

**West Rutland Select Board Minutes
Special Meeting
January 18, 2016**

Present: Chet Brown, Mitch Frankenberg, John Harvey, Sean Barrows, Ed Savage, Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser and Joe Skaza

Call to order: Sean Barrows called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. with pledge of allegiance.

Agenda: A motion was made by Chet to accept the agenda as written it was seconded by John. The agenda was approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Chet made a motion to adopt the minutes of 1/11/16. Mitch seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Chet requested to change on page 3 under water from 280/90 gallons and 310 gallons a day should both be thousands of gallons a day. Also on page 4 under wastewater the new pump station should be on Harrison not Barnes. Mitch made a motion to accept Chet's change. Passed unanimously.

Public Concerns: Mike Moser asked if sidewalks would be cleared before school tomorrow. Mary Ann assured that they would be.

Discussion Items:

Lister's Budget- The listers submitted another proposal outlining their 2016/7 budget. Lisa has more credentials and experience and is asking for an increase in pay to \$30 hour as the chair. The other two listers would work limited hours at \$16 (lister 2) and \$15 (lister 3) per hour. They anticipate from July – February the chair would work 4 hours per week and lister 2&3 work 1 hour per week. The busier months March-June the chair would work 7 hours per week and lister 2&3 will work 2 hours per week. The total budget is calculated at \$9,788. John suggested lister 2 & 3 paid the same at \$16/hour bringing the total to \$9,856. The board set the budget accordingly at \$10,000 and will continue to pursue a potential assessor position.

Overall Budget – Chet questioned the salary increases. Mary Ann confirmed the budget shows a 2.5% increase. The group will further discuss salaries under executive session. Discussion to look at further cuts across all departments to reduce the overall budget increase. Some areas looked at: reducing the salt budget. No we will keep it the same due to the increase in price. Decrease recreation programs to \$2000 and special events to \$4000. Cemetery maintenance to \$3000.

Action Items:

Child First Advocacy Center Article – The agency is seeking \$600 to support families in West Rutland. Their petition did not have enough eligible signatures. Sean said they

provide a great service in assisting victims and their families. The funding should be through the police department rather than individual towns. John made a motion to include an article on the ballot for \$600 to support the services of the Child First Advocacy Center. Seconded by Mitch. Motion passed unanimously.

Acknowledgment of Termination of Option: Westway Mall - The original option agreement in 2005 was for construction of the sidewalk at the entrance of the Westway Mall. The sidewalk has been completed. Our attorney advised to sign the termination of Option for the new mall owners. John made a motion to authorize Mary Ann to sign the termination of Option for the Westway Mall. Seconded by Chet. Motion passed unanimously.

Solar Siting Resolution- After voting on the resolution at last meeting, the Selectboard signed the resolution.

Liquor license: Price Chopper - Mitch made a motion to approve the liquor license for Price Chopper seconded by John. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Concerns NONE

Executive Session: Chet made a motion to enter executive session at 5:45 p.m. for personnel reasons. Seconded by John.

Motion made by Chet to exit executive session at 6:14. Motion made by Mitch seconded by Chet to include a 1% raise to all personnel for the 2016-7 budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 by a motion made by Chet. Mitch seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette