

**West Rutland Select Board Minutes  
October 13, 2014**

**Present:** Mitch Frankenberg, John Harvey, Sean Barrows, Peter Bianchi, Mary Anne Goulette.

**Call to order:** John Harvey called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:03 p.m.

**Others Present:** Mike Moser, John Zawistowski, John Sicinski, Ed Savage (Sewer & Water Maintenance)

**Approval of Agenda:** Sean made a motion to approve the agenda Mitch seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2014 by Sean and a second by Mitch.

**Public Concerns:** None

**Discussion Items:**

**WWII Memorial Committee Request:** John Z was present as a representative of the WWII committee. He was asking permission to place the WW II monument on the lawn at the town office. He shared that support has been great. Committee has done a great job. They have given a lot of thought to the best location for the monument and many sites were considered. The location suggested is in front of town hall. Since there is already an existing monument there the committee felt it would be a proper place for another monument. A lot of people have inquired where the monument will go. John Harvey is concerned about space for when they have concerts. What is the size? There are now 600 names. 20' linear left to right. A final sketch will be completed after approval. Base is 10" and height is 5'8" plus a 30 inch eagle. Mary Ann stated that the Historical society would have to approve. Sean is concerned about blocking the front of the building or that it might dwarf the present monument. John Z. drew a rough sketch to show the board the location of the proposed monument. At this point, the select board went outside to look at the proposed site. John Harvey is concerned about the location as it cuts off the view of the steps in front of the building. Sean concerns included where we would put additional monuments from other wars. After the board went outside and looked at the proposed location there was concern that it would overtake the whole lawn. Marble Street side was suggested as a better space. Committee looked at that and could reconsider. Mr. Sicinski says they have been looking for a year and there is no other spot. Would need to decide within the next 30 days for the committee to proceed. It was agreed that the board would have a decision at the Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> select board meeting.

**Sewer Plant Garage Addition:** Ed Savage spoke to the board. He had a hard time obtaining quotes for the addition of a garage at the sewer plant. Ed said the garage has electrical and heat in it but very little space for anything else. Vehicles have to be outside. Gave the board the quotes he had received. Ellis Concrete from Fair Haven quoted a 30' x 40' Lestewr Steel stand alone building on a slab fully constructed for \$54,500. The building will have 2 overhead doors. May have a subpanel for lights. Town will do the site work which should only take one day. Radiant floor and heating is \$1100 plus insulation. Sean felt that the radiant should be installed. Sean moved to authorize the contract with Ellis Concrete Inc. for construction of a 30' x 40' Lestewr Steel Building as quoted for \$54,500 including insulation under slab for an additional for \$1200 R-10 insulation and \$300 mesh. Pete seconded. Unanimously approved.

### **Town Manager Report**

- a. **Walk Audit** – AARP is planning a walk audit Wed. Oct. 22 to walk around the village for pedestrian safety in town. This is part of the RR Planning Commission and the Rutland Area Physical Activity Coalition.
- b. Mary Ann wanted to recognize Pratico's who gave us lots of plants for rec. area.
- c. Highway Dept is busy at Clark Hill with ditch changes

**Boardman Hill Solar Project:** Greg Cox and Roland Marx were present to propose a solar project up on their farm. It is a small project and very cost efficient. Plan to go to the south; solar will be where field tunnels are. It will occupy plus or minus one acre of land. The will be keeping the rec's. (renewable energy credit). Other people can buy a panel on that property. About 20 people have already shown interest. Greg has location, Installers, and buyers. Green Mountain Power will keep track of the electricity. Cavendish was a model for this project. Each panel costs \$875 per panel. Produces kilowatts bought by Green Mt. Power. Nels Behn was present from Aegis Renewal Energy Company. Bank used panels as collateral for loans. Marketing through word of mouth. LOC represents the members for financial matters. Panels are under warranty. There will be a commercial insurance policy that the LOC will take care of. Each panel is about the size of a door. Public Service Board should give approval within a couple of weeks.

### **Action Items**

**Adopt Local Emergency Operations Plan:** The last plan was adopted 9/13/13. Motion to adopt the Local Emergency Operation Plan by Pete and seconded by Sean. Unanimously approved. Table Top needed. Will talk to Joe Skaza.

**Vermont Gas Request:** Letter inviting board to participate in identifying a potential route for natural gas pipeline. Mary Ann and Sean will be representatives. Motion by Peter and seconded by Mitch to designate Sean and Mary Ann as the town delegates. Unanimously approved.

**Tax Reform Resolution:** Kevin Dorn is a proponent of this and is meeting with towns for education funding reform. Sean said we already have senators that represent us. No action taken.

**Board Member Concerns:**

Peter: Good job on Clark Hill.

Mitch: Nothing

Sean: We need to have a discussion and a closer look at the diverting food scraps out of landfills. Hauling garbage to Coventry seems ridiculous. Casella is trying to haul to a farm in Bridport. Need to look closer at this. Sean feels there is potential for opportunity. Possibly to generate gas to heat our facility or generate electricity from it.

John: Nothing

**Orders signed:** Board signed the pay orders.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Pete made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 and Mitch seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Charleen Bowen**