

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Selectman Meeting**  
**Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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

**Others Present:** Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser and Tom Gardner.

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

**Agenda Approval:** Add Action Items D. Review Audit Proposal. Motion by Chet seconded by Nick, the agenda was approved as amended.

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Chet made the following corrections: under reappraisal update request a 30 day extension; under discussion items a: wash out on Clark Hill and outflow at sewer plant. Chet made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected Bill seconded.

**Public Concerns:** Mike Moser: There is debris and garbage in trees along the walkway at Jiffy Mart.

**Action Items:**

- a. **Review Solar Contract** – Tom Gardner from Triland Partners has returned with a new proposal for net metering on the Thomas Dairy Solar Array. The Town of West Rutland will qualify to purchase up to 62% of the generation or 540,000 kilowatt hours. West Rutland savings is fixed at 12% for the 20 year term of the PPA as GMP prices increase approximately 2.9% a year. Thus the savings will increase over the life of the agreement. Chet made a motion to receive the solar service agreement and review it with the town attorney. Seconded by Jayne. Motion approved.
- b. **Sewer allocation: Miron** – Chet made a motion to approve the sewer allocation for Bill Miron at 349 Dewey Avenue and deduct the \$100 bond they have already paid. Bill Seconded. Motion approved.
- c. **Review Paving Improvements for Business Route 4 and Traffic Signal** – VTrans forwarded the paving plans and asked the Town for comments by June 15<sup>th</sup>. They are removing the jug handle and the slip lane heading east. Sheet 32 add speed limit signs on the connector to on/off ramps. Remove islands at the jug handle, they are broken, chipped and full of weeds. This is a poor reflection of our Town at the gateway. Replace with striping or rumble areas or grass. More discussion about crosswalk at Westway Mall.

**Discussion Items:**

- a. **Reappraisal Update** – Vision sent out the draft assessments. They had approximately 60 residential and 10 commercial informal meetings. Final assessments will be mailed June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will need an additional two more weeks to finish all appeals before we

can set the tax rate on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> installment of property tax bills will be due August 30, 2019.

- b. Peddlers Permit / Ordinance** – looking at a new ordinance to allow short term vendors to sell in town such as food trucks, ice cream etc, as they are becoming more popular. Currently, the zoning bylaws do not allow it. Most other towns have a permit and fee schedule. Mary Ann to draft an ordinance for the next meeting.
- c. Health Orders** – Mary Ann is the health officer and is dealing with two properties for a possible emergency health order for garbage and rat issue. We are hoping for voluntary compliance. May need a special meeting.
- d. Town Manager's Report:**
  - a. Memorial Day Parade – overall good feedback from everyone. Need to work on better communication on who is coming and the drop off location. John Harvey suggested a port-a-potty. Need new volunteers for line up next year.
  - b. Dewey Avenue – the road is continuing to move. Mary Ann is looking at funding sources and several alternatives for the repair. Need to fix by the fall. Order more signs with flashing lights with tracking devices.

**Board Member Concerns:**

Chet – Dewey Avenue more signs. Need to check near 686 Clarendon Avenue for junk cars and one bus in the backyard. Also Frank and Joe's are bringing in fill in the backyard. Has Knappmiller fulfilled his requirements for the solar array? Mary Ann said no there is water run off on the neighbors, we are waiting for the state to do a site visit.

Nick – Did we add a no parking here to corner on Marble near Thrall? Difficult to see traffic when you are exiting Thrall.

Bill – The water pressure meter only has 6.5 hours on it. Other Towns allocate 30 minutes a week for washing trucks. Mary Ann said we haven't had the personnel for the last month. Would like to see Vehicle Inspection Manual in each vehicle. Mary Ann believes it's on the town's computer but will check.

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

**Adjournment:** Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm and Bill seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette