

Minutes
West Rutland Select Board Meeting
January 20, 2014

Present: Sean Barrows, John Harvey, Chet Brown, Pete Bianchi, Nick Notte, Mary Ann Goulette, Mark Youngstrom.

Call to Order: John Harvey, board chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Chet made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/23/13 deleting sewer and water representative next to Ed Savage since we didn't identify anyone else. Nick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Concerns: None

Action Items:

Resolution and Warning for Bond Vote - Water and Sewer Route 4 Extension: Mark Youngstrom from Otter Creek Engineering was present to finalize the information for the bond vote. We have applied for the planning grant and we will meet with Rural Development next week to present the project. The bond vote will be for the total project costs of \$2,000,000 and the Rural Development grant amount will be deducted. A positive bond vote will allow us to move forward with funding, design and commitment of users. With the current numbers of committed users the Town residents will not pay any additional fee. Each new connection will need their own pump station and service line; the connection fee will be waived if they sign on before construction. All new users will also pay on the previous bond. Rural Development also has funding available for low income residents to help with the connection fees. We will need a inter-municipality agreement with Rutland Town. Mark reviewed the time line. We need to approve the base mapping and engineer contract, apply for permits to ANR and VTrans. Mark will arrange a meeting with VTrans to review the project. No Act 250 is needed. The 6" sewer and 8" water line will run in the state's right of way off the pavement. Sean made a motion to adopt the resolution as amended for the extension of the water and sewer line along Business Route 4A from Pleasant Street to Route 3. Chet seconded and motion passed unanimously. Chet made a motion to adopt the warning as presented seconded by Sean. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Municipal Certificate for Bond Refund: The Vermont Municipal Bond Bank issued and sold a series of bonds for the purpose of providing debt service reductions. Our \$140,000 bond for the salt shed and town hall from 2006 was part of the sale. The refund will begin in 2016 and will result in a total savings of

\$6,754.85. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to adopt the municipal certificate for the bond refund. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Budget: Mary Ann presented the budget based on the changes made at the last meeting. The largest change was to add \$20,000 into capital improvements for the recreation area. The final budget of \$1,364,170 represents a 4.29% increase but the tax rate remains slightly lower at .6750 versus .6783 last year.

Mary Ann mentioned the sheriff's increase is already in the budget. However, we will be getting a refund because the animal control calls were taken from our regular 40 hours per week patrol time. Will send a donation to the Jason Allen fundraiser.

Executive Session:

Motion made by Nick and seconded by Sean at 7:33 to enter executive session for legal and real estate issues.

Motion made by Sean and seconded by Chet to exit executive session at 7:55.

Sean made a motion at 7:56 to reject the current offer from Triolos and enter a counter offer through Gary Kupferer. Motion passed unanimously.

Sean made a motion at 7:58 to authorize Mary Ann to hire a commercial appraiser for the Rigg's property at 435 Main Street. Seconded by Nick. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: Peter made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 seconded by Nick.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ann Goulette