

MINUTES
WEST RUTLAND SELECT BOARD
Monday, September 26, 2016

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

Others Present: Mike Moser, Pete Skaza, Bill Kulig, Korrine Rodrique

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 add "Joe Davis Access" to the agenda under action items. Unanimously approved.

Minutes: John made a motion and Chet seconded to approve the 9/12 minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.

Public Concerns: None

Korrine Rodrique, candidate for Rutland County State Senate, briefly spoke to the board. She works in substance abuse and was the cofounder of Project Vision. She has lived in this area for 13 years. She shared that drug abuse costs the State a lot of money. The economy is also a concern of her.

Town Managers Report:

- a. Mary Ann met with the Transportation board on Thursday about the recreation area access.
- b. Maintenance did a water repair today valve on Fairview Avenue. Fabian did the work. It was an old valve that needed replacing.
- c. Mary Ann shared that they are looking at water and sewer rates on commercial side. There are issues from years ago. Adjustments would be done for April billing.
- d. Looking for a grant to hook on new businesses. Difficult process and they need to hire engineer.
 - a. Belden is finishing up the clean up.
 - b. Some paving and grass seeding still needs to be done.
 - c. South Storage issue has been resolved.
 - d. First billing for bond has been sent out on sewer and water. \$98 for water and \$70 for sewer hookups for the bond payment.
- e. Safety issues on Whipple Hollow with VTrans specialist. There will be a number of signage changes. They install them but we are responsible for maintenance.

- f. American Legion wants us to help with Memorial Day parade.

The Board reviewed the rules for changing speed limits. At the present time, everything in town is 35 mph except for High Street, Fairview, Main and Marble which are 25 mph. Speed study of current speeds are at 85%. They have to do similar streets to come up with a curriculum. It was suggested possibly hiring an intern to do it. That is federal law. We could post speeds at what we want to but can't enforce them without an engineering study; otherwise, it takes seven years to be legal. Have to petition the state to lower speeds on roads that we get state funds for. Mary Ann will study this matter further. Chet requested adding Clarendon Avenue to the list. Planning Commission should be contacted to borrow the counter and determines speed.

Action Items:

- a. **Intermunicipal water agreement with /RTFD** – Emergency water connection for RT fire district. Signed by Rutland Town Fire District #1. Chet made a motion to sign the agreement and John seconded. Unanimously approved.
- b. **MPG grant agreement with RRPC** – Master Planning Grant – This is a Grant we received in the spring. Mary Ann wants to finish this up as she wants to write a grant for Westway Mall for \$26,000 and she can't have two grants open at once. John motioned to authorize Sean to sign the MPG grant with RRPC. Chet seconded and motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Authorize to bid on tax sales:** Copy of tax sale sheet was in packet. The town had five properties and are down to four. 155 Marble Street will be sold but the town abated tax and coded as tax exempt. The town won't get any taxes on property until next April. John made a motion to authorize Mary Ann to bid on tax sales on behalf of town. Mitch seconded and motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Access for Joe Davis:** Wants farm access near Gorham Bridge. The gentleman from A&R looked at it and felt the access would be fine. It will be will have limited access. Motion by John to approve Agricultural access to Joe Davis. Mitch seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Board Member Concerns:

Nick: nothing

Mitch: nothing

John- nothing

Chet: Flashing lights on Clarendon Avenue and by the school. When are they coming back? State guy wants to give us a demonstration. One is at a place in Rutland to be fixed. Whipple Hollow Bridge – pocket hole needs to be fixed. Logging trucks are okay as they are agricultural.

Sean: Clarendon Avenue paving? May not be done for awhile. Has holes that need to be filled. Mary Ann will call to see if we are on list for next year.

Solar Farm project and Clarendon Avenue – Alex Marceau: Sean entertained a motion to amend agenda – Moved by Mitch and seconded by Nick. Alex shared that he went around town to inform people about the possibility of the solar farm. Asked board to consider the affect on people that are not for it. He had a petition with 22 signatures. Mary Ann shared that she has not heard from the Solar people. They supposedly did a mailing to townspeople. Mary Ann gave the solar people a list of residents that it would affect. 5 percent of people need to sign the petition in order for board to accept it.

Executive Session: Motion by John to enter executive session for a legal matter at 7:15 p.m. Motion seconded by Chet and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chet seconded by John to exit executive session at 7:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

No action taken.

Motion made by Nick seconded by Mitch to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment