

MINUTES
WEST RUTLAND SELECT BOARD
Monday, July 11, 2016, 2016

Present: Sean Barrows, Chet Brown, John Harvey , Nick Notte, Mary Ann Goulette

Others Present: Mike Moser, Mark Codere, Theresa McGinnis, and Jim Philbert.

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

Approval of Agenda: Chet motioned and John seconded to approve the agenda with the following addition: Add Audit contract under action and under discussion items and also add another version of the Inter-Municipal Contract. Unanimously approved.

Minutes: The minutes of June 13, 2016 were approved as written on a motion by John and a second by Chet. Unanimously approved.

Public Concerns: ATV Club: Jim Philbert from West Rutland ATV club spoke to the board requesting access to the Downtown District in West Rutland. They currently ride in the town forest in Ira and in West Rutland. They also ride on Ira roads and Clark hill and a class 3 road in Pawlet. The Board asked if they had a link from Ira to Pawlet and they do not. They want to expand their trails. Rt 133 and Rt 4 can be problematic. MaryAnn will check with the State to see what our jurisdiction is. Board suggested he work on the logistics.

Theresa McGinnis spoke to the board about her dissatisfaction with the paving in front of her business on Rt. 4 in Center Rutland. The following are some of the issues:

- Test holes left open.
- Left tracks from their equipment on the pavement. Under the tar it was like a river.
- Lawn is not like it was.
- Fence is leaning over.

Theresa requested that these issues go on record. She said she had spoken to both Belden and the engineer and got no satisfaction. Mary Ann said that she was told they were still cleaning up issues and paving is not completed.

- Fence and test holes are still being looked into.
- Cannot do the whole curtain on the road. Federal government won't pay for it.
- Mark Youngstrom is the head engineer. There is a year warranty.

Kent Belden, Mark, and Mary Ann will meet this week.

Theresa also stated that she owns land between the motel and her road and the access has been removed. Culvert was removed and they just put in swale. They went the easier route and used Theresa property.

People may not hook up now. Belden should be bonded.

Action Items:

Set Tax Rate ; Mary Ann said the municipal tax rate is .7069 an increase of .0033 less than a penny increase. Taxpayers will be paying about \$5.00 more for every \$100,000 in value. John made the motion to accept the tax rate and Chet seconded. Unanimously approved.

Errors & Omissions – Westway Mall - New owner purchased Westway Mall and the post office. The State mandates that adjacent parcels be on the same tax bill. Because the post office is an existing government contract, it should have its own tax bill. Motion to grant WJP Development a separate tax bill for the post office due to an existing government contract by John and a second by Chet. Unanimously approved.

Access Application

Lincoln on Old Town Farm applied for access application. Frank approved it. Chet made a motion to approve the access to Elizabeth Lincoln – Morelake Farms for an agricultural access. John seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Audit Contract

This year the cost for the audit was \$15,400 and last year it was \$15,100. The auditors are coming at the end of July. Chet made a motion to approve authorization for Mary Ann to sign and John seconded. Unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

- a. Town Manager’s Report - Nick, Sean and Mary Ann walked the proposed Marble Path and Mary Ann included the maps for the board to see. Engineer liked the fact that we were going through the workings of the historic marble quarries, suggest we tie into the new parking area and have a trailhead at the Jug Handle.. Talked to Carving Studio about their sculpture garden plans to be included with our plans.

Sheldon Construction starting grinding July 18th. Everyone on Thrall and Sheldon have been notified that construction is beginning. Our town pavers are coming in tomorrow to pave the following streets: Church, Gilson, Anderson, Elm, Boardman Hill, Blanchard, Franklin and Chapel.

Crack sealing on be completed on Skyline.

Public hearing on Aug 11th for Boardman Hill Access to the recreation area. 5:00 site visit. 6:00 is the hearing.

Municipal Agreement: The three lawyers, RT, RT Fire District and Gary have a final draft of a new Intermunicipal agreement. Flory Heights is not in fire district so Rutland Town bills them. Discussion on items in the agreement that had minor changes.

Board Member Concerns:

Chat: Parking in front of town office. Maybe put up 2 hr parking or no overnight parking. Does our parking ordinance say anything about commercial parking? No. Gorham Bridge weight has trucks going over it and it may not be rated high enough.

John: nothing

Nick: nothing

Sean: Parking on Marble Street can't park in front of Carpet King. How much longer is the mowing contract for? Never does any trimming. 2017 it expires.

Approval of orders: The board approved the pay orders.

Executive session for real estate. John made a motion to enter executive session at 7:50 for a real estate discussion and Chet seconded. Unanimously approved.

John made a motion seconded by Chet at 8:14 to exit executive session. Unanimously approved. No action taken.

Nick made a motion at 8:15 to adjourn seconded by John. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Charleen Bowen