

**West Rutland Select Board Public Hearing  
Amended Town Plan  
March 28, 2016**

**Present:** Chet Brown, John Harvey, Mitch Frankenberg, Sean Barrows, Mary Ann Goulette, Jayne Pratt, Denis Lincoln, Leona Minard, Frank Woolf and Emily Cutts.

**Call to order:** Sean Barrows opened the hearing for re-adoption of the Town Plan at 6 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

The draft town plan was presented by the Planning Commission. The changes are highlighted for review. Denis Lincoln explained most of the changes are to meet the new standards associated with the village designation renewal and the new flood resilience regulations.

No public input. Mitch asked if we should address solar development. Mary Ann explained we did sign a resolution asking for more municipal control. There is some pending legislation that we are watching. The Town Plan needs a full revision every five years which will expire next year. We can address solar than.

Sean Barrows closed the hearing at 6:20 p.m.

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Minutes  
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**Call to order:** Sean Barrows called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

**Agenda:** A motion was made by John to accept the agenda and it was seconded by Chet. Motion passed unanimously. Added adopt town plan under action items.

**Minutes:** Chet made motion to accept minutes of March 14, 2016 John seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Public Concerns:** None.

**Action Items**

**Adopt Highway Financial Plan (Revised):** Mary Ann explained the State told us we couldn't separate out the article for paving. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to adopt the 2016 Highway Financial Plan with corrections. Motion approved.

**Approve Road and Bridge Standards** – This qualifies us for additional grant monies. Mitch made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge Standards. Seconded by Chet. Passed unanimously.

**Consider Purchase Trackless Sidewalk Tractor** – Frank Woolf explained the trackless needs to be replaced. It is leaking oil, needs a new water pump, has over 100,000 miles and is 14 years old. We were planning to replace it next year. Fairfield is the only dealer and gave us a quote of \$126,660 plus \$3,375 for extra pump and valve kit less \$12,000 for the trade in. The purchase price is \$130,035 and we will look to lease it for 5 years. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adopt Town Plan** – Mitch made a motion to adopt the Amended Town Plan as presented by the Planning Commission seconded by John. Passed unanimously.

### **Discussion Items**

**Prioritize highway projects:** Whipple Hollow’s preliminary estimate on the culvert installation is \$639,200. The structures grant is capped at \$175,000 and we have \$50K in the bridge fund. The structure is still safe except at high loads. Sheldon is estimated at \$400,000 and we have 300,000 in a reserve fund. The price of asphalt is low so the bid may come in lower. Discussion. Go to bid for Sheldon and hold off on Whipple Hollow.

**Update on 203 Ross Street:** The lawyers looked at the title of the property and it is still under the Bartlett’s ownership not the bank. Jayne issued a zoning violation which the sheriff is serving to Phil and Melissa. Fines will incur after 7 days. The lawyers are also reviewing a dangerous building ordinance. We will need to appoint a building safety officer. Perhaps Jayne? Or Michael or Joe Skaza?

**Town Manager Report:** We received a quick claim deed from the state for the 3.7 acres at the recreation area. The deed was never finalized. We are moving forward with the Boardman Hill Access.

Lisa Harvey has been hired as part time bookkeeper and events coordinator.

Approve orders

### **Board Concerns –**

Sean – perhaps we can use the Sheldon material that we remove for the new parking lot.

Mitch made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 and Nick seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette