

Minutes
Town of West Rutland Select Board
Monday, August 14, 2017

Present: Sean, John Harvey, Mitch Frankenberg, Nick Notte.

Others present: Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager, Mike Moser, Brenda Patterson, Lisa Patterson, Jason Makechau, Sharon Wedin, Nicole Dean, Tiger Dean, Tom Piplawski, Angela Sitak, Liz Amsden, Rachel Delbatt, Joseph Baker, Steve Seward, Stephen Long, William Kulig, Carl and Lauri Serrani and the members of the West Rutland Girls Division IV Championship Team.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Sean Barrows with the pledge of allegiance at 6:50 p.m.

It was brought to the board's attention that the former Principal of West Rutland School, Joseph Bowen, had passed away. Condolences to the family.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved with the addition of an executive session for tax appeal. John made the motion to approve and Mitch seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: John made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Nick seconded. Unanimously approved.

Action Items:

a. Proclamation – West Rutland Varsity Softball Division IV Champions – the softball team was present for the recognition of their achievements as Varsity Softball Division IV Champions. The select board offered their congratulations to both the team and the coaches Dave and Laurie Serrani.

b. Resolution VCDP Grant Application - NeighborWorks had a public hearing and they are applying for \$1,000,000 VCDP scattered site grant. The dollars will be used for home improvements, weatherization for seniors

and low income. Motion by Nick to approve and sign the grant. Mitch seconded the grant and it passed unanimously.

c. Award Fuel Bids: Of the bids that were received, Mary Ann recommended going with the lowest bidders. Johnson Energy for #2 heating oil is .30 + rack and capping at 1.979. For propane, Haskins price is \$.99. For diesel, Johnson is rack + \$.25. Motion by Mitch and second by John to accept Mary Ann's recommendation. Unanimously approved.

d. Loan Documents for new truck:

1. Sign capital equipment note: The note is for \$100,000 at 2.5% through People's United Bank with a 3 year installment beginning next year. The town will be selling the old truck.
2. Sign resolution capital equipment borrowing. Motion by Mitch and a Second by John to accept the certificate and registration. Unanimously passed.

Access application: - Charron – Was previously tabled at a meeting. Jeff gave a description of the permit and why they need an expansion of the driveway. After lengthy discussion the board would like to know the amount of truck traffic involved. Since maple syrup production is a short period of time, Mitch motioned to grant approval and Nick seconded. Unanimous.

Town Manager's Report:

Request to State for a roundabout study. Mary Ann asked VTrans for a roundabout study with a written request. Board was given a copy of Mary Ann's letter. Everything right now is geared toward safe highways and storm water projects. Meeting next week with Rutland Town about corridor and bike path. The meeting is Wednesday at 5:30. Ed Bove and others will be present.

Mike Moser spoke on the round about. In Carmel, Indiana there is a huge amount of roundabouts. 39% less accidents with the use of roundabouts. There is also some good information for the State.

Highway Equipment: Grader motor died so we need a rebuilt motor for about \$20,000 which includes installation. Motion by John to spend up to \$20,000 and Mitch seconded for the motor. Unanimously approved.

Ed asked about a small tractor. There are 2 used kabota's to look at. One for \$10,700 with attachments. We spend 6,000 a year on mowing in recreation area. Bigger one is just for brush hogging. \$13,750 and would have to buy brush hog attachment for \$2,000. Curb stops and mowing is why we need it. Mary Ann will look for a zero turn and will also check with another dealership.

Dog park mowing is being done by the dog owners. It would be \$20.00 if the town guy mows it. Currently paying 50.00.

Speed surveys by Steve Bernard. Speed cart was used in places. Discussion about speed survey.

Board Member Concerns:

None.

Public Concerns – brush hogging on main road concern. Low branches over road and sidewalks.

Executive Session: Motion to enter executive session for tax appeal at 8:20 p.m. by Mitch. Nick seconded. John recused himself.

Motion by Nick seconded by Mitch to exit executive session.

Motion by Mitch seconded by Nick to have Sean authorize Gary to discuss negotiations with Velco.

Motion by Nick seconded by Mitch to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charleen Bowen