

Minutes
West Rutland Selectman Meeting
Monday, February 10th, 2020

Present: John Harvey, Bill Kulig, Chet Brown and Nick Notte

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Kyle Mason, Rutland County Forester, David Noel, President, West Rutland ATV Sportsman's Club, Jeff Dodds, Kris Kowalski, Ryan Cassidy, Larry Dodds, Dennis Lynch and Clinton Brown.

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

Agenda Approval: Motion by Nick seconded by Bill to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval: Motion by Nick seconded by Bill to approve the agenda with the removal of Chet Brown's attendance from meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Concerns: None

Discussion Items:

- a) **Clark Hill Town Forest Management Plan** – Kyle Mason, Rutland County Forester was present to discuss goals and priorities for the Clark Hill Town Forest. The new management plan is due April 1st. Stand 9 & 12 are ready for timber cuts discussed choosing aesthetics vs wildlife. Also need to address the handling of the ash trees. We have approximately 60,000 board feet of ash representing approximately \$10,000. Some trees will survive. Explained the graphs in the draft plan and the basal area which measures the density and optimal maturity of the trees. The following goals were set: timber production, cut the most valuable ash only, investigate into selling birch bark, focus on broad view of wildlife less on aesthetics. Water quality, access and controlling of invasives are also important.
- b) **ATV resolution request** – Members of the West Rutland ATV Sportsman Club were present to discuss the recent ordinance from the Town of Newport allowing ATV travel on town highways. Discussion on the Class 1 state highway and who has jurisdiction. The group is looking at permission on Clarendon Avenue so ATVs could travel to Jiffy Mart for gas and supplies. Other routes such as Whipple Hollow were also mentioned. Would like to be able to connect the two sides of town, etc. The noise ordinance may also be a concern. More planning and research are needed.
- c) **Town Manager Report** - Mary Ann presented new gateway signs for Town, recreation area, water/sewer, and highway department. Will speak to the Rotary and American Legion to include their signs. Will install in the spring with appropriate landscaping.

Action Items:

- d) **Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Resolution** – Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to sign the resolution for the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Application. Motion approved.
- e) **Adopt Mutual Aid Agreement** – Motion by Chet seconded by Nick to adopt the Public Works Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement as presented by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Motion approved.
- f) **Liquor License – Stewart Shops #198** – Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the liquor license for Stewart Shop #198. Motion approved.
- g) **Water/Sewer Allocation** - Motion made by Bill seconded by Nick to approve the decrease in water and sewer allocation from a two family to a one family home for Alex Maranville at 93 Smith Street. Motion approved.

Board Member Concerns:

Nick – Joe Skaza received a proclamation from the State House for his years of service as fire chief. Would like to see a camera system set up at the Town Hall.

Bill – Would like to see the 2nd amendment discussion on the next agenda. Fabians is beginning work at the recreation area with the new field.

Approved Orders: The board approved the pay orders.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette