

**West Rutland Select Board Minutes
May 11th, 2015**

Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Chet Brown, Peter Bianchi, Mitch Frankenberg, Sean Barrows, John Socinski, Mike Mosier

Call to order: Sean called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with pledge of allegiance.

Agenda: On a motion by Mitch and seconded by Peter the agenda was approved. Motion passed unanimously. Sean added an update from John Socinski regarding the WWII monument to the Discussion Items.

Minutes: Peter made a motion to adopt the minutes of 4/27/2015. Mitch seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Concerns:

Mike Mosier brought a broken piece of a trunkated dome from a crosswalk in front of his house. He is afraid someone could trip and fall and suggested we look at all of them around town. Mary Ann will look into it with Frank as they shouldn't be cracking.

ACTION ITEMS:

Adopt Local Emergency Operations Plan: The plan has to be adopted every May 1st. By adopting the plan it allows the town to receive the maximum eligible FEMA dollars. It is basically the same as last year except for a few email/name changes. Peter made motion to accept the plan and it was seconded by Mitch. Passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

A. John Socinski WWII Memorial Update- Project is progressing well they recently added a pedestal for the eagle to go on. The granite has been ordered, and the eagle is being currently being modified. The committee hired Rutland Masonry to be the general contractor to oversee the project. John contacted Fabian to do excavating and they volunteered their truck and time for excavating. Buddy Miles will be doing the stamped concrete around the monument and Gawet Marble will be furnishing the marble for the border. The granite is black and the marble is neshobe grey. Landscaping will be low too not overgrow the garden but an actual design has not been decided yet, that will come after the project is completed. The new fiberglass flagpole is on order and will be 30' with an interior string. It will be installed at the center of the monument and will hold 2 flags. There will be 4 ground level lights, 3 of which will light the flagpole. Mary Ann asked if they have planned to remove the old flagpole and John said no. Mary Ann asked if the WWI monument would be lit up and John said the committee was only focusing on the new monument. There is wiring installed underneath the monument from an existing source that will feed to the front for extra lighting. The project will start around the first of June and they are expecting a 2-3 week construction time. It will be covered until the

presentation. Sean asked about the financial aspect of the maintenance for the monument. John thinks there will be enough money left for maintenance/landscaping. Concerns: Who is taking the old flagpole? The board would like WWII committee to remove it. Who is going to maintain it on a regular basis? Will the lights work with snow over the, will someone need clean off the lights in the winter? Do we need lights? There is an existing spotlight on the roof-would that work? Chet made a motion to reconvene before any final decisions are made and construction begins to address concerns not limited to lighting, pole removal and winter maintenance. Mitch seconded.

B. State Relinquishment/Maintenance Agreement-Boardman Hill – We are talking to state about a break in the limited access at Boardman Hill to provide an access to the recreation area. There will be a public hearing in Town and then Mary Ann will need to present our request to the Transportation Board. Someone from VTRANS realized the State had never relinquished the new portion of Boardman Hill to the Town after they built Route 4. Mary Ann pulled minutes from when this started in 1996 to see what our major concerns were. She didn't really find any. AOT had come to present information in 1996 to relinquish the road and sell some parcels to the town for the recreation area. The town didn't need access on the other side of the road anymore. From the notes it appeared the State was to follow up with us and neither party actually did. Sean said we need to understand what the term relinquishment really means. Do they still own the land under road and we maintain the road (and the bridge?) Yes. Mary Ann will do more research and a motion was made to table it until then. Motion made by Peter and seconded by Chet. Passed unanimously.

C. Limited Highway Access request to VTrans for Boardman Hill-Covered in item B.

D. Town Manager Report – Mary Ann had an update on the appeals from last year regarding Giancola and Daley. No trial yet. Judge granted another extension to both. The town has spent \$4,300 in legal fees and we haven't been to court yet. Mary Ann reminded everyone there is a chamber mixer here in West Rutland tomorrow at Lake Sunapee bank. Also the Town Wide Sale is on Saturday, we will have a sheriff on duty to keep traffic flowing.

Mike Moser mentioned the school is pursuing a solar project on their roof. If town is looking to solar power maybe talk to the school about it. He also informed everyone there were car charging stations installed in the city on Cottage Street. Maybe here at the Price Chopper plaza or the park and ride would be a good location for West Rutland.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet- Bridge #17 between Mitch's and Chet's house is need of repair. The wall is getting worse and he feels it is going to cave in. Gorham road's bridge has a good 6 inch gap/frost heave. He thinks maybe it needs to be graded and flattened.

Mitch - nothing

Sean- Asked if the town had a map of our bridges. He was confused that the Water Street Bridge is labeled as a state bridge? Sean drove over the Whipple Hollow Bridge and was wondering if we have come to conclusion on a repair plan. Mary Ann said the state was

looking at a hydraulic study to install a culvert instead of repairing the bridge. Mary Ann will follow up with VTRANS.

Peter- Peter asked what the outcome was for the Riggs trial. Mary Ann said the Judge ruled in our favor. The town did not fine him but he removed his car inventory.

Peter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 and Mitch seconded. Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Christen FitzGerald