

**West Rutland Select Board Minutes
December 22, 2014**

Present: Chet Brown, John Harvey, Sean Barrows, Peter Bianchi, Mary Ann Goulette.

Call to order: John Harvey called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: On a motion by Chet and a second by Pete, the agenda was approved as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Pete made a motion to adopt the minutes of 12/8/14 as presented. Chet seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Concerns: None

Executive Session: Chet made a motion to enter executive session for personnel and legal reasons. Seconded by Pete. Motion by Sean and seconded by Chet to exit executive session at 6:50. No action taken.

Action Items:

Request Fire Reimbursement: Steve Czachor completed the paperwork to ask for reimbursement from the Town and State for the forest fire on Clark Hill. The total dollar is \$3,396.60. The State will reimburse the Town for 50%. Motion made by Sean to request reimbursement from the State for \$1,698.30. Seconded by Peter. Motion passed unanimously.

Appoint Health Officer: Chet made a motion to appoint Jayne Pratt Health Officer beginning January 1, 2015. Seconded by Pete. Motion passed.

Discussion Items:

Budget 2015-6:

Mary Ann reviewed the line items with the select board beginning with projected revenues. Railroad tax and ordinance fines are still questionable numbers. Reviewed admin, miscellaneous, town hall, recreation and other departments.

1. Modifications to admin salary and training.
2. Will look at adding an online payments component. Sean is trying to figure out his percentage of time per dept. Mary Ann will check with Ed about his schedule.
3. Looking at decreasing savings accounts by \$10,000 in highway and fire based on future purchases.
4. Still need to plan on repair of the Town Hall balcony also climate control.
5. Increase recreation labor with new employee.

Will review police and fire at the next meeting.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet: Dishwasher on the side of the road on Marble Street

Sean: Railroad tracks should be lighted on Route 4. Can we check when Clarendon Avenue is due for paving. Does the radar sign need a new battery?

Pete: Did the highway garage get a new heater. New cell tower is up.

Adjournment: Pete made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Chet seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette