

MINUTES
West Rutland Select Board
July 27, 2015

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

Others Present: Mike Moser

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

Approval of Agenda: John Harvey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Chet seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Chet made a motion and John seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Concerns: None

Action Items

A. Inter-municipal Agreement with Rutland Town FD#1: A copy of the agreement was given to the board. The agreement was previously signed but the following changes were noted. Item #1 – the word “maintained” was added. Item #3 makes note that the Fire District is going to maintain its own pumping station. Item #4 – the dollar amounts calculated according to the water readings were not correct. The method used to calculate the dollar amounts was not going to save the Fire District any money. The new agreement changed the ERU’s to 300 instead of 250. This agreement will short the Town of West Rutland \$9,000 on an annual basis. Mary Ann shared that often times it takes four or five years to break even. The number of hookups could increase from the amount right now. The first bond will be paid off in 5 or 6 years. This new project will help pay off the old bond. The town has already invested several thousand dollars and would hate to see the project not go forward. New users are paying the old bond. Mary Ann said the bid opening is this Wednesday, July 29th. Chet made a motion to approve the changes to the contract and John seconded. Unanimously approved. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

B. Sheriff’s contract: The sheriff’s contract runs from July to June. Board had a comparison from last year and there is about a 1.5% increase. Chet made a motion to accept the sheriff’s contract. Mitch seconded. Unanimously passed.

C. Sewer connection – Bania: John made a motion to approve the sewer connection for Bania. Mitch seconded and motion passed unanimously. The town waived the connection fee as Bania has to obtain a State Permit and hire an engineer.

D. Award Fuel Bids: Johnson Energy's cost of oil is a flexible cap rate at \$.30 above his cost and is capped at \$2.29. Fuel bid summary attached. Motion to buy #2 heating oil and diesel from Johnson Energy by Chet. John seconded. Diesel is cost plus .25. Unanimously approved. Motion by Chet and seconded by John to purchase propane from Irving Oil at \$1.06. Unanimously approved.

E. Bridge Painting Quotes: Chet said we might want to look at VT Protective Coating out of Brandon. There is \$43,000 in the bridge fund. Mark Youngstom, an engineer, will look at the bridges in order to establish specifications for the bridges. The discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

F. Fund Balance Rollover: 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. Mary Ann suggested doing the work next year as we still have the engineering cost of \$271,000 for the sewer project to pay. Chet made a motion to set aside \$150,000 for paving and \$150,000 for Sheldon and John seconded. Unanimously approved.

Discussion Items. Town Manager Report. Mary Ann received a phone call from the State about the Safe Routes to School infrastructure project. The project was a bump out at the school entrance and signage. They bundled a bunch of projects to go out to bid and they received no bids. VTrans may be able to do it.

Heat pumps: Two- vendors that install heat pumps looked at the town hall building. No decision made.

WWII Memorial. The committee requested Main and Marble be closed for a couple of hours. The town can't do it due to truck traffic. They will close Marble from Main to Campbell from noon on August 14 until 5pm on August 15th . Acceptance of Monument will be at next meeting.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet: Painting on Clarendon Ave crosswalks? Tomorrow.

John: Nothing

Mitch: Nothing

Sean: Make sure the pavers shim Clarendon Avenue near the bridge

Pay orders: Selectmen approved the pay orders.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Motion by Chet and a second by John to adjourn the meeting at 7:25. Unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Charleen Bowen