

Minutes
West Rutland Select Board Meeting
August 10, 2015

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

Others Present: Mike Moser, Joe Skaza, Mike Youngstrom (Otter Creek Engineering).

Call to Order: Sean Barrows, board chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by John and a second by Mitch with the addition of Action item g. Salt bids. Unanimously approved.

Minutes: Chet made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/27/15. John seconded with the following change: on second page the following changes were noted by Chet. There is now \$271,000 in the fund balance after allocating \$150,000 for Sheldon Avenue. Sheldon reconstruction now has a balance of \$300,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Concerns: Joe wanted to check with Mary Ann about the celebration planned for the WWII Memorial celebration and to check on the traffic patterns for that day. Also discussed was the fact that 911 dispatch is being moved to Rockingham instead of in Rutland.

Action Items –

- a. Intermunicipal Agreement with Rutland Town FD #1 – Mary Ann sent the board the changes that the Fire District wanted. “Construct and maintain” was added and Paragraph 6 talked about emergency water. They wanted that removed. Chet made a motion to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with Rutland Town FD #1 and John seconded. Unanimously approved.
- b. Award Bid – Route 4 Water and Sewer Ext.- Mark Youngstrom explained that there were three good bids and the low bidder was the Belden Company. Bid was just under the estimate that Mark did. After completing a project cost summary we are asking for \$200,000 in grant funding to supplement the project. Should hear from USDA within a week or two so it was decided to wait to award the bid to Belden Company. Any cost savings would reduce the amount of the grant. Should get all

- the pipe in this year if we can start in a couple of weeks. Chet made a motion to award the bid to Belden Company contingent upon grant funding and final funding projection from Mark. John seconded and it passed unanimously. We now have 26 sewer and 29 water hookups signed up. The Board asked Mark if he looked at the bridges on Whipple Hollow Road. He met with the Rivers specialist and it was suggested that we could do two side by side box culverts. Need to apply for a structures grant from Vtrans.
- c. Engineering Contractor – Otter Creek Engineering: John made a motion to approve engineering contract for Otter Creek and to authorize Mary Ann to sign it. – Chet seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - d. Listers’ Errors and Omissions – Boardman Hill Solar Farm – Listers had appraised the property at \$114,800 and now it is appraised at 0 because the project does not sell energy credits as most companies do. They are not making money on it. Already filed grand list. Mitch made a motion to approve the listers change to the grand list. Chet seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - e. Green Mountain Power Easement: There are two parcels of land behind the school that GMP needs to access to so they can replace their poles. They need to build an access road so they have requested an easement. Motion by Peter to grant the easement and grant Mary Ann permission to sign it. John seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - f. WWII Memorial Proclamation: John made motion to sign the WWII Memorial Proclamation (see attached). Chet seconded. Unanimously approved. Chet made a motion to allow Sean to accept the WWII monument on behalf of the Selectboard. Peter seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - f. Salt contract – DOT negotiates all the contracts. The price is \$79.06 per ton which is an increase from \$76.02 a ton. Total cost is \$76,000 cost for this year. The town buys it in June and takes delivery. Motion by John to accept salt contract at \$76.02 per ton from the Cargill Company and to authorize Mary Ann to sign the contract. Second by Mitch and unanimously approved.

Discussion Items:

- a. Town Manager’s Report - discussion on benches. Many positive comments from the town’s people. Replacing Town Hall tree with Balsam or Frazier Fir. Choice is Balsam.

Board Member Concerns:

Peter: Are they going to start ditching Clark Hill? Yes, next week. The town has a \$10,000 grant – utility poles were in ditch and CVPS moved them back but we have been waiting for the phone company to move wires and they came today.

Mitch: Nothing

John: Nothing

Chet: Have we hired anyone for sewer plant operator or helper. Mary Ann said they are close to hiring someone.

Approved Orders: The Board approved orders.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment – Peter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 and Mitch seconded. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Charleen Bowen