

**MINUTES**  
**WEST RUTLAND SELECT BOARD**  
**Monday, November 23, 2016**

**Present:** Pete Bianchi, Mitch Frankenburg, Sean Barrows, Chet Brown, Mary Ann Goulette.

**Others Present:** Mike Moser, Drew Moser, Peter Kulig, Mark Youngstrom

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

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

**Minutes:** Chet made a motion to table the approval of the minutes of the last meeting and Pete seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Public Concerns:** Mike Moser spoke to the board about the tread on crosswalks in front of Price Chopper. They need to be replaced.

**Action Item:**

**Sheldon Avenue Engineering:** The board has been talking about Sheldon Avenue for a while now. Truck traffic has caused problems to Sheldon. Water line to the industrial park has made the road lower and is too low to increase truck traffic. Mark said Sheldon Avenue will need to be bomag, install fabric and add additional course material and then pave. There will be a need for some permitting. Chet suggested putting some test holes in it since chunks marble was put in there years ago. Sean suggested that full depth reclamation be looked at.

**Whipple Hollow Bridge Engineering:** A double box culvert was Mark's first idea however since FEMA has adopted codes and standards now it may not be possible. The span is 40'. Fort Miller makes a structure three wide and could make a bridge. They may be able to change the alignment a little bit. It is H20A which is what is used for most truck traffic. A structures grant may be available to West Rutland. The grant is based on need.

**Discussion Items:**

**Route 4 Project Update – Mark Youngstrom**

More money has been spent in the beginning since the materials were purchased. We believe it is going slower than planned. Belden hopes to get another excavator crew in the spring. They had to remove some contaminated soil. They used a different pipe and wrapped sewer and water in plastic through that area at some additional cost. The plan is to get to Poultney Pools and then stop for the winter. Also discussed was that

Belden started out in one trench and had trouble so decided to dig two separate ditches. In some areas the pipe will be 10 feet apart and some places in one ditch. Will put back the bank back that was taken away back with a new rip rap slope. Belden is shutting down around the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. West Rutland has a short term loan from Lake Sunapee until USDA money comes in. Have to use the loan money and then the grant will reimburse the remainder of the money.

**Economic Grant for commercial projects** – letter to the businesses to inform them there is grant money for them to hook on to Center Rutland branch. Informational letter will go out to the owners along Center Rutland Corridor.

**Sheldon Avenue Engineering Approval of \$16,100.** Chet made the motion to enter into contract with Otter Creek Engineering and Pete seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Whipple Hollow Bridge Engineering:** Services for WR town highway 4 Bridge 15 replacement. \$29,250. Peter made a motion and Chet seconded to approve the contract. Unanimously approved.

Chet made a motion to have Sean sign the contract on behalf of the town. Pete seconded. Unanimously approved. Money to come out of bridge fund of \$80,000. Unanimously approved.

a. Lister's Update

BCA Appeal Update – Board of Civil Authority – Lisa Garcia updated the board on appeals. Mr. Daley decision was upheld and was a PBR case. Other two cases are in court process which is lengthy and costly. The Town has gone all in and it would not make sense to settle at this point. The Court date is set for the end of December and first part of January and they are 2014 appeals.

Lisa Garcia inquired as to “Where is lister's office going next year?” She explained that her subcontract rate is \$45.00. Lisa submitted a letter to the board about her position. The other 2 listers are not interested in continuing if Lisa leaves. Listers are currently working 12 hours a week total.

Listers vs. Assessor - Board briefly discussed this and will discuss this more during budget season.

b. Strong Communities Alternative Selection – Packet was given to the board for them to review. Many alternatives listed. The object is to decide what to do and how to pay for it. Mary Ann went through the material and talked about what ideas were really good. Mary Ann shared what she felt were important economic development options to West Rutland. Highlighting railroad museum was a suggestion for Rutland Town. Land use and traffic improvements need to be considered. The next Smart Growth Connection Plan meeting is Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at

1:00 the Opera House.

c. **Town Manager's Report**

Frank is back after knee surgery. There is a Road sign auction – Selling the old street signs. It is an online auction.

- d. Mary Ann shared that she has had several people looking at the property that we have for sale.

**Board Member Concerns:**

Chet: Asked about the status of Dan Kearney's tax deal and asked Mary Ann to write a letter to the Dave and Steve about what a great job they have done.

Mitch: Traffic lights at jug handle need to be painted. District Manager of State says not to paint them. We will try again in the spring.

Pete: None

Sean: Paving is all done for season except for patching Young's bridge.

**Approve Orders:** The board approved the pay orders.

**Executive Session** – Pete made a motion to enter executive session at 8:10 p.m. for a real estate discussion. Mitch seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by Mitch seconded by Peter at 8:37 p.m. to exit executive session. No action taken.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Pete and a second by Chet the board adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charleen Bowen