

Minutes
West Rutland Select Board
Monday, August 25, 2014

Present: John Harvey, Pete Bianchi, Mitch Frankenberg, Sean Barrows, Chet Brown, Mary Ann Goulette

Others present: Chris Stone, County Forester and Robert Parkman

Call to Order: John Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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 8/11/14 as written. Sean seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Public Concerns: None

Discussion Items:

1. **Timber Sale Update** – Chris Stone, County Forester updated on the Clark Hill timber sale. The project is nearly complete and the logger met the forester expectations. Despite some weather issues initially the logger is now hauling in a very timely manner. All the trees to be cut were clearly marked, any additional wood that is taken out is at a very low value. Bob Parkman indicated the logger was hauling up to four loads a day and is concerned the town is not getting the correct value. Chris Stone indicated that he was monitoring the job regularly and is overall satisfied with the job. The logger did dump a pile of small stone without permission but will pay for the clean up out of the deposit on file with the town. As part of the closeout, roads and water bars will be repaired.
2. **Town Manager Report**
 - a. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Award** – We were awarded the Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant of \$39,600 for the scoping study for the multi-use path to Rutland. Rutland Town will share in the 10% match.
 - b. **Better Back Roads Grant Award** – We were awarded the Better Back Roads Grant of \$10,000 for drainage work on Clark Hill.
 - c. **Stronger Communities Grant Application** – We are applying for an \$80,000 Stronger Communities Grant Program to look at land use and transportation issues from Whipple Hollow Road to Route 3. Rutland Town once again has agreed to share the 10% match.

Action Items:

1. **Loan Resolution:** USDA needs to finalize the grant and the loan resolution for the Route 4A Water and Sewer Project. The loan for the sewer is \$554,000 and the loan for the water is \$730,000. The project will be financed with the new user fees. The Fire District will be the largest buyer.

If the project does not move forward the funds will be withdrawn and we will have no commitment

Mitch made a motion to sign the loan resolution of \$730,000 for water and \$554,000 for sewer. Sean seconded. Unanimously approved.

2. **Grant Agreement:** The USDA calculated the grant based on the funding available and the number of projected new users. The water grant amount is \$275,700 and the sewer grant is \$447,400. Sean made a motion to sign the grant agreement as stated. Mitch seconded. Unanimously approved.

3. **Salt Contract:** The state contracts the salt purchase each year. This year the price has increased from \$54.02 per ton to \$79.52. Do we continue to purchase 1,000 tons and go over budget? Sean made a motion to sign the contract at 1,000 tons and adjust in June if needed. Seconded by Chet. Unanimously approved.
4. **VLCT Voting Delegate:** Sean made a motion to appoint Mary Ann as voting designee at the VLCT Annual Meeting on October 12th. Seconded by Chet. Unanimously approved.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet – new fire truck is getting delivered tomorrow. As a reminder, it is an OSHA violation to stand in the bucket loader.

Mitch – Concerned on the speed limit near the curve near his house. Can we consider asking the state to lower speed limit or install blinking light or a slow sign. Mary Ann will investigate and ask for increase police patrol. Could we hire a crossing guard on Thrall rather than spend the money on a new sidewalk? The pedestrian traffic is not only during school hours. Tall grasses on the islands maybe a bit too tall.

Sean: Any response from Mr. Rigg on his property? Maybe invite him to a future meeting? Please hot mix holes in front of Jiffy Mart, one in front of bank before winter.

Pete: Make sure we mow Clark Hill especially near the top. Lots of small trees in the ditches. Still a large bump on Pleasant Street just below St. Bridget's Church.

Adjournment: The board adjourned at 7:26 pm. Motion by Pete seconded by Chet.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ann Goulette