

West Rutland Select Board Minutes
June 9, 2014

Present: Mitch Frankenburg, John Harvey, Chet Brown, 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.

Others Present: Joe Skaza, Mike Mosher Dillan Sanberg

Minutes: Chet made a motion to adopt the minutes of May 12th . Mitch requested follow up on the recreation issues that he thought were discussed at the previous meeting. Mitch seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Public Concerns: Joe Skaza shared that he got a bill for the new fire truck but performance bond for the new fire truck needs to be obtained before the check can be released. Joe asked the board if he should start looking for the new ladder truck. Joe has people looking for a new ladder truck. He wants all certifications in place before purchasing. Should have \$175,000 to \$200,000 in the equipment budget. Value of the truck we have is about \$50,000. Joe will begin the search.

Action Items:

H. Hirschmann made an LTD tax stabilization request on an 11,000 ft addition to manufacturing company. Looking for 50% tax reduction for the new addition for each of the next 5 years. Property is located at 467 Sheldon Avenue. The cost per year to the town is \$2,600.48 based on today's rate..

Motion by Chet to grant the request for the five year stabilization and Sean seconded. Unanimous.

Ira Baptist Church submitted a tax exempt request: The new value is \$39,000 and municipal tax is valued at \$263.41. The new assessments are set by the listers and a hired reappraiser. Sean moved to grant Ira Baptist Church a tax exemption for property at 99 Marble Street. Seconded by Peter. Unanimous.

DRB Member Appointment: Tim Ponto – replacing Pat Trepanier for a 4 year term. Sean moved to appoint Tim to the DRB. Chet seconded. Unanimous.

Dewey Avenue: Consultant said he suggested a thin overlay to keep water from seeping in. Wilk gave a price of \$6,000 for a temporary fix. Crack sealing is \$350.00. Consultant suggested a berm on the edge of the road. By consensus the Board decided to try the temporary fix for \$350.00 and continue to monitor it.

Town Manager's Report:

Budget review: One more month before closing books. The town is buying gravel and stock piling; also bought some culverts. Should buy some ¾ inch gravel. Further general discussion on budget items. Revenue is off on ordinance fines. We have sidewalk money that has not been spent. Can rollover into the next year's budget. Determined that the sidewalks do need repair. Frank is working on inventory and condition of the sidewalks. Still needs to buy brooms for sweeping. Need to sweep Clarendon Avenue. Fabian has a street sweeper which would work great.

Dillon Sandburg told the board he would help with tree trimming if needed.

Streetscape Improvements: Mary Ann received a tree grant for \$5,000 and are planting tomorrow. They have 10 red maples for the Jug Handle, 8 elms by Price Chopper and 15 crab trees throughout the town. Have a State access permit for Jug Handle.

Farmer's Market: Put out to see if anyone is interested. The market will be held on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00. They are hoping to get vendors starting June 25th and going through October 1st. Will be held on town green. \$75.00 for season or \$10.00 weekly.

Bike Path Public Meeting at next board meeting on June 23rd. Rutland Town Park and ride to West Rutland's Park and Ride, and reaching Rutland's Creek Path. We will eventually work towards linking to Castleton and the Rail Trail.

The town is looking for a person to represent WR for neighborhood watch program for the sheriff's department. Jason Allen is heading this up.

On track for concert sponsorship, shows will begin in July.

Alumni dance was held upstairs for 180 people. Sean said we need to figure out a additional janitorial service for this building.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet – Recreation Center – Insurance company flood damage check. Pipe needs to be picked up also. Portable potty – picked up? Mary Ann said she spoke with them and they are understaffed but the town is not being charged.

Mitch – cemetery issue – tents and broken monuments. Mary Ann said she sent the sheriff over there and there was only one tent and it has been there for years. Monuments – Bowker will look at them.

Sean: follow up on Clark and Boardman Hill – Also Stoneridge needs work. Discussion around ways to fix the problems. Mary Ann will try to get more guidance from VT Local Roads. Where does Stoneridge Drive end – it is the cul-de-sac.

Pete – utility poles on Clark Hill need to be replaced. Needs a culvert installed also. Meads Brook under the underpass – permission for Rickett’s to cut trees in brook and move some of the gravel. Matter of money and manpower. Not the responsibility of the town. Pine tree near Bowens and Gilmans is starting to over hang in road.

Adjournment: Motion by Peter to adjourn at 7:35 and second by Sean. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Charleen Bowen