

MINUTES
WEST RUTLAND SELECT BOARD
Monday, October 26, 2016

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

Others Present: Peter Kulig, Mike Moser, Joe Skaza

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 to remove the RT 4 discussion until next meeting. Pete seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes of 9/28/15 were reviewed. Motion by Pete and seconded by Mitch to approve the minutes with a change on the last page, middle paragraph to: "presentation was at the Transportation Advisory Council meeting" to accept the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.

Public Concerns: None

Discussion Items:

Route 4 Update: They will drill under the road on Pleasant Street to connect with our system and not dig up the pavement. Mark did not attend this select board meeting as the October financials would not have been included. He will be at the next meeting. There is a change order on the shut off valves. They will be level to the ground so they won't get hit by lawnmowers or snow plows. Chet explained. Peter asked if they knew there was ledge in front of Jagodzinski's. There is a meeting tomorrow night on Smart Growth Connection. Mary Ann invited the Selectmen to attend if possible. It will be held at the Rutland Town offices.

Dangerous building ordinance: This is becoming more and more of an issue on vacant houses that are not being taken care of. Neighbors are concerned. Banks mostly own them. Mary Ann gave the board a Sample of Village of Essex Junction Municipal Code to use as an example. Mary Ann will research this more and get back to the board for a future meeting. Ordinances are governed by the select board. Discussion followed on suggestions for creating an ordinance to deal with dangerous buildings.

Town Manager's Report

Mary Ann shared an update on a truck accident on Whipple Hollow Road. A large dump truck went off the road. Fire department was there for six hours. The truck should not have been on the road but the truck route was closed. Mary Ann has checked with DMV

but they have not responded. Mary Ann asked Steve Bernard to check it out and investigate. It was VTRANS who closed the road and they didn't notify the town.

Mary received a notification today that the State has a draft energy plan and will hold a hearing at the Rutland Medical Center on Thursday Oct.29th. Public review draft. This can impact the gas pipeline coming to Rutland. Suggested to give comments if we want gas in our area. It would be cost effective as a heating source. Fracking is an issue. Mitch doesn't feel we need to take a position at this time. Consensus of board is we will not take a position on this at this time.

Dave and Steve have been hauling sand. Doing a great job. They are also getting the equipment read for winter. The tractor had a tire come off.

Mary Ann received a presentation of the latest drone technology. UVM organization that has two of them and can help towns with projects.

Board Member Concerns.

Chet: Shared that they had fixed the trackless and bridge #17 needs repair

Mitch: Nothing

Pete: Asked about the "Welcome to West Rutland" signs? Study will tell us where they should go. Pete also asked about the paving? It will be finished in the next few days we hope.

Sean – Clarendon Avenue – paving schedule. Mary Ann will follow up. Clark Hill needs chloride and maybe grading one more time.

Executive Session for real estate discussion. Pete made a motion to enter executive session at 7:15 p.m. Chet seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mike Moser was invited to attend representing the WRDC.

Peter made a motion to exit executive session at 7:50pm seconded by Chet.

Pete made a motion to sell the Town's property at 165 Marble Street to the highest bidder. The property will have a showing and bids will be due on Dec. 14th at 12:00pm. Seconded by Chet.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm motion made by Pete second by Chet.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Charleen Bowen**