- John noted there is a vacancy regarding the regular mowing of Ladd Field. Brain has identified a person to fill the part-time job and reviewed his plan for that position.

Old Business

Update Kimball Road bridge project

- Brian described that the \$200K grant for Kimball Road bridge has in fact been awarded to Worcester by the State of Vermont. That was previously reported as not being awarded because of a communications misunderstanding with the State.

Correspondence

- none

Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held at the Town Office Complex on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm. John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm; seconded by Jeff and unanimously approved

Bills

- signed as presented

Attest

-John Kaeding

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