

**West Rutland Select Board Minutes**  
**September 8, 2014**

**Present:** Mitch Frankenberg, John Harvey, Chet Brown, Sean Barrows, Peter Bianchi, Mary Anne Goulette.

**Call to order:** John Harvey called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 p.m.

**Others Present:** Mike Moser and Gail Carey

**Approval of Agenda:** Chet made a motion to approve the agenda and Sean seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** Sean made a motion to adopt the minutes of August 25, 2014. Chet seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Public Concerns:** None

**Action Items:**

1. **Sheldon Sewer Bid Award-** Bids were submitted by Bowen, Markowski, Beldon, and Fabian Excavating – Bowen's bid was 105,635.20, Markowski \$82,811.24, Beldon 107,375 and Fabian at 56,425.00. Chet made a motion to award the bid to Fabian and Mitch seconded. The board has the expectation to have it done right away. Unanimously approved.
2. **Set Water/Sewer Rates:** The information given to the board does not include any new users and is based on existing customers only. Projections of meter readings was the consideration. Water estimated a \$2,600 surplus and sewer a \$1,600 surplus. Chet made a motion to set the water rate the same as last year which was \$85.00 base, \$95.30 bond and \$.15 metered rate. Mitch seconded. This is bi-annual rate. Unanimously approved.

The sewer rate is \$179.00 twice a year. Chet made a motion to approve the sewer rate the same as last year. Sean seconded. Unanimous.

3. **Letter of Support: Strong Communities, Better Connections Program**  
Mary Ann wrote a grant letter in support of an \$80,000 grant for land use from Whipple Hollow to Rt. 3 and we will do 10% match split with Rutland Town. Chet made a motion to sign the letter of support. Sean seconded. Unanimous.
4. **Request to change speed limit:** This topic was brought up at the last meeting. Select board has to request in writing and Vermont Transportation will review. A change to the letter making sure the letter says enters town not exits town.

Discussion on a cautionary speed on the curve by Paw House. Peter made a motion to set the speed limit at 35 m. p. h. and warning signs to be added to the curve near the Paw House. Mitch seconded. Unanimously approved.

5. **Liquor License:** West Side Tavern was leased for 10 years and the lease has expired. Gail Carey is taking over the tavern beginning Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Chet made a motion to approve West Side Tavern license and Sean seconded. Unanimous.

#### **Discussion Items:**

##### **Town Manager's Report**

1. **Sewer Plant Garage:** Trying to find someone to build it. Ed thinks he can do it. \$75,000 was the bid for a 30x 40 building. Mary Ann said the Concrete is \$7,000, the wood is \$15,000 plus overhead door. Mary Ann will check with LaValley about a prefab. The building will hitch to the metal garage we already have. Looking at \$35,000 +/- . Mary Ann will check with Marchinkowski about the doors. Will continue the discussion at the next board meeting.
2. **Water Meter Software:** Old and falling apart. New software and hand held device is needed. Motion by Chet to buy adequate software and hand held device for \$10,303. Sean seconded. Unanimously approved.

Rutland Plywood was destroyed by a fire and employees lost their jobs. Rutland City has reached out to help them by waiving late fees on taxes and sewer and water. There is one employee from West Rutland and Mary Ann offered to waive his late fees on taxes and sewer and water.

The guys have finished grading and have done mowing. Getting ready to work on Clark Hill.

##### **Board Member Concerns**

Chet: In the near future he would like to meet with Rutland Town to discuss the sewer and water project through Center Rutland.

There are a lot of potholes around town that need to be fixed. Notify state about exit 6.

Mitch: Ok

Sean: World War II monument better suited on Marble Street side. Board approved by consensus.

Pete: Asked about the Forrester on the Clark Hill Project. Should be closed out this week.

John: Joe invited the board to the fire house to see the new ladder truck

**Approve Orders:** The board approved the orders.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Peter made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Sean seconded.  
Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charleen Bowen