

WEST RUTLAND SELECT BOARD
Monday, July 9, 2018

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

Others Present: Sheriff Bernard, Hilary Solomon

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 with the addition of Fireworks Discussion under action and Bill seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: June 11th. John made a motion to approve the minutes with the removal of John Harvey as being present. Bill seconded and the motion passed unanimously. List of deceased veterans need to be added to the minutes under board member concerns.

Public Concerns:

Action Items:

- a. **Set Tax Rate** – The board reviewed spreadsheet. Education tax from state is 1.3170. The Grand list went down slightly. The total tax will be 2.0861 and is less by 10 cents from last year. Non-residential did go down one cent. School tax for non-residents is 2.1990. Municipal tax was .7634 and the new rate if .7691 is a increase of .0057 We have more veterans getting a \$40,000 break. Motion by John to set municipal tax rate at .7691 and second by Nick. Unanimously approved.
- b. **Review Sheriff Contract** – The contract is for \$83,411 for an average of 40 hrs a week. It was requested that the Sheriff's contract be made part of the minutes. Nick motioned to accept the contract for 18-19. John seconded. Unanimously approved.
- c. **Fireworks contract.**- Sheriff talked to state's attorney about what we need to do. Get local ordinances from around the state and draft one for West Rutland. There is a noise ordinance in effect. There is a state law about needing a permit for fireworks. Mary Ann will look into other town ordinances but our fire chief cannot issue permits.
- d. **TA 65 Request for grant reimbursement** - The board has requested Vtrans for repaving of marble street.. The Town gets 80 percent reimbursement. Mary Ann talked to auditor and we will pay Fuller Paving with a July 1st date. The amount

was for \$148,000 and the town gets reimbursed for \$131,288.30. Motion by John to sign the request for the reimbursement. Nick seconded and motion pass unanimously.

- e. **NOI Municipal Roads General Permit** – There is a new permit that the State requires. There was discussion around fees. John made a motion and Bill seconded to sign the NOI MRGP. Motion approved.
- f. **Vermont’s Current Use Program** –Motion by John to proceed with updating the forest management plan for property Ira Span 30909810281 and the other property 30909810331. Second by Bill and the motion passed unanimously. Need to discuss the portion of the road for trail that goes up to a property line.
- g. **Stormwater Project** - Hillary Solomon from Poultney Mettowee natural Resources Conservation District was present and is partnering with us about the park. Some projects were taking too long. School project was fairly quick. Has a contract with the State of Vermont. Budget was approved by the state for \$32,000 and requires a 20% match from the town for a total of \$7,800 for the match. Possibly can use town workers as part of the match. Engineer will make a final design and it is a two week project. Town needs to do some test holes. West Rutland 12 and 13. Storm Water Mitigation. John made a motion that we move forward with the Castleton Rivers head waters project WR 12 and 13 with the Poultney Mettowee Natural resources conservation district with the \$7,800 match. Seconded by Bill and passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

- a. **Revised Recreation Building Renovations-** Mary Ann contacted Russell to see if he could reduce the cost. He was able to provide a \$11,000 savings. We have \$146,000 in revenue. Contract is \$210,000 reduced to \$157,000 with other reductions. Auditors will be here next week so hope we still have 150,000 fund balance from last year. John thinks we should hold off for now and see where our fund balance is. Mary Ann got a \$10,000 grant for a walking path to connect recreation center to Clarendon Avenue.

Mary Ann checked with Pine Hill Partnership as to how to build a board walk. Ed will figure out the materials needed.

b. Town Manager Report

- 1. **Summer Highway List** – Work in progress. List of items was given to the board. Ed went to school for grading.
- 2. **Community Block Party** – Working with school to do an event with homecoming on September 15th. Looking at party on Marble Street The

band will be Blue Jay Way – Also food trucks and beer tents. Other vendors are welcome.

Board Member Concerns:

Nick - none

Bill – rec area. Town dog park and play ground both areas are being used a lot and he wanted a discussion about getting water for the dogs. Maybe can run a line from the pump house. Also asked about the Softball field – status of – maybe November. Bleachers at little league field needs work. Right of way to connect to Clarendon Avenue needs to be weed wacked. Trees we planted – can we get the trimmed and shaped. Yard sales issues. Town of Fair Haven ordinance on lawn sales was given to the board for review. Mary Ann checked with zoning and there is some language in our zoning but it is looser than it should be.

John – Traffic counter placement.

Sean – none

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 by Nick and Bill seconded.

Respectfully submitted.
Charleen Bowen