

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Select Board**  
**Monday, July 7, 2014**

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Chet made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chet made a motion to adopt the minutes of 6/23/14 as written. Sean seconded and motion passed unanimously.

**Public Concerns:** Joe Skaza shared that he has information on some used ladder trucks but nothing of interest except one in Hartford, CT that the salesperson thought the town should look at it. Joe and two others will look at it on Friday. The truck has 25,000 miles on it, has a 75 ft. ladder on it and is a 1991 Pierce truck. The truck has a tandem axle.

**Action Items:**

**Set Tax Rate:** Mary Ann reviewed the budget sheet she prepared for the board. The new municipal rate was quoted at .6796. School homestead education tax went down slightly. Chet made motion to set the municipal tax rate at .6796 as suggested and Sean seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Review Auditor's Contract.** The contract cost for this year is \$15,100 up from \$14,400 last year. Mary Ann said we went to bid a few years ago and may be going out to bid again next year. Chet made a motion for Mary Ann to sign the contract and Sean seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Town Manager's Report:**

- First Farmer's Market got rained out but there were ten vendors signed up.
- First concert is on Thursday
- Town is working on fuel bids.

- New janitor started through Vt. Associates and is cleaning the auditorium and recreation center.
- Waiting to hear about solar lights in park and ride area.
- Clark Hill got washed out but West Rutland was very lucky with the storm.
- There will be a bucket loader demonstration from Volvo and Cat.
- Speed bump discussion.

### **Board Member Concerns:**

Chet: Dewey Avenue road movement. Bendig cracked sealed the road. Clarendon Avenue has some trees over hanging the sidewalks. Trees in recreation area should be taken care of. Sidewalks discussion will be at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Peter: Tree on Dewey was cleaned up but they never fixed the sign. Why wouldn't they fix it when they were there? When are we going to grade the roads?

Sean – Requested a count on the number of houses being foreclosed on? Mary Ann will get one. Parking on Fairview Avenue? Mary Ann has talked to the resident. Fence under bridge needs some care. Maybe the fence should be moved. Mary Ann will ask the State. Clark hill needs more grading and excavator to get the water off the road, still no crown and every time it rains hard the same problems keep happening. Class 4 roads are not maintained by the town. Storm drain at end of Skyline needs a dome top. Some pavement on end of Skyline has broken and pulled up. South side of Skyline needs some work.

John: Can we get some Pedestrian signs for the center yellow line?

**Adjournment:** Pete made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Sean seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charleen Bowen