

**MINUTES**  
**WEST RUTLAND SELECT BOARD**  
**Monday, December 12, 2016**

**Present:** John Harvey, Sean Barrows, Mitch Frankenburg, Nick Notte and Mary Ann Goulette.

**Others Present:** Peter Kulig, Mike Moser, Joe Skaza, Dave Conger, Susan Scribeman, and Michael Fried

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Sean Barrows with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Agenda:** Mitch moved and John seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of authorization to bid on tax sale under action items. Unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of November 14, 2016 were reviewed. Motion by John and second by Mitch to accept as presented. Unanimously approved.

**Public Concerns:** None

**Discussion Items:**

Preliminary Engineering for Safe Routes Sidewalk Grant: Dubois and King engineer Dave Conger attended the meeting to give a presentation on several different options in the engineering process. Several options were discussed and reviewed the considerations with the different designs. Discussion about the possibility of removing a hedge that is 75' long and wraps into driveway but in the town's right of way. It would be very difficult and costly to shift the road to the south in order to install the sidewalk on the north due to the utility poles and the drainage. Campbell Road was discussed. One way in at Fairview and two way at Boardman Hill at the recreation area was discussed. Changing the entrance to one way will be the most cost efficient. It would be expensive to widen the road to install the sidewalk. Motion by John to pursue the one way option number 2 with the sidewalk installed on the down slope. Mitch seconded. Unanimously approved. Motion by John to proceed with option 1 on Thrall sidewalk which is installing the sidewalk on the north. We will replace the shrubbery with the homeowners consent. Nick seconded. Unanimously approved. Archeological studies need to be done and may take a few months and then will meet again.

**DRB Review of TC Trading solar project:** The DRB presented the Selectboard with their review and recommendations of the TCE Trading Project. The project has not yet filed with the PSB Section 248. We will be notified when they file. Still a lot of questions as to how it will be done. There is an open Act 250 permit on that site that says no further subdivision shall be allowed. This expires in 2018 so it will need to be looked at. A copy of the findings will be given to TCE Trading. The board asked if there were any new

updates. There is no finalization and it is just preliminary. Michael Fried spoke and wants to address any reasonable concerns and comply with all regulations. Michael did state that he feels the DRB is not being completely reasonable.

He further stated that he would like a chance for rebuttal for every objection but would rather have the experts do that and they be allowed to proceed with the studies they need to do this. Sean invited them to give them a rebuttal. Mitch made a motion to accept the DRB report and that we accept the findings of the DRB in relation to the TCE project. John seconded. Unanimously approved.

#### Town Manager Report:

- a. 2017/18 Budget Review - Mary Ann presented the board with the first draft of the budget for the board to review. Mary Ann asked the board for the increase in salaries. For the draft 2.5% was used. Mary Ann will come up with a budget schedule for the board to review in January.
- b. Health officer resignation – Lisa Harvey resigned as of December 31. There are many landlord and tenant issues and only pays 100.00/mo so it's difficult to keep someone. Mary Ann surveyed other towns and they are paying a variety of different amounts. May have to increase pay. Jayne Pratt may be interested.
- c. Boardman Hill Access – Got the permit from the State and can construct any time we want. The Town will do the work but we may need help setting the culvert since it's so large.
- d. Parking on Bristol Road issue brought to Mary Ann. Someone wants access to the State Forest and resident on that road blocks the road. Sheriff will take care of it.

#### Action Items

- a. Acceptance of F17 Municipal Planning Grant – This is the grant for redevelopment of the Westway Mall. The Total is \$19,995 and Westway agreed to pay half of the match which totals \$6,000. 4 grants got funded and 4 did not for the Rutland Region. Motion by Mitch to accept the grant and John seconded. Unanimously approved.
- b. GMP Petition for Pole and Wire Locations – Westside Solar agreed to bury the line under the sidewalk. Minutes to note that the board thanked the developer for making that decision. Move by Mitch to grant the petition and seconded by Nick. Unanimously approved.

**Tax sale authorization** – The Town needed to open an estate for both properties for tax sale. The sale is scheduled for Dec. 20 at 1:00 p.m. One parcel is # 260420085 and is located at 85 Ross Street for \$8,002.64 and the other parcel is # 260030165 located at

72 Marble Street for \$4,474.11. John made a Motion to authorize Mary Ann to bid on those parcels and Nick seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Board Member concerns::**

Sean would like the blinking of speed sign slowed down n Clarendon Ave.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Nick made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 and Mitch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charleen Bowen