

**MINUTES**  
**WEST RUTLAND SELECT BOARD**  
**Monday, June 11, 2018**

**Present:** Sean Barrows, John Harvey, Chet Brown, William Kulig, Nick Notte, Mary Ann Goulette

**Others Present:** Mike Moser, Representative Tom Burditt, Representative Dave Potter, Peter Kulig

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sean Barrows with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Agenda:** John made a motion to approve the agenda and Nick seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** John moved and Chet seconded to approve the minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with correct spelling of Moser. Unanimously approved. Chet moved and Bill seconded to approve the minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup> special dog meeting. Unanimously approved.

**Public Concerns:** Peter Kulig asked if they were done mowing because the area below the legion on Pleasant Street and Slason were not done. Mary Ann will check.

**Action Items:**

**BR4 Road Reconfiguration** – Motion made by Chet to leave the road as it is. Seconded by Bill. Testimony given by Rep. Tom Burditt indicating this proposal is completely different from the Woodstock Avenue road diet proposal. Woodstock Avenue is 1.3 miles with 16 cross streets. BR4 is 1.9 with 6 cross streets. Everyone is waiting for someone to do something about this corridor, it's the most neglected in the County. Nothing will change on that road unless we make something happen. We know change is difficult but these incremental changes are what needs to happen. The road diet proposal has proven to increase economic development potential and property values. He applauds the Selectboard for already taking charge with the water / sewer extension. The increase in safety and aesthetics alone are common sense reasons to implement the road diet. He timed the route at different speeds 50 vs 40 and 40 vs 35 and the difference amount was at most 18 seconds. Representative Potter also spoke on safety. The road diet shows a 19-40% reduction in accidents. Mary Ann shared the statistics of 33 accidents since 2011 and 50% of all businesses are in the process of connecting to the water and sewer. Discussion from Mike Moser the road diet it is an economic opportunity and we can't leave it the way it is. Discussion from Peter Kulig that he has witnessed the Rutland Town fire trucks leaving the station and many cars don't stop. The road diet actually has statistics that it increases emergency response time because the center lane is available. Letter from the State recommending the road diet configuration but will not implement unless both towns approve. Rutland Town has voted against it. The Motion on the table was read again. Chet, Bill motion to approve, John disapproved, Motion reread. Nick approved. Motion passed 3-1. The chair did not vote.

**Liquor and Tobacco License – Global Montello Group DBA Jiffy Mart** – Chet made a motion to approve the liquor and tobacco license seconded by Bill. Unanimously approved.

**Grants-In-Aid Program** – Mary Ann explained this is grant money to help with ditching on Clark Hill, the award amount will be based on number of towns participating. Last year it was up to \$10,000. John made a motion to authorize Mary Ann to sign the letter of intent for the Grants-In-Aid Program and Chet seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Appoint Planning Commissioner** – David O’Rourke submitted a letter of interest. Motion made by Chet seconded by Bill to appoint David O’Rourke as planning commissioner for a 4 year term. Unanimously approved.

**VCDP Municipal Policies and Codes (MP-1)** – Consistent with the Vermont Community and Development Equal Employment Opportunity. Motion made by Bill seconded by John. Unanimously approved.

**Water / Sewer Allocation** – Motion made by John seconded by Bill to approve the water and sewer allocation for Kearney’s Auto on Business Route 4 and waive the allocation fee. Unanimously approved.

**VTrans Bike and Pedestrian Grant** – Mary Ann suggested applying for a roundabout study at Route 133/Main Street based on the transportation study recommendations. No action taken.

**Audit Contract** – Sullivan and Powers submitted their 2018 audit proposal. The fee has increased \$500 to \$15,100. Motion made by Chet seconded by John to authorize Mary Ann to sign the audit contract. Unanimously approved.

#### **Discussion Items**

- a. **Village Master Plan** – The group reviews the transportation report and conceptual plan for Westway Mall. We can incorporate some of the transportation recommendations with the Class 1 Paving project next year.
- b. **Town Manager Report** –
  1. Mary Ann wanted to thank everyone for another successful Memorial Day Parade. Special thanks to the Fire department for the parade line up. Also thank you to Fabians, Noonan’s and the American Legion/Auxiliary and Sons.
  2. Met with Russell to try to trim the Recreation building renovation project. We are still about \$55K short. The new roof can wait saving \$20K. Will have more options at next meeting.
  3. Blue Star Memorial Marker – Needs to be installed on Route 4. Mary Ann thought to install it near the State sign at Sunoco. She will ask the State for permission.
  4. The Dog Park group wants to construct a small shelter to be installed inside the large dog area. Nick made a motion to authorize the permit and waive the application fee. Seconded by Bill. Unanimously approved.

**Board Member Concerns** –

Bill – Asked about the installation of the culvert on Slason. Fabians is installing. Showed pictures of a culvert on East Pleasant Street. He also asked about the problem on North Lane. Mary Ann will talk with Frank but we are currently working on road shoulders where we paved, mowing and crosswalks. We have an extensive summer list and these small projects are fit in when we have time. Mary Ann will have the list available. Bill asked about the shoulders at the rec area.

Nick – when is the historical marker getting installed at the Pleasant St. cemetery. The Historical Society will let us know when they are ready as they are still fixing monuments.

Chet – would like to look at the highway list to help prioritize.

Sean – We should have a list of all deceased West Rutland veterans to honor them at the parade. Specifically those killed in action.

**Executive Session** – None

The Selectboard reviewed and signed the warrants.

**Adjournment** – motion made by Bill seconded by Chet at 8:15. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted  
Mary Ann Goulette