

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Selectman Meeting**  
**Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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

**Others Present:** Mary Ann Goulette, Peter Kulig, Mike Moser, Lisa Wright and Murph Higgins.

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

**Agenda Approval:** On a motion by Chet seconded by Jayne, the agenda was approved as written.

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Chet made a motion to approve the minutes and Jayne seconded.

**Public Concerns:** The logs at the parking lot at Westway Mall need to be removed so the water can run off properly. Can we install another sign at Dewey Avenue to warn drivers of the dip in road?

**Action Items:**

- a. Reappraisal Update** – Lisa and Murph gave the board a tentative schedule on the reappraisal. First informal assessments will be mailed on May 17<sup>th</sup>, informal hearings until June 7<sup>th</sup>, change of assessments mailed on June 17<sup>th</sup> followed by listers grievances. We will need to file a 30day extension to file the grand list which will result with a delay in tax bills to August 30<sup>th</sup>. Booklets will not be mailed; we will post on the website and have them available at the town hall similar to the Town Report. We had a number of attendees at the BCA training for property appeals. Motion made by Chet to request a 30 extension to the State to file our Grand List. Seconded by Nick. Motion approved unanimously. Will need a special meeting to set tax rate on July 24<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Appointment to DRB Board** – Deb Higgins is a longtime town resident and property owner. She is a retired assistant librarian. Motion made by Nick seconded by Jayne to approve the appointment of Deb Higgins to fill the vacancy left by Rick Hart on the Development Review Board. Her term

will expire 2020. Motion approved unanimously. We welcome her to the board.

- c. **Adopt Road and Bridge Standards** – A new draft has been released and they are taking comments. We will re-adopt last years until the new ones are ready. Jayne suggested Jeff have a copy to incorporate into subdivision regulations. Motion mad by Chet seconded by Jayne to readopt road and bridge standards. Motion passed.

### **Discussion Items:**

- a. **FEMA inspection on storm damage** – The Town experienced approximately \$26,000 worth of damages. Road wash outs on Cark, Marble, Whipple Hollow, Boardman, Gorham, Main, Recreation area and path, and the Boardwalk. The outfall at sewer plant was covered with debris. We received a permit from ANR and Ronnie Fabian spent three days in the Clarendon River reestablishing the flows from the plant to the receiving waters.
- b. **Pleasant Street Water Line Replacement** – This will be replacement of a 4” to 8” line that runs from Pleasant Heights to Sheldon. We are already in line for a \$275,000 drinking water loan. The state has extra funds and will forgive 25% of the project costs. Proposed timeline is to finish the design this year, bond vote in November and construct in 2020. Otter Creek gave us a proposal for engineering services at \$18,500. This amount can be rolled into the bond amount. Motion made by Chet seconded by Jayne. Motion approved unanimously.
- c. **Town Manager’s Report:**
  - a. Memorial Day Parade – The final preparations are nearly complete. The route is the same as last year beginning at Noonan’s parking lot. We will be installing new flag and poles. Everyone is invited to the barbeque afterwards at the Legion.
  - b. Tree planting – we planted 5 sugar maples at the sewer plant and 5 sugar maples at the dog park. Will begin to replace the few street trees that we lost.
  - c. Town Hall Improvements – new chairs will be delivered this week. Still waiting for the fiber to be installed and a proposal to change out the lighting fixtures. Efficiency Vermont is doing a walk through our major buildings. There is new technology in heat systems.
  - d. Website Refresh – JEG Design has been selected to refresh our website at a proposal of \$2,175

**Board Member Concerns:**

Chet – will bring wagon to the parade. Two blighted properties on Blanchard Avenue. He can deliver coin drop information to 4H.

Jayne – roofing materials dumped near Velco substation. Will check the cameras.

Nick – Thrall needs some work. Also can we add a no parking here to corner on Marble near Thrall. Difficult to see traffic when you are exiting Thrall.

John – It will cost \$800 to purchase storage unit from Velco. The Sportsman Club is closed. There is grant money available for shooting ranges.

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

**Adjournment:** Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm and Chet seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette