

Minutes
West Rutland Selectman Public Hearing
Monday, October 14th, 2019

5:30 pm Public Hearing for VCDP Scattered Site Grant Application with NeighborWorks

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Ludy Biddle, Melanie Paskevich and Mike Moser

John Harvey, Selectboard Chair read the public hearing notice. Ludy and Melanie gave a summary of the individual programs and the number of households NeighborWorks impact. Mary Ann spoke of the long history NeighborWorks has working with the Town. Reminder we are hosting a Button Up Workshop next week for residents.

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Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Craig Jewett, David Webster, Mike Moser and Seth Pietryka

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

Agenda Approval: Motion by Chet seconded by Jayne to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved.

Minutes from Previous Meetings: Chet made a motion to approve the minutes of September 9th and September 23rd as submitted Bill seconded. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: David Webster asked if we could open up the old dump on Whipple Hollow Road for the dumping of yard waste. Will need to be monitored, Dave Webster offered to volunteer his time to help. A tentative schedule was set 9am – noon for the next 4 Saturdays. Will keep track of how many attendees. Mary Ann will post on FB etc.

Action Items:

- a. Resolution for VCDP Grant Application** – This resolution is for NeighborWorks application for a scattered site grant in the amount of \$545,000. The projects include: single-family home repairs, which include health and safety modifications, home efficiency measures, trips and falls assessments, handicap accessibility, lead based paint removal, homeownership services, program management and general administration

serving Addison, Rutland, and Bennington counties. Mary Ann reminded everyone that we are hosting a button up workshop with Efficiency Vermont and NeighborWorks on Oct 23rd. Chet made a motion to sign the resolution for the VCDP grant application for NeighborWorks scattered site application for \$545,000. Seconded by Bill. Motion approved.

- b. Pleasant Street Water Line Project** – Craig Jewett from Otter Creek Engineering was present to discuss the timeline and costs of the project. The new line of 2,000 feet runs along Pleasant Street from Sheldon to Thrall. It will replace the undersized 4” pipe with a 12” pipe and will now provide the proper fire suppressant capacity. It will be in the same location as the old line and we will not disturb curb and sidewalks. We will need to vote on the bond in March for the total price of \$725,000 however we may get grants from the drinking water fund. Construction will be in the fall of 2020.
- c. Review RFQ submissions for Dewey Avenue Project** – FEMA will pay for the temporary fix which is nearly complete. We advertised for RFQ for engineering and geotechnical services to design a permanent fix. Two firms responded Dubois & King and Otter Creek Engineering. Both firms have worked previously with the Town in many capacities. Otter Creek has teamed up with Sanborn Head Geotechnical. Sanborn worked on a previous slide on Dewey Avenue and Otter Creek just completed a project in Shrewsbury. Bill made a motion to hire Otter Creek Engineering for engineering services to assist the Town with a permanent fix for the Dewey Avenue slope repair. Seconded by Nick. Motion approved unanimously.
- d. Lister Errors & Omissions** – After the reappraisal was completed, the listers made an error in updating the correct exemptions for the subsidized housing units for Colonial West, Rutland West and Stanislaus Housing into our software. There will be no change to the municipal grand list. The Masonic Lodge exemption that was voted on by the voters was also missed, this will result in the reduction to the grand list of \$27,200. Motion made by Bill seconded by Nick to accept the corrections from the listers on the subsidized housing properties and Masonic Lodge. Motion passed.

Discussion Items:

a. Town Manager’s Report:

- a.** Mary Ann and Seth spoke about the software upgrade for the water meters. This month we were barely able to get the readings because the software is old and the computer crashed. Plus the meters and the MXU’s are not supported anymore and we only have a few left in stock. The price for the upgrade that will read the old and new meters, plus 25 new meters is \$18,500. The other options are to find a new water meter system and software or not use a water metering system. We believe one of our bonds requires us to use a water meter system. Chet made the motion to upgrade our existing water meter system plus 25 new meters for \$18,500. Seconded by Bill. Motion approved.
- b.** We are awaiting another quote for a generator at Elm Street.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet – Pleasant street after Kurants to Velco needs grading. Bill requested we roll it after grading. Casella has a new food digester to comply with the separating of food scraps. The school will be notified.

Jayne – the red truck continues to speed on her street

Bill – when are we rust proofing the trucks? Seth said in the next few weeks. Need to provide the number of hours we paint crosswalks.

Nick – why isn't True Blue, Marble and Pleasant Street a four way stop? Witnessed a near accident recently. Water Street should have a yield.

Approved Orders: The board approved the pay orders.

Executive Session: Motion made by Chet seconded by Bill to enter executive session at 7:09pm for contract review. Motion made by Bill seconded by Chet to exit executive session at 7:18pm. No action taken.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm and Chet seconded.

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Goulette