

Minutes
West Rutland Select Board Meeting
November 12, 2013

Present: Sean Barrows, John Harvey, Chet Brown, Pete Bianchi, Nick Notte, Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser.

Call to Order: John Harvey, board chair, called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Chet made a motion to approve the minutes of October 28, 2013 with a correction. Nick seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jean Lazorchak, the representative of the US Fish and Wild Life, should be added as present.

Public Concerns: None

Action Items:

Vermont Fish and Wildlife land acquisition: Mary Ann heard back from Jane Lazorchak, the representative of Vermont Fish and Wildlife, and she said that they would be putting in a gate just after the parking lot. The Town will continue to plow to the Bristol resident. The property will become exempt and is not calculated into the education tax. We will receive pilot funds which is 1% of the assessed value. We continue to find garbage on True Blue Road. We did find mail with a person's address on it and the sheriff is investigating. The fines are substantial. Motion by Pete and a second by Nick to support the VT Fish and Wildlife in their purchase of the Rick Bloomer property. It will be added to Whipple Hollow WMA. Motion passed unanimously.

Appoint Justice of the Peace: We normally have 10 people serving as justice of the peace and one resigned, as he moved out of town. We need 15 for the Board of Civil Authority which includes the select board, justices of the peace and the town clerk. Need 11 for a quorum. Jane Pratt would like to serve. Sean made a motion for Jane Pratt to be appointed as Justice of the Peace and Nick seconded. Unanimously approved. Governor must approve so a letter will be sent to him for approval.

Route 4 Water and Sewer Facility: Mark Youngstrom drafted a letter for property owners in West Rutland and Rutland Town who have properties adjacent to Route 4 to see who may have interest in hooking into the sewer and water. Planning grant is also being put together. Sean moved to send an informational letter on offering sewer and water connections to Rutland and West Rutland residents on the Rt. 4 corridor with a survey to determine their interest. Chet seconded. Unanimously approved. May have to have a

committee to talk to the people to try to get this project going. Mary Ann mentioned informational meetings will also help. Approximately 70 residents in the fire district and 60 in the corridor.

Discussion Items:

Wireless Telecommunication Facility: Mary Ann gave the board a map and letter from the attorneys representing Verizon. Mary Ann said there has been a rush of applications all over the State because July 1, 2014 applications will go through the town rather than the PSB. This is a Verizon project for cell phone service. Ask Bonnie will look at the town plan and zoning in reference to cell towers and solar development.

Town Manager's Report:

Basement Renovation Update:

Mary Ann encouraged the board to go downstairs and see the progress. WE do keep uncovering problems with the old building. Existing heat pipe is DMV and not designed for pressure and needs to be switched over to a G line. \$6,922.89 is the cost. Dan Dupras is trying to see if a smaller diameter pipe can be used. Mary Ann will check into this further. Floor drains were also added. There are also three doorways where masonry headers are failing. \$3,900 to fix them. Also, decided to sheetrock the outside wall for \$1200 increase. Still waiting to hear about windows.

Garage Heat: In December of last year, one of the water heaters failed and the other one was failing. It cost \$4,400 to replace them. Smalley recommended replacing with a boiler. Lake Region Plumbing is the current plumber for the Town Hall and he looked at it and felt the system was not efficient. He suggested putting a boiler in. Wiel McClane boiler would be a cost of \$8,960 installed. Also talked with Smalley – holding tank suggested. Smalley's estimate was \$29,000. After discussion, the board advised to let it ride and talk to Dan Dupras on his suggestions.

Mary Ann advised the board that the town got the Recreational Facilities Grant (\$21,000) to enhance the Fairview entrance of Recreation Center. The town also received two grants from the Safe Routes to School Program, one for a feasibility at \$35,000 for sidewalks and the other for an infrastructure grant at \$25,500 for the curb extension in front of school and school zone flashing fluorescent signs.

Mary Ann shared that the sheriff's department presented a restraining order for a person at the recreation center.

Board member concerns:

Chet:

- Hole on Whipple Hollow Bridge near Browns needs to be fixed.
- Parking on soccer field – going across the river and parking on the soccer field. Special Olympics use the field.
- Select board is now also the Health Board. Chet has gone to a few rental properties with Bonnie. Chet said they may form a committee to develop guidelines. They are also thinking of inspecting buildings once a year. They also want landlords involved.

Nick: nothing

Sean:

- Fence under overpass needs to be addressed. Growth is hanging over the sidewalk and is unsightly.
- Clarendon Avenue sidewalk extension looks good and it is near completion.
- Has fire raised any concerns? We will put some fire safety reminders in the next newsletter. Burn permits are sometimes issued and the fire department isn't notified.

Pete:

- Done painting crosswalks? Mary Ann said it will be this week.
- Tax sales how are we doing? We will have three sales in December

John:

- John, Chet and Mary Ann took Frank Woolf on a tour around town to evaluate the conditions of the roads to explain the work needed to be completed. John asked Frank Woolf, town road commission, for a plan for next year.

Mary Ann said that the town attorney will be attending the next meeting and they will go into executive session to discuss the pending litigation with the DRB board.

Adjournment: Sean made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 and Nick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Charleen Bowen