

**MINUTES**  
**WEST RUTLAND SELECT BOARD**  
**Monday, January 23, 2017**

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

**Others Present:** Bill Kulig, Mike Moser, Joe Skaza and Ed Savage.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Sean Barrows with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Agenda:** Chet moved and John seconded to approve the agenda as written. Unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of January 9, 2017 were reviewed. Motion by John and second by Chet to accept as presented. Unanimously approved.

**Public Concerns:** none

**Discussion Items:**

FY 2017-18 Water and Wastewater Budget Review:

Ed Savage was present to discuss the needs of the department. Mary Ann suggested that we replace the water van and Ford Truck and purchase a 4-wheel drive truck with a plow. The department would go from three vehicles to two. Ed said the items in the van could easily be kept at the plant or in a box in the new truck. Both older vehicles are having multiple repair issues. Other items that are needed: a master meter plus installation approx. \$5K; composite sampler w/o refrigeration \$4,200, pressure washer \$4K; mower and trailer \$14K to bring some mowing in-house. We also need to install the Harrison Avenue pump station but the initial quotes were too high at \$75K. All of these expenses would be taken out of the capital savings account. The wastewater has \$265,000 and the water \$40,000. Ed is also becoming a licensed sprayer to bring the weed control in-house. The budget items are pretty much level funded. We had lots of water line repairs this year. Water is up 2.3% and wastewater is up .16%. Ed has done a great job in keeping expenses down. We will be short on the new Route 4 bond about \$12,000 next year but we are continuing to gain interest on hook ups. Motion made by Chet seconded by John to approve the water budget of \$401,998. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made by John seconded by Chet to approve the wastewater budget in the amount of \$492,587. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Report – Mary Ann wanted to thank Donna Wilkins for the use of a photo for the Town Report cover. She attended the first Memorial Day Parade committee meeting. The group is assisting the American Legion with the event. They hope to revitalize the parade with more participants, longer parade route, ceremony at

the Town Hall green followed by a barbeque at the American Legion. The date is May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Anyone interested in helping should contact Mary Ann. Ideas for participants: Regional Ambulance, Premier Bus, Price Chopper Show Truck, Noonan's Truck, Army Reserve, area businesses. Middletown Springs and Poultney have large parades.

**Action Items:**

Liquor License – American Legion #87: Motion made by John seconded by Chet to approve American Legion #87 liquor license. Motion passed unanimously.

Liquor License – Price Chopper #122: Motion made by Chet seconded by John to approve Price Chopper #122 liquor license. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve 2017/18 Budget:**

Mary Ann made the changes from the previous meetings. The overall budget shows an increase of 2.08%. Motion made by Mitch seconded by Nick to approve the 2017/18 general budget of \$1,479,848 with the amount of \$1,270,298 to be raised by taxes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve 2017/18 Warning:**

All the service articles remain the same as last year. Mary Ann introduced a new article: Article #7 - Shall the Town establish a reserve fund, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2804, to be called the Redevelopment Fund, for the purpose of funding Real Estate and/or redevelopment efforts and shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be deposited into that Fund? This fund will allow the Town to purchase property that can be redeveloped. This is similar to the redevelopment that was done on Marble Street for the fire department and pocket park. Also, similar to the High Street purchase, when we removed the blighted house and widened the street. Creating this fund will ensure we have the funds available if a property becomes available.

Motion by John seconded by Chet to approve and sign the 2017/18 Warning as written. Motion approved.

**Board Member concerns:** None

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Nick made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 and Chet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette