

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

Present: John Harvey, Sean Barrows, Nick Notte, Mitch Frankenberg, Mary Ann Goulette,

Others Present: Bill Kulig, Sheriff Benard, Deputy Daniel Pennington

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Sean Barrows and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2017 - John made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Nick seconded. Correction to spelling of Slason Street. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Agenda: Add Action Items: Liquor license for Sandi #283 – Nick made a motion and John seconded to amend the agenda. Unanimously approved.

Public Concerns: Bill Kulig asked if the sidewalks would be attended to over the weekend, especially because of church services. Mary Ann said they would be.

Discussion Items

- a. **Police Budget Review:** Sheriff Bernard introduced Deputy Pennington and reviewed the year. We only had 12 animal control calls for the year so the sheriff is recommending we drop the additional \$7,644 in budget. He feels we can give adequate service with our current contract of 40 hours per week. The four a week contract will increase 2.25% which totals \$75,587. Mary Ann suggested using the \$ to fund a portable radar speed sign. Sheriff to send cost details.
- b. **Admin Budget Review:** Health coverage increased about 9% with an addition of a spouse. Cost of living increase is 2.2%. Overall budget up 2.85%
- c. **Highway Budget Review:** Frank is unable to attend as its snowing. Most items are level funded. Suggested to lower garage heat since now everything is working properly. A work plan was submitted for 2018 including paving of Marble and Pleasant. Sidewalk on Clarendon Avenue.
- d. **Recreation Budget Review:** Still not sure on mowing. We are waiting for building upgrades and playground pricing but these items will be taken from savings account. Mary Ann suggested increasing capital account from 10K to 20K.
- e. **Town Manager's Report**
 - a. **Reappraisal RFP:** We received 3 bids. The listers asked if they can submit their recommendation at the next meeting – January 8th.

Action Items

- a. **Liquor license: Sandri # 283.** John made the motion to approve the liquor license for Sandri #283. Seconded by Mitch. Unanimously approved.

Board Member Concerns:

None

Approve Orders – the board approved the pay orders.

Executive Session:

- a. Real Estate – Mitch made a motion to enter executive session at 8:20pm for real estate discussion and Nick seconded.

The board came out of executive session at 8:40pm.

No action.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. Motion by Nick seconded by Chet. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette