

MINUTES
WEST RUTLAND SELECT BOARD
Monday, June 12, 2017

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

Others Present: Sheriff Bernard and Mike Mosher

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Sean Barrows with the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: Chet moved and Mitch seconded to approve the agenda with the following changes: under action items remove access application and add better back roads agreement and speed limit. Move speed limit to item a under action items. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes of May 15, 2017 were reviewed. Motion by Mitch and second by Chet to accept as presented. Unanimously approved.

Public Concerns: Mike Moser mentioned that some of the flags in town need to be replaced.

Discussion Items:

Sheriff Bernard Contract: - The contract is for \$81,575.48 Discussion focused around:

- Drug activity
- Drones
- School Activity problems – i.e. marijuana use –
- Speed patrol grant funded. Kevin Geno heads this up.
- Speed limits – 35 mph in town except for Main Street. If roads in town are not posted, the speed limit is 50 mph.

Motion by Nick and second by Chet to approve the sheriff's contract. Unanimously approved.

Speed Limit Request to VTrans – The speed limit on BR Rt 4 is 40 mph we need to slow traffic to 35 mph from the wall from east to west to Pleasant Street. Main Street down to 25 mph. Lots of accidents at the jughandle and in front of Westway Mall. The board needs to ask VTrans to lower the speed limits. Skyline Drive to Clarendon Line needs to be lowered. Steve Benard will take action on this with the speed cart. John made a motion and Nick seconded to have sheriff's dept do a traffic survey and make a request to patrol especially in these two areas between 6 and 8 at night. Unanimously approved.

Extension Request to Property Valuation and Review. - Listers request for an extension to file the grand list. Motion by Chet and second by Nick to authorize Sean to sign the request for the board. Unanimously approved.

Tax and Utility Credit Card Payment: We are looking at accepting credit cards for utility and tax payments both online and in person. There is no cost to the Town. Users will pay the fee.

Reappraisal contract. We do not have a contract yet. Had someone lined up but he wasn't interested in signing the contract. The town will go with the second appraisal company Appraisal Resource Group. Cost is \$60,600

Audit Contract: Contract is with Sullivan & Powers at the same dollar amount of \$15,900. Motion by John and a second by Chet to accept the contract. Unanimously approved.

Bike/Pedestrian Grant: Bike/Ped Grant Application: Feasibility report given to select board for the Marblepath Study with Rutland Town. Next grant application is due 7/15. Appendix A on the second page – shows the bike path along the channel between Thrall and Gilmore. Price would be B1 section 132,000. A1 is 42,000 is to the Carving Studio. C1 is the Center Rutland portion at 182,000 plus supplemental costs for \$890,000 is the total W Rutland cost. Next meeting we will sign the application and match the funds. The board will select Section A1 & B1 of the grant.

Municipal Road Grants in Aid Pilot Program – A new project to provide assistance in municipal road general permit compliance. Town will have to work on its' hydrologically connected roads and bring them into compliance. This pilot program is helping to pay for it. Motion by Mitch and second by Chet to participate in the program. Unanimously approved.

Better Backroads Grant Agreement – The grant is in the amount of \$13,468 to continue re-ditching and stone line of Clark Hill. Motion to authorize Mary Ann to sign by Mitch and Chet seconded. Unanimously approved.

July 10th is the next Selectboard meeting.

Discussion items: Grand List - Reduction of grand list GMP and Transco. Could have a significant impact on our grand list. We need to set tax rate next week.

Town Manager's Report

Budget Review - wastewater is an issue because we are dealing with a contamination of some sort. Shipping lots of sludge which is very costly. We have a waste water questionnaire which will hopefully provide some answers.

Memorial Day Parade – Heard great things about the parade. Good turnout.

Payorders were signed.

Softball Girls: Ask Tom Burditt, representative, for recognition from the State to publically congratulate the girls for their achievement in winning Class 4 State Championship. Last time this was won by WR was 1983.

Board Member Concerns:

Nick - none

Mitch - none

Chet – crosswalk painting – started today

John good feedback on roadside mowing.

Adjournment – Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Chet seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Charleen Bowen