

Minutes
West Rutland Special Selectman Meeting
Monday, December 16th, 2019

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Sheriff Benard 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 Bill to approve the agenda with amendment adding Action Item #d Review Audit Report. Motion approved.

Minutes Approval: Motion by Chet seconded by Jayne to approve the minutes of the November 25th meeting. Motion approved.

Action Items:

- a. Adopt Municipal Policies and Codes** – Motion made by Chet seconded by Bill to adopt the Municipal Policies and Codes in accordance with the Vermont Community Development Program award conditions for the Scattered Site Implementation Grant. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. Resolution Supporting Municipal Authority in a Commercial Cannabi System** – Nick made a motion to adopt the resolution supporting municipal authority in a commercial cannabi system. The law is expected to pass this year and we hope the municipalities will have authority similar to the liquor control. Seconded by Bill. Motion approved.
- c. Landowner Permission for Marsh Trail** – A motion made by Nick seconded by Chet to sign the landowner permission with the Rutland County Audubon to use the Town's land off Whipple Hollow for the new Marsh Trail. Motion approved.
- d. Review Audit Report** – We received the draft audit and the auditor suggested we make allocations for the fund balance. Mary Ann suggested the sidewalk bid overage and/or matching funds for Dewey Avenue fix. We can also start saving for the pavilion. Chet made a motion to allocate \$100,000 towards highway construction and \$25,000 towards recreation savings. Motion seconded by Jayne. Motion approved.

Discussion Items:

- a. Sheriff Budget** – Sheriff Benard was present to discuss the 14% increase in next year's budget. The increase is primarily due to health costs and pay structure. Discussed the combined patrol with Proctor which results in 80 hours a week in coverage. Each deputy works 12 hour shifts and the time frame varies. They do not start before 6am. Mary Ann asked to confirm the dollar request.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet: What is the status of the food shelf? Tony Morgan is ill and has handed over the finances to the Town. Mary Ann is working with a number of volunteers to ensure it stays open. We may only open once a month until further notice.

Jayne: Any update on the bank closure? Mary Ann is speaking with other banks to try to generate some interest. There may be a no compete clause on the building.

Bill: The WWI group would like to speak to the Selectboard in February with some options on preserving the WWI monument. Would like to discuss line striping, Mary Ann reported the highway crew spent 207 hours last year painting crosswalks, etc. Would like to open the transfer station on January 11th to take Christmas Trees. Would like to see the trailer sandblasted and painted. Still a problem with the storm drain at the bottom of North Lane.

Approved Orders: The board approved the pay orders.

Executive Session: Bill made a motion at 7:05pm. to enter executive session for real estate and invited Seth Pietryka. Seconded by Chet. Chet made a motion seconded by Jayne to exit executive session at 7:18 pm. No action taken. Motion approved.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette