

**Minutes
West Rutland Select Board
Monday, August 11, 2014**

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

Others present: None

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Chet made a motion to adopt the minutes of 7/21/14 as written. Mitch seconded and motion passed unanimously. Mary Ann will clarify the roll over funds in the minutes.

Public Concerns: None

Action Items:

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. USDA Loan Resolution (Grant was for 27.41% of the project.). The project will be financed with the new user fees. The Fire District will be the big buyer. Total depreciation will not increase that much.

The question was asked as to at what point can we pull the plug. We will still be on the hook for paying Mark, the engineer. We need enough user commitments or else we pull the plug. Mary Ann thinks we should construct next year since the construction price could increase. Mary Ann will clarify for the next meeting how much money we have already committed. Mitch would like to meet with the engineer. Once we sign the bond, are we on the hook? Contract is not clear about that. Plan is to go out for bid in the fall and start the project in the spring. Mary Ann will invite Mark and/or bring an updated spreadsheet to the next meeting.

Mitch made a motion to table the items until the next meeting and Sean seconded. Unanimously approved.

Fuel Bids: Irving's price for propane is at \$1.565 - Johnson was already awarded the heating oil. Diesel is a variable (price. - Mac is 10% increase over deliverable price plus the tax. Motion by Chet and a second by Mitch to award the diesel and propane to Irving. Unanimously approved.

Loader: Questions:

1. Resale of Kat and Volvo – very similar.
2. The Cat has a flasher – and he will give us a strobe.
3. Finance deal with Cat is 2% for as many years as we want it. Municipal loan through a bank is more than that. Best financing available.
4. Previous attachments are not interchangeable. .

Sweeper is included in the quote. Frank's first option was the Cat but he would be happy with either of them. Wasn't easy to get in and out of the Volvo. Discussion.

Sean made a motion to accept the bid from Milton Cat the for 924K Loader for \$120,000 net price. Chet seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

VT Bond Bank Refinance Documents: Loan for fire station – 1.15 million was the original loan. \$32,296.64 savings if we refinance. Chet made the motion that we refinance with Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. Pete seconded. Unanimous.

Sewer allocation Ryan Deppart on Grandview. They will pay allocation and hookup fee for a 3 bedroom home. House has private drive. In the future Mary Ann will ask who the owner is and she will add on to the Deppart application. Motion by Sean to approve the application - Pete seconded.

Town Manager Report:

Vandalism downstairs on bathroom partition. Someone hung on the partition and the bracket pulled out of the wall. Mary Ann said we are increasing the security deposit and will do a daily check of the downstairs.

The town hired Christine Fitzgerald as a new bookkeeper.

The highway crew are busy trying to catch up on the mowing, etc. Painting is complete and signs are almost all up. School parking lot is being worked on. It was very overgrown. Need to put in a fence for the neighbor. Need to do more clean up near the neighbors.

Crosswalks and signs need to be completed at the school.

Sheldon Sewer project is getting ready to go out for bid. Bid materials will be sent to Markowski, Fabian Bowen and Beldon.

Delivery of the ladder truck is delayed for certification of the ladder.

Sean and Mary Ann are meeting with Vtrans for grant application for Strong Community Better Connections. Land use and transportation. 10% match.

OMYA has added second patrols and the sheriff is ticketing the trucks. Fined over \$12,000 in the last six months. How much does town get of that? Mary Ann will call the State.

Clean Energy Collective sent in application for solar application. We need to get a quote on buying the electric.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet –nothing

Mitch – Public service PCP investigation. Should have presence in the investigation on poles. Check in with the treatment. Needs clarification. Audobon Society could be contacted by Mary Ann. Ground contamination. We would need party status to be a part of the investigation. Dept. of Public Service is who we need to contact. Mary Ann will find out.

Sean: Issues of clean up on Clarendon Avenue/Skyline extension. Mary Ann will meet Sean down there to go over what needs to be done. Scheduled to work on Highland next week.

Pete: Undercut going on up on the new road. State is doing it. Thurs night party on Clark Hill—mailboxes missing. Having bond fires also.

John – Pleasant Street grading looks good.

Executive Session: Motion by Chet and second by Mitch to enter executive session at 7:45 for a legal discussion. Unanimous.

The board came out of executive session at 8:05. Motion by Chet seconded by Pete.

Chet made a motion to seek legal advice for BCA meeting either with the State or a lawyer. Seconded by Peter.

Adjournment: The board adjourned at 8:07. Motion by Pete seconded by Sean.

Respectfully submitted
Charleen Bowen