

**MINUTES**  
**WEST RUTLAND SELECT BOARD**  
**Monday, November 14, 2016**

**Present:** John Harvey, Sean Barrows, Nick Notte, Mitch Frankenburg, Mary Ann Goulette.

**Others Present:** Joe Skaza, Mike Moser, Eric McClellan, Bill Kulig, Lisa Garcia

**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:** Mitch made a motion and Chet seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of 10/24/16 were reviewed. Motion by John and second by Mitch to accept the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.

**Public Concerns:** None

**Action Items:**

**GMP Pole Request- Petition for Pole and Wire Location:** Eric McClellan from Green Mt. Power was present to discuss the replacement of a pole and installation of a new push brace pole over the sidewalk. The push pole needs to go over the sidewalk which is a concern. Pictures were presented to the selectmen. GMP have the private easements from both land owners. The view is a concern and might invite kids to try to shimmy up the pole. GMP wires are the easiest to splice but to move the poles on the other side of the sidewalk would be difficult. Mitch doesn't think we should spend the money to fight it. Chet made a motion to deny the request tonight and look into an alternative route perhaps underground. Mitch seconded. Unanimously approved. Mary Ann will send a letter to GMP. Maybe they could consider a new design outside of the town limits. Should the Town review all right of way requirements from GMP or anyone else.

**Schedule of the Reappraisal:** Lisa Garcia was present as the lister. She shared that there is a shortage of appraisal firms so it's important to schedule it. The Patriots Program is our current system and the preferred appraisal system. She suggested that the town should go out to bid if we want it done in the next few years. Town's last appraisal was last done in 2008. Chet made a motion to go out to bid for 2019 and John seconded it. Unanimously approved.

**Systematic Local Road Safety Program:** Vermont Agency of Transportation sent a packet to the board of the analysis of Whipple Hollow by. The program indicates the replacement and installation of new signs to enhance the safety of the road. Motion by

Chet to have Mary Ann sign it on behalf of town. Motion seconded by Mitch.  
Unanimously approved.

**Discussion Items:**

**Westside Solar CPG** – The Public Service Board issued a certificate of public good for the Westside Solar project. The Board reviewed the documents. The PSB says we didn't adopt any ordinance regarding screening. This document will tell us what we need to do to be ready for solar projects in general. Planning commission will work on this.

**Audit Review:** Draft format summary was presented to board. Board reviewed and discussed.

**Town Manager's Report:** Phone contract renewal: Fairpoint through Centrex. The cost was previously \$111.00 month and now will be \$14.99 a line and we have 23 lines. Mary Ann will look into other phone companies and options.

**Dog Park Update:** Corner near the soccer field would be best location per Mary Ann. We will let the group design and fundraise. The board agreed to offer them the space and review their design. Chet made the motion and John seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Board Member Concerns:**

Chet and John had no concerns.

Mitch: Hiking trails behind the rec? Are they town trails? Warning hikers that there are hunters in that area.

Sean: Nothing

**Approve Orders:** Board approved orders

**Executive Session:** Motion by John and a second by Chet to enter executive session at 7:55pm for a real estate issue. Motion made at 8:04pm by Chet seconded by John to exit executive session. No action taken.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm by Chet seconded by John. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charleen Bowen