

January 10, 2022

Councilman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the flag salute at the advertised meeting of the Worcester Town Board, held in the Town of Worcester Municipal Building.

Present:

Dave Miller	----	Councilman
Tim Lehenbauer	----	Councilman
Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman

Others Present: Rita Tetenes, Leo Tetenes, Marilyn Dufresne, Josh Taylor, Kathryn Demby, Joanne Cloughly, Tim Powers, Diane Adesso, Pooh Kaye, Jim Gardner, Wanda Habenicht and David Cox

Jo-Ann Beverland read letters of resignation from Donald Lindberg as Town Supervisor and Jeff Wilcox as Town Councilman effective immediately.

Resolution #46: Appointing Jeff Wilcox Town Supervisor for 2022

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Lehenbauer: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board appoints Jeff Wilcox as Town of Worcester Supervisor for 2022. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Miller, Lehenbauer, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

The Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Jeff Wilcox to serve as Town Supervisor.

Minutes: Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Lehenbauer to accept the December 27, 2021 regular meeting minutes and the January 3, 2022 organizational meeting minutes as presented. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Public Input: Rita Tetenes asked why Don Lindberg resigned. The board said that it was his decision and they aren't going to speculate why he resigned.

Josh Taylor asked how the election cycle will work due to the resignation of Councilman and Supervisor. The board replied that both positions will be up for election this November for the remainder of the original term. Mr. Taylor asked if they were going to appoint someone to fill the vacant Councilman seat and the board said that they already have someone in mind to fill the board for the remainder of this year.

Kathryn Demby questioned how the board makes the decision to appoint someone when the majority of the public doesn't even know that there is a vacancy or have the opportunity to apply.

Marilyn Dufresne said that she thinks a woman should be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Pooh Kaye said that she feels that the current Town Board isn't doing anything to make this town better and questioned why 2 dollar stores were allowed to build in town. The board explained that they have no control over what businesses are in town as long as they are a permitted use in the land use regulations. Retail stores are a permitted use in the hamlet district.

Tim Powers said that the 1976 land use regulations are outdated which is causing a lot of problems.

Kathryn Demby asked why the Town Board wouldn't advertise the position of Councilman before appointing someone.

Rita asked why the Town Board wants to appoint someone who has never been to a Town Board meeting. The board explained that his previous job was in the evenings but he now has a job that he would be available to attend evening meetings.

Marilyn Dufresne asked if anything can be done to get the box trailer that is on the lawn of the house next to the school moved.

Financial: The Supervisor's monthly statement, Town Clerk's report and the Town and HUD's financial statements are on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Resolution #47: Audit of Claims:

Offered by Councilman , second by Councilman : Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 1.

General Fund:	claims: 1-8	\$7,717.40
Highway Fund:	claims: 1-9	\$3,787.49
Worcester Water #2	claim: 1	\$354.28
Street Lights	claims: 1-2	\$30,195.05

VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

The annual audit of the books is scheduled for 6:00pm on Monday, January 17, 2022.

Planning Board: Josh Taylor reported that the Planning Board will be meeting in January and February to deal with the proposed solar project. An engineer from Delta Engineering will be in attendance at the next Planning Board meeting.

Old Business: Supervisor Wilcox reported that he has an architect/engineer scheduled to attend the next Town Board meeting to discuss a new town barn project.

Supervisor Wilcox reported that the street light conversion to LED should be starting soon.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Adjournment: Councilman Ridgeway moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lehenbauer. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk

