

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Selectman Meeting**  
**Monday, January 7, 2019**

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

**Others Present:** Joe Skaza, Frank Woolf, Sergeant Fox, 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 Nick, the agenda was approved as written.

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Chet made a motion to approve the minutes with the following changes and Bill seconded.

1. Under approval of minutes, change agenda to minutes.

**Public Concerns:** The board recognized the passing of Mrs. Christine A. Carlson, the Town's oldest known resident at 102 years. The Town Report will include a dedication page in her honor. Condolences to the family.

**Discussion Items:**

**Fire Department Budget** – Joe reviewed the line items. Not many changes from last year. Increase in building and grounds maintenance due to small repairs needed on the building. Increased truck savings by \$5,000. Will need to look at a new truck in 4 to 5 years.

All personnel is recognized in the Town Report with their years of service. Additionally certificates are given every 5 years and plaques are given at 25 years.

Discussion on the accidents and response at US Route 4 mile marker 13.

**Sheriff's Budget** – Will continue with 40 hours of coverage each week. Suggested to add Child First Advocacy annual request of \$600 into the budget, rather than a separate article. They are a non-profit organization that assists victims and their families for treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse. Discussion about having Rose Kennedy speak to the board about what the Town can do when convicted sex offenders live in town.

**Highway Budget** – Frank and Mary Ann reviewed the line items. Labor shows a 2.8% increase with is the cost of living rate. Health rates reduced since Frank will turn 65. Garage bond will be paid off in 2022 and the salt shed in 2025. Would like another structure to store equipment. Most prices are increasing, we are purchasing less. It will be tight on salt and sand this year as there was no carryover. Looking at purchasing a power washer to wash trucks, can also use it at the sewer plant and cleaning culverts. Price tag is \$4,100 will take it out of the highway equipment fund. We also discussed leasing new trucks. Mary Ann explained that we lease when we don't have the cash available. Frank prepared estimates to rebuild Boardman Hill with new gravel at \$70K vs new pavement at \$130K. Bill suggested we look at chip paving.

**Review BR4 Paving Preliminary Road Design:** VTrans has prepared a preliminary design depicting the removal of the jughandle and slip lane (heading east). 4 lanes in front of Westway will become 3 lanes with a turning lane in the center. They will add a new crosswalk towards Jiffy Mart. They will also be upgrading the traffic light to overhead. Much discussion that we need a crosswalk in front of Westway with a larger island and flashing beacons. This will be a separate project from the village Class 1 Paving but should happen within a few months.

**Approved Orders:** The board approved the pay orders.

**Board Member Concerns:**

Nick – None

John - None

Bill – None

Sean – would like to draft a letter to VTrans about our safety concern of mile marker 13 on US Route 4. Next meeting he would like to see a letter for the board to sign.

**Adjournment:** Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm and John seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette