

Minutes
West Rutland Selectman Meeting
Monday, December 10,2018

Present: Sean Barrows, John Harvey, Chet Brown, Nick Notte and Bill

Others Present: Joe Skaza, Mike Moser

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Sean with the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Approval:

On a motion by John and a second by Bill, the agenda was revised to add Recognition of Fire Dept. Anniversary.

Minutes from previous meeting: John made a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes and Chet seconded.

1. Under public concerns, the wording should be there are only three veterans that we know of.
2. Under Kabota tractor it should read “West Rutland joined Sourcewell buying group so we were able to secure a \$5,000 discount for a sale price of \$28,158.48
3. In reference to the Kabota, it will be kept at the Sewer Department at the garage.

Public concerns: Traffic concern near price chopper. Log is a problem and needs to be removed.

Action Items:

Finance and Maintenance Agreement Class - STP PC 19(6) – Mary Ann clarified this is for the Class 1 Paving project. She emailed VTrans some questions but hasn’t heard back yet. Brief discussion. John made the motion to have Mary Ann sign the Finance and Maintenance Agreement Contract # FM0335 Seconded by Bill. Unanimously approved.

Review Solar Contract – Recreation building – In construction mode. Insulation is in and reframing has started and they will start on roof soon. It is a perfect roof for solar. The estimate for the solar heat is \$34,200. Will look at other options.

Discussion Items:

Fire Department Update: Jeff Lacz and Mike Skaza will be given Certificate of Recognition for 25 years of service with the fire department at the Annual Christmas banquet and meeting on Dec. 14th meeting.

Review Roundabout Study – Weston & Sampson sent the feasibility study to review. The intersection is a high crash location, 28 crashes from 2008-12. Presented three options, all of them encroach on some private property. May need to acquire some property or get permanent easements. Also, looked at reconfiguring Ross Street to Main Street at Elm Street. Based on the traffic study there are 10,000 vehicles traveling through the intersection each day. Since there are only 2500 residents this is a regional issue that should get some regional funding. Preliminary costs are \$1.5 to \$3 million. The project is technically feasible and could provide a gateway and identity to the center of Town. Tabled further discussion.

Joe Skaza gave a brief report in reference to the fire department.

1. We did about 100 calls this year.
2. Equipment is in good shape and is paid for.
3. Need to do a little carpentry in the spring. Upkeep on the building. Did some work on the ladder truck.
4. The fire department does a fundraiser each year to purchase different things for the dept. This year we bought: calibration station for meters, (\$2,600). Bought multi meters or \$350. Purchased 4 sensors for \$800.
5. Turned the used black pickup into highway safety truck. (\$1850 and tailgate and cones for \$6,685.) Bought a foam educator for \$782.00. The above listed items were all purchased without taking any money out of the budget.

The department is going to have the flaggers take a mandatory safety course.

Review Personnel Policy: Mary Ann presented a new policy. Reviewed four other towns and the VLCT model policy. We will have VLTC lawyer review it to make sure all new laws are addressed properly. Discussion on some of the changes and additions.

Town Manager Report

Working with RRPC to update local hazard mitigation plan. Has to be done every five years.

Vermont Arts Council Grant – Mary Ann is working with Don Raney and Phil Gawet to apply for a marble welcome sign to be placed near the jughandle.

WWII Fund donation: Received \$1,175.00 donation for Charles Katomoski in his memory. Thank you notes were sent.

Mary Ann said there were 42 people that enjoyed the senior xmas luncheon. Will start showing movie matinees once a month.

Approved Orders: The board approved the payorders.

Board Member Concerns:

Nick – Whipple hollow road property is looking terrible with campers.

John- None

Chet- None

Bill – Clarendon Avenue box elder trees are leaning into the recreation parking area - Frank and Joe's remove jersey barrier. Grader concern. Looking for manual. Next meeting he would like to see the daily logs.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 and Bill seconded.

Next meeting will be January 7th for budget work.

Respectfully submitted,
Charleen Bowen