

MINUTES
WEST RUTLAND SELECT BOARD
Monday, August 22, 2016

Present: John Harvey, Mitch Frankenburg, Sean Barrows, Chet Brown, Nick Notte, Mary Ann Goulette

Others Present: Mike Moser, Bill Kulig

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sean Barrows with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: One addition to the agenda under discussion items B - Green Mt. Power – certificate of public good for an upgrade of transmission lines. Chet made the motion to add this to the agenda and John seconded. Unanimously approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were not available at this meeting. Motion by John and second by Chet to table the approval of the minutes for the next meeting. Unanimously approved.

Public Concerns: Mike Moser shared that Merritt Budd was awarded Director of the Year at the Annual Vast Convention held in Killington. Mary Ann to send a congratulations from the Board.

Action Items:

Award Fuel Bids: Mary Ann shared that the cost of fuel is lower than last year. Her recommendation is Johnson Energy for the heating oil because they have a cap. Their bid is cost plus \$.30/gal and capped at \$1.94.9. Mary Ann recommends Haskins for Propane at \$.87/gallon. Diesel – she recommends going with Johnson at \$1.81 or 25 cents above cap. Motion to accept the bids as recommended by the town manager by Chet and second by Nick. Unanimously approved.

USDA Sewer Bond Closing Documents: Mary Ann said the interest rate is 2.25% which is lower than anticipated but the town added \$128,000 sewer bond for the increase in costs. The first payments are due in March. The water bond is for 40 years and the sewer for 30 years. It looks like we will be \$10,000 short the first year based on the number of users. The second year we should break even. New users are waived until Dec. 31st. The Fire District is on. They will be billed quarterly. Chet made a motion to sign the Resolution and Certificate, Tax Certificate and Sewer System Bond for \$554,000. John seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Chet made a motion to sign the Resolution and Certificate, Tax Certificate and Sewer System Bond for \$128,000. John seconded and motion passed unanimously. Chet made a motion to sign the Resolution and Certificate, Tax Certificate and Water System Bond for \$730,000. John seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Town Fire District WR-RT Intermunicipal Water Agreement. This is an emergency water connection for the Rutland Town Fire District. Gary wants to remove contamination from the agreement. Mary Ann will bring the new agreement to the meeting on Sept. 12. In the meantime, it will be reviewed further. Ed and Mark Youngstrom have signed off on it.

Access Application – Wehof – Mary Ann showed some pictures for the access for a driveway application on a lot on Clark Hill. The board allowed him the access as long as he follows the access guidelines. The culvert size is important and has to be at least 18 inches. Chet made a motion to allow him access and John seconded. Unanimously approved.

Access Application – Davis – asking for a way to get to his field and wants it next to the guardrail and bridge. It fills with water and backs up. Frank has concerns with it. It was decided to table for the next meeting. Chet made a motion and John seconded to have Frank look at it again and suggest a 3 foot culvert 20' long to alleviate our concerns about water backing up. Unanimously approved.

Town Manager's Report:

Safe Route to School Improvement: VTrans is doing the work. Mary Ann shared that they put a large sign base in front of Dziebuk's lawn and they are upset. It has a flashing beacon and the base takes up a lot of their lawn. VTrans agreed to move it closer to the corner of Campbell.

Found water leak. It was a valve on Clark Hill tank that didn't close. The town was losing 100,000 gallons a day. Sean suggested putting an alarm on it.

Municipal Planning Grant that Mary Ann is proposing to write to help develop property that is being unutilized. The grant is for \$30,000 with a town match of \$6,000. Motion by Nick and second by Mitch to authorize Mary Ann to apply for the grant for Westway Mall. Unanimously approved.

At the Sept. 12th the board will have a presentation form solar development. It will consist of a large array in Mike Tyminski's field behind his garage. Mary Ann clarified with them that we do not support commercial solar. They are planning a public meeting after the Selectboard meeting.

Mary Ann has been approached to help out with the Memorial Day parade. Mary Ann suggested getting a committee going and help the legion. It was suggested that the parade could come down the back of the school instead of out the front. Consensus of the board is to move ahead with the Memorial Day parade.

Green Mt. Power Upgrades of Lines and Poles: The town received a notice that GMP is filing with the PSB to upgrade the transmission lines on Marble Street. Notification on file in town office.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet: Sheldon Avenue – being paved this week.

John: Nothing

Nick: At the triangle at industrial park sign – cut the brush at the corner of Sheldon and Pleasant as it is difficult to see oncoming traffic.

Mitch: Nothing

Sean: Pet Gear transition at the road may need some adjustment. Sean wants Frank to look at other options for road maintenance, such as using recycled pavement. Look at options for treatment so it does not get completely destroyed before we do the work. Maybe grind so not having to raise the curbs. Sean suggested putting an application or testing on one of our gravel roads and laying out recycled pavement. Do experimental maybe 100 yards. Would need to use at least 3 inches.

Executive Session: Motion by Nick to enter executive session for a real estate and a legal matter at 7:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Mitch and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chet seconded by John to exit executive session at 8:09. Motion passed unanimously.

No action taken.

Motion made by Nick seconded by Mitch to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Charleen Bowen