

Minutes
West Rutland Selectman Meeting
Monday, May 11th, 2020
Via Zoom Meeting

Present: John Harvey, Chet Brown and Nick Notte

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Lisa Wright, Mike Moser

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by John with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Minutes Approval: Chet made a motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2020 meeting. Nick seconded. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: Speeding on Main Street and Clarendon Avenue

Action Items:

- A) Review Sansoucy Agreements** – Lisa discussed the need to have a qualified firm to calculate the fair market value of utilities. The utility submits an inventory and the state checks the calculation. The property is complex and the listers don't have the expertise. The assessment should be fair and consistent with the reappraisal. The proposals are \$3,000 each for GMP and Velco. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreements with Sansoucy to perform the assessment for GMP and Velco at a cost of \$3,000 each for the next three years ending in 2024. Motion approved.

Discussion Items:

- a) Review Listers Procedures** – Due to the COVID-19 concerns the listers are suggesting we ask for an extension on filing the grand list. The State has automatically extended the homestead filing and is giving the towns extra time. The listers will need to perform the grievances and the BCA hearings remotely. Nick made a motion to file for an extension for the grand list until June 30th. Seconded by Chet. Motion approved. Lisa also gave an update that the State has contracted a new grand list software to implement beginning in 2022.
- b) Town Manager Report -**
- a. Construction schedule** – All projects will be beginning this week; Fabians is replacing the sidewalks in front of the library and on the west side of Clarendon Avenue from Casella to Dewey. The new sidewalk grant project will begin next week on Clarendon (east side from parking area to Dewey), Recreation area, school and Campbell. The contractor is Weaver Excavating. Milling on the Class 1 Roads; Main Street and Clarendon will begin on Wednesday, May 12th and will be paved by the end of June. The signals at the

jughandle and new railroad crossing have begun, they are using the sewer plant for parking etc.

- b. **COVID 19 Town Impacts:** Tax payments are due Friday, we are falling behind in collections by about 23%. Staff is back in the office on a rotating basis while it is busy. The clerk's office will open to the public on May 18th by appointment only. Per the Governor's order, temperature readings and/or health questionnaires must be completed for each shift.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet – David Webster offered to open up the old dump for yard waste. Mary Ann will set up a schedule.

Nick – Are we working on a security system for Town Hall? Mary Ann has one price will work on another. Mike Moser suggested Ring Video no wiring needed.

Approved Orders: The board approved the pay orders.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette