

Minutes
West Rutland Selectman Meeting
Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser and Sheriff Bernard

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 as presented.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Chet made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted Bill seconded.

Public Concerns: none

Action Items:

- a. Set Tax Rate** – Mary Ann presented a spreadsheet indicating the new grand list figures with this year’s annual budget. The proposed municipal tax rate is .7196. We should know the education tax rate within a few days as the listers sent the grand list today. The new tax rate is 5 cents less than last year which represents a \$50.00 annual savings on a \$100,000 home. The first installment will be due August 30, two weeks later than normal because of the delay with the reappraisal. Chet made a motion to set the municipal tax rate at .7196. Seconded by Bill. Motion approved.
- b. Review Sheriff’s Annual Contract:** –The contract runs on the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The annual fee is \$85,072 which reflects at 1.9% increase. Chet made a motion to approve the 19/20 sheriff’s contract for \$85,072. Nick seconded. Motion approved.
- c. Adopt New Road and Bridge Standards** – VTrans has develop new State standards to guide municipalities. By adopting the required standards it will help us become eligible for additional funding for grants and FEMA projects. Motion made by Chet seconded by Bill to adopt the New Road and Bridge Standards. Motion approved.

Discussion Items:

- a. New Audubon Trail** – The Audubon wanted to get more birders off the road and into the marsh. They contracted with Vermont Youth Conservation Camp VYCC to design a trail off Whipple Hollow on the Town’s property near the old dump. A copy of the trail map is attached to these minutes. Work on the trail will begin this week.
- b. Dewey Avenue Update** – We are working on the paperwork for FEMA and a site visit in the new two weeks. We may need to do something temporary if we can’t engineer, design and rebuild the road before winter. Need to post no heavy trucks signs.
- c. Town Manager’s Report:**

- a. Solar Contract – should have it ready for the next meeting after legal counsel reviews the contract.
- b. School Stormwater Project – we received a grant last year to address the stormwater coming off the school parking lot on High Street. Fabians will do the work in the next few weeks before school begins.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet – Have we heard anything on the complaints on Westside Solar? No Mary Ann will follow up with Jeff. How is the new food truck at Bailey’s zoned? Mary Ann explained as an accessory building

Bill – Suggested a new sand box at the recreation area. Also, found an oil-based paint for the crosswalks. It costs more but lasts longer. Also did the highway garage have an event taking old batteries? Yes we accept hazardous materials twice a year. Rutland County waste takes them for us.

Approved Orders: The board approved the pay orders.

Executive Session: Chet made a motion at 6:45pm. to enter executive session for real estate. Seconded by Bill. Chet made a motion seconded by Nick to exit executive session at 7:00 pm. No action taken. Motion approved.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette