

**West Rutland Select Board
Minutes
September 18, 2017**

5:30 p.m. – Public Meeting for Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Grant

Present: John Harvey, Sean Barrows, Chet Brown, Mary Ann Goulette, Diane Czachor, Steve Czachor, Don Ramey, Andrea Bara, Dan Bara, Frank Beaulieu, Lisa Wright, Pat Trepanier, Murph Higgins, Mike Mosher.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mary Ann. Mr. Dave Conger, from Dubois and King, was present to give a presentation on the VTrans sidewalk grant. Discussion included permanent driveways, rights of way, etc.

Campbell Avenue currently has parking on both sides. The plan is to maintain parking on south side of street. Drainage on outside of curb will be needed. House #40, homeowner, Leo, wants to redo stairs by barbershop so he will accommodate us. Gallipo house is now one unit now so need to look at driveways.

Clarendon Avenue – Intention is to utilize the existing curb and include a grass strip between curb and sidewalk. Also creating additional crosswalks. Radii at Dewey will be tightened up to slow down vehicles. No permanent right of way requirements on this section. Some small trees will be removed. Crosswalk across Clarendon question by MaryAnn. Discussion regarding Woodward Ave. and the drainage.

Fairview – existing sidewalk is on the southside of Fairview. Steepness of slope would have required going on to adjacent property so they went to the other side of the roadway. Road is now one way entrance into park only. Need more signage and patrolling. Put up a sign that says no through traffic. Will be curbing with the new sidewalk. The guardrail will be a wood rail. Discussed changing name of the Rec Area and/or Fairview Ave extension. Would be done separately from the Dubois projections.

Thrall – explored different alternatives for sidewalks. South side essentially created more issues than it would solve due to the width of roadway and utility pole locations. Existing drainage system is in place so will maintain it and just cap it. Cost savings. Catch basin will be installed uphill of each driveway. All work within right-a-way, easements will be temporary on Thrall. The project will include driveway apron work.

Ross – Different than other sites it is a 10 foot path and connects to existing sidewalk. This will need paving work. Staying away from the ball field and playground area. No need to add additional drainage except for culvert that is already there. School will take ownership of the path. Need to look into paperwork. 69 Ross Street – not affected at all.

Environmental review and right of way reviews need to still be done before talking to homeowners about easements.

Hearing ended at 6:30pm.

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Agenda – John made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Chet seconded. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes- 9/11/17 Minutes – Chet motioned and Nick seconded to approve the minutes with the capitalization of SCADA. Unanimously approved. The board tabled the minutes of 8/21/17.

Public Concerns: Mr. Czachor would like a copy of the bid proposal in connection with the logs off the town property. Mary Ann explained there is no bid out at this time. If we do decide to log the Whipple Hollow lot we will publicize the bid.

Action Items:

- a. Errors and Omissions – Lisa handed the board a form for Don Despierre, 165 Marble Street – town owned it and we sold it to Don, it should be a taxable property. Property value is \$83,900. Motion by Chet to add property of Don Despierre, Span number 735-234-10591 to the grand list. Nick seconded. Unanimously approved.
- b. Reappraisal. Existing contractor wants to use his software and not the Patriot software that we now use. The listers would prefer to keep Patriot. Should we go back out to bid the RFP needs to be rewritten. Will need to push the date out. New England Municipal Consultants and Appraisal Resource group were the only bids last time.. We currently use Patriot Software. Listers will work with Mary Ann to rewrite RFP.
- c. Highway equipment purchase/repairs - Mary Ann gave selectmen a quote summary for the John Deere tractor. (Recreation equipment). \$8,453.00 was the discount. Board will look further into a purchase and bring it back to a meeting.

Highway Equipment no one bid on the dump truck. It was suggested to put on craigslist – Facebook Marketplace. \$35,000. Discussion included doing some work on it. I.e. sandblast rims. Grader is still being repaired. Mary Ann to ask about trade in amount. We may be able to borrow a grader from Ira. Also discussed was finding someone to put a motor in it and bring it home.

Discussion Items:

- a. Homestead Late Penalty – The existing penalty is 3% and 10 properties were affected amounting to \$700. No action taken at this time.
- b. Knappmiller Easement Request- Westside Solar LLC has dismissed the tax appeal with prejudice. He is now asked for an easement to access his lot on Clark Hill that he purchased at a tax sale. John made a motion to table and Chet seconded. Unanimously approved.
- c. Town Manager’s Report- Class 1 Paving of Main Street and Clarendon approved. 1 ½ year to figure it out. Dog park opening went well. They would like water. Will talk to Ed about the cost to get water there.

Westway Mall meeting next week.

Orders signed by the board.

Board Member Concerns:

Nick- none

John - none

Sean – Property sales – follow-up – speed zone signs -

The board expressed condolences to Chris Wener on the loss of her mom, Ruth.

Executive Session – none needed.

Adjournment – Nick made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. and John seconded. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Charleen Bowen