

**West Rutland Select Board Minutes
November 10, 2014**

Present: Mitch Frankenberg, John Harvey, Sean Barrows, Peter Bianchi, Chet Brown, Mary Ann Goulette.

Others Present: Joe Czachor, Emily Czachor, Jayne Pratt, Mike Moser, Peter Kulig, Tom Lacz, Joe Skaza, Margie Salengo, John Socinski, John Zawistowski, Cecelia Scott, May Oczechowski, Barbara Wiskoski, Andy Molaski, Bob Allen, Alta Johnston, Mary Reczek and Sylvie Lio

Call to order: John Harvey called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Chet made a motion to amend the agenda to include 8b Executive Session for Personnel. Sean seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: Legal and Real Estate – Chet made a motion to enter executive session at 6:01 p.m. for legal and real estate issues. Mitch seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The board came out of executive session at 6:22 p.m. Motion by Chet that we proceed with legal action in zoning. Mitch seconded. Unanimously passed.

Minutes: Chet made a motion to approve the minutes of October 28th as presented pending the addition of the dvd presentation by Mary Reczek requesting the placement of the World War II monument. Sean seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Public Concerns: None

Action Items:

WWII Memorial Committee Request: The committee was present to get a decision from the board on the placement of the World War II monument on the front lawn adjacent to flagpole. Mitch asked if the decision had to be made tonight. Yes, the board previously said they would make a decision on November 10th. Pete made a motion to grant the request and Mitch seconded. Sean asked if we could see a design of the proposed layout of the monument. John Z said he is not aware of a final design for the location. There is a design of the monument only. John Z explained his understanding of the location for the World War II Memorial. He said there may need to be a decrease in height. Mary Reczek said it is safe to say that the cardboard samples were not accurate. Sean said it is hard to visualize. Other comments were:

1. Reverse side is facing the flagpole. Would want the monument facing the flag.
2. Flagpole could be relocated.
3. Side stones might be angled slightly.

4. Sean said the biggest issue is the space on the lawn. Town plan says to use the town hall for more events both for the inside and outside. Events that are held are: Boy scouts, farmer's markets, concerts, Historical society hosted a re-enactment etc. John Z. said he could raise issues about the monument vs. the town use of the lawn. He also asked "What is in the town plan for veterans?" John Z doesn't think it will be spread out to cause any problems.
5. Chet asked why did they take it away from the school? The one that was there rotted as it was a wooden monument. Originally school students and teachers were in the war.
6. When asked, no one in the audience is opposed to having it on the front lawn. John Z said the committee discussed all locations around the town office building and other potential sites. The committee wants to coordinate it with the present monument.
7. The question was asked about the down side of placing the monument on the walkway / Main Street side? Ms. Reczek said there is a tree too close and the second reason is they planned to use reverse side of monument for committees for future wars. So the original location on the west side of the building would not work even if there were no trees.
8. John Z stated that the bottom line is the consistency of having them in one place. Isn't there a monument at the school? It is in memory of.
9. Question was asked about placement of shrubbery. John said there is nothing designed for foliage.

Pete, and Mitch voted yes to granting the committee's request for placement of the monument with the possibility of moving the flagpole. Chet voted yes but wants to see the final design. Sean voted against. Motion carried. Sean did state that he is fine with the decision if the townspeople are ok with giving up the green space for events.

The committee appreciates the vote and will keep everyone posted on the progress. The next committee meeting is Monday, the 17th at 5:00 at St. Stanislaus Church anyone is welcomed to attend.

Discussion Items:

United Church Inquiry: Alta Johnson was introduced. The lot on the corner of High and Ross is owned by the United Church of West Rutland. Ms. Johnson is concerned about the crab apples trees that the town planted. There are two curb cuts there for the sidewalk. Mary Ann gave her information about driveway access permit. Ms. Johnson asked why they needed to apply for driveway access when they originally had access. The Town removed the access with the sidewalk and curb. The fee for applying for access is \$25.00. Chet made a motion to waive the fee and asked them to draw a diagram as to where they want access. Mitch seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

True Blue Road gates: Andy Molaski asked if the gate on True Blue Road can be closed even during deer hunting. John Harvey said that the agreement we made was that it stay open during deer season. It is a class 4 road. John said he would close it right after deer hunting. If garbage becomes a problem we can discuss it with the state again in the spring.

Town Manager Report :

Members of the fire department donated \$1500 for lettering . Mary Ann thanked the fire department for their help with structural problems at the town hall. They have also agreed to decorate the holiday tree. John Harvey might be able to get a bucket truck to help too.

Motion by Pete to enter executive session at 7:40pm for personnel matters. Sean seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Chet to exit executive session at 7:52pm seconded by Sean. No action taken.

Board Member Concerns: none

Approve Orders: signed by the board

Adjournment: Pete made a motion at 7:56pm seconded by Mitch. Motion approved unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,
Charleen Bowen**