

**West Rutland Select Board Minutes  
December 9, 2014**

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

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

**Others Present:** Mike Moser, Joe Skaza, Frank Woolf

**Agenda:** On a motion by Sean and a second by Mitch, the agenda was amended to add garage heat under action items. Motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** Mitch made a motion to adopt the minutes of 11/25/14 as presented. Sean seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Concerns:** None

**Discussion Items: 2015-2016 Highway Budget:** Mary Ann reviewed the highway budget with the select board and stated that the red line items are a wish list. Each year the town puts 70,000 in the highway budget. The town will need to purchase a trackless in 2 years and next year hoping to get a one ton truck. There is \$135,000 in the highway budget this year after adding 70,000. Tandem can get 5 more years.

The board reviewed next year highway projects. Have four roads scheduled for paving next year for a cost of about \$132,000 which include Highland, Pleasant Heights, Clark Hill and Pine Hill. There is still an issue with Dewey Avenue and options for possible solutions were reviewed by Mary Ann. It will depend on what happens over the winter. Sheldon reconstruction is another big project. Put \$100,000 aside last year. Minimal cost to pave is 70,000, plus fabric and reclaiming for about \$117,000. Clark Hill is already funded by a Better Backroads Grant. Whipple Hollow Bridge – someone from State is coming to look at it. We have \$42,000 in the Bridge Fund. Welder and Leaf vacuum need to be purchased and also a pot hole patcher that could possibly be shared with another town. Discussion around the need for a cold planer. Frank will price out a cold planer.

Mary Ann reviewed the Budget Sheet with the select board.

1. Additional \$4,000 added for additional labor.
2. Derrick is a new employee and is floating between the departments and town is trying to figure out his percentage of time per dept. Mary Ann will check with Ed about his schedule.
3. Salt – Brought back up to \$65,000 due to the price increase.
4. Pavement marking – new and more durable paint. More expensive.
5. Gas, oil diesel increased

Total highway budget is up about 3.67%.

A member of the board asked when garage bond would be paid off? 2022 and salt shed in 2025.

Over the last 7 years our municipal tax rate has never increased.

**Heat in Garage:** Dec. 9, 2013 Mary Ann brought this issue to the Board. Mary Ann read the minutes where this was discussed. A motion had been made to purchase a filter system (Glyco). Lines were flushed and still getting debris in the line. No warranty as it isn't the correct system. Brad Rousseau could re-pipe for \$4,000 but cannot guarantee the hot water heater. Frank thinks we need a new heater. Smalley last year's quote for a new boiler was \$29,000. Rousseau's quote is \$7,300 for furnace and installation. Pete made a motion to hire Brad Rousseau, Sean seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Action Items: Audit Report:** Not final but very close. Sewer fund moved \$150,000 into special projects from waste water to fund the new garage and improvement at the pump station. Moved \$100,000 of general fund into Sheldon. The audit report contained one note that revenue expenses were not matching. Did not receive the railroad tax. Waiting for an answer.

**VCDP Resolution for Neighborhood Grants:** Paperwork needed to be signed by the Board.

**New England Clean Power Link Project:** Letter from Public Service Board – anything to tell them about the project. Board felt they didn't see the need for the Dept. of Public Service to come, very little impact on residences. Planning Commission will be following this. Motion by Sean to waive the Dept. of Public Service meeting. Seconded by Mitch. Unanimously passed.

**Manager's Report:** None – Mary Ann did share that a new health officer is needed.

**Board Member Concerns:**

**Mitch:** Nothing

**Sean:** Nothing

**Pete:** Clark Hill – issue – Fire –why is town charged for fire? Because we are the town in which the fire occurred. Mr. Czachor is waiting for other towns but he is going to charge the town for all the firefighters that responded. We may need to hold a special meeting.

The board will not meet again this month but have an extra meeting in January.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Mitch seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charleen Bowen