

**West Rutland Select Board Minutes**  
**September 14, 2015**

**Present:** Sean Barrows, (Chair), Chet Brown, John Harvey, Pete Bianchi, Mitch Frankenberg, Mary Ann Goulette,

**Others Present:** Mike Moser

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** John made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Chet seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chet made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Concerns:** None

**Action Items:**

- a. **USDA Loan Documents:** Mary Ann announced the actual grant and loan numbers. More money was requested and they agreed to give us \$200,000 additional funding. The Letter of Conditions is sewer loan \$554,000 grant is \$447,400 subsequent loans are \$128,000 and \$37,493 for a total of \$1,166,893.

**Sewer:** Motion by John to approve the signing of the letter of intent to meet conditions for the Center Rutland Sewer project. Peter seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Request for Obligations of Funds:** John made a motion to allow Sean to sign the request for obligations of funds. Peter seconded and motion passed unanimously.

**Loan Resolution for Sewer:** John made a motion to have Sean sign the loan resolution for subsequent loan of \$128,000 for the sewer project. Chet seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Water and Waste Water Grant Application –** The grant agreement is for the sewer grant. John made motion to authorize Sean to sign the waste systems grant agreement. Chet seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Water –** Letter of Intent to meet conditions. The project funding for the water system is \$730,000 loan, \$275,700 grant and \$36,474 subsequent grant. John made a motion to authorize Sean to sign the letter of intent to meet conditions. Chet seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to authorize in triplicate for obligation of funds for Center Rutland water project by John. Second by Peter. Unanimously approved.

Motion for authorization to sign water and waste system grant agreement was made by John and seconded by Chet. Unanimously approved.

Interim Lake Sunapee Bank Loan: Mary Ann explained that the town has to use the loan first so we need a short term loan from the bank and then when completed the grant will reimburse \$1,284,000.00.

Chet made a motion for Mary Ann to sign the loan application on behalf of the town at a rate of 2.8% for approximately 4 months. John seconded. Unanimously passed.

- b. **Set water and Sewer Rates:** Rates are based on the new budget and allocations that we have. Ed is taking a rate classes as to how the State is looking at rates. Based on new numbers we have \$11,000 excess. The water rates go from \$85.00 to \$89.00, the water bond from \$95.30 to \$98.30, the sewer fixed rate from \$179.00 to \$185.00, and the totals from \$359.30 to \$372.30 for an overall increase of \$13.00 from last year to this year. Sewer plant panels need to be replaced at some point. There is money in our sewer acct.. Need to do a thermal scan of all the panels. Motion by Peter to approve the rate increases and seconded by John. Unanimously approved.
- c. **Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant:** After discussion, the board agreed that at this point we are not in a position to utilize this it may be considered in the future.
- d. **Planning Grant for Revitalizing/Housing Needs Assessment:** Mary Ann reviewed the grant opportunity and feels we should apply for a master plan for the village to have a cohesive look. Aspects will include streetscape, connection with the carving studio, expand on the town hall to enhance the town center, connect Westway Mall to Marble Street. Sean asked about the Center Rutland corridor study and Mary Ann said the grant is not specific enough. Mary Ann will bring more prepared materials to the next meeting.

#### **Town Manager's Report:**

Route 4 Water and Sewer Ground breaking is Thursday at 1:00 and will be held west of Poultney Pools. Mary Ann encouraged the select board to attend. Reception afterward in the parking lot at Poultney Pools.

New Christmas tree planted on corner of town office building. Thank you to John Reed for the donation.

#### **Board Member Concerns:**

Chet: Car on Barnes Street with no plates. Sheriff's dept should look at it.

John: Is anyone living in camper on Main and Ross street? No

Peter: Burn permits? Someone is burning near his house. Mary Ann will check on this. Boardman Hill work? Paving delay.

Mitch: Nothing

Sean: Has the Sheriff's Dept. been south of town to check on speeding? Sean also requested a quarterly report from the Sheriff's dept.

**Adjournment:** Pete made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Chet seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;  
Charleen Bowen