

West Rutland Select Board Minutes
March 14, 2016

Present: Chet Brown, John Harvey, Mitch Frankenberg, Sean Barrows, Mary Ann Goulette, Nick Notte, Joe Skaza, Fran Lloyd, Wayne Withington and Peter Kulig.

Call to order: Sean Barrows called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence: in honor of the passing of former selectboard member Peter Bianchi and Barbara Wiskoski, town librarian.

Agenda: A motion was made by John to accept agenda and it was seconded by Mitch. Motion passed unanimously. Added Whipple Hollow Bridge estimate under discussion items.

Election of Officers: John nominated Sean as president. All approved. Chet nominated John as vice chair. All approved. Sean nominated Chet as clerk. All approved.

Minutes: Chet made motion to accept minutes of February 8, 2016 John seconded. Passed unanimously.

Public Concerns: Peter Kulig showed concern for the drug activity on Harrison Avenue. Mary Ann informed the board the sheriff's department is aware of the issue and has been notified that Harrison Avenue is a priority. Joe Skaza said it would be helpful to know where there is concern as they were called to respond to the house where the stabbing occurred.

Fran Lloyd and Wayne Withington spoke of the property at 203 Ross Street. The property is vacant and has deteriorated beyond repair. There are animals and kids in and out of the house and the barn roof recently collapsed. It is a danger and a detriment to the entire neighborhood. The property did go to tax sale in 2014 but the bank, Citi Financial paid it off. Jayne has sent a zoning violation with no response. We are also looking at a dangerous building ordinance. Mary Ann will follow up with Jayne and the town attorney to see what our options are.

Action Items:

Town Official Appointments: Motion made by Nick seconded by Chet to appoint the slate of officers (see attached). Motion approved. Question of if Mitch could serve on the Planning Commission if he is an elected official. Mary Ann will check.

Adopt Highway Financial Plan: Motion made by Chet seconded by John to adopt the 2016 Highway Financial Plan as presented. Motion approved.

Liquor License - John made a motion to approve the liquor license for Main Street Cash Market and it was second by Mitch. Passed unanimously. Chet made a motion to approve the liquor license for Jiffy Mart seconded by Nick. Passed unanimously. Nick made a motion to approve the liquor license for Sweet Caroline's AM Legion Post #87 and it was seconded by Chet. Passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Sheldon Road reconstruction: Otter Creek gave us the preliminary estimate on the road. \$400,000 from Pleasant to Thrall and \$250,000 from Thrall to Crescent. When should we go to bid? We do not have enough money for the project. Can we only put one coat of pavement this year and wait until next year to finish. Mary Ann to speak with Mark. Senator Flory will also be calling us with a funding resource for potentially next year.

Whipple Hollow Bridge estimate: Otter Creek gave us the preliminary estimate on the culvert installation at \$639,200. We will apply for a structures grant.

Approve orders

Board Concerns –

Nick – would like to see a dangerous building ordinance for next meeting.

Sean – remove the berm and guardrail near Ski lodge so the water can run off the road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 Mitch made motion and Nick seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette