

Minutes
West Rutland Selectman Meeting
Monday, June 8th, 2020
Via Zoom Meeting

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Gary Kupferer, Devon Neary, Ed Bove, Matt Bogaczyk, Bryan Bailey, Lisa Wright, Mike Moser, Murph Higgins, Eric Mahar, Sherry Boudreau, Johanna Stone and Lori Stone.

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 May 11, 2020 meeting. Nick seconded. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: none

Executive Session: Motion made by Bill seconded by Chet to enter executive session at 6:05pm for legal. Motion made by Nick seconded by Chet to exit executive session at 6:15pm. Motion made by Nick to offer to split the proceeds of Bernie Rogers's life insurance payment of \$21,898.75 with Mercedes Gaylord. Seconded by Chet. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- A) Dog Agility Park** – West Rutland resident and Girl Scout, Johanna Stone, is installing an agility course at the Dog Park. Johanna explained that she planned, got donations and volunteers for this community project in an effort toward achieving her Silver Award. The large dog section of the West Rutland Park will be closed most of the day this Saturday, June 13th for the installation of an agility course. We thank Johanna and her sponsors for this wonderful addition to our already very popular park.
- B) Crosswalk Discussion at Bailey Motors** – The Town and the State have been debating the location and the need for a pedestrian refuge island within the crosswalk near Westway Mall. It is currently a high accident location. Matt Bogaczyk is the VTrans engineer and he explained they explored all alternatives and recommend moving the crosswalk west of the current location towards Bailey Motors. This location will alleviate much of the congestion but a pedestrian refuge island with a flashing beacon is the safest alternative in trying to navigate a wide area of pavement. There is an increased amount of foot traffic, especially now with a food truck and ice cream stand. Bryan Bailey, owner of Bailey Motors and Mike Moser nearby resident both voiced concerns over tractor trailer turn radius. Also, the previous islands in front of Westway Mall are continuously hit and the signs are run over.

C) Town Manager Report – The construction is still ongoing, Class 1 Paving should finish end of the month, sidewalks and signals in July. Business Route 4 will begin this week. Discussion on when to issue bid documents on Pleasant Street Water Line. Otter Creek suggested we go to bid this summer with option to construct this fall or next spring. The board is in agreement. Rutland Town has asked if they can hire us to grade their gravel roads: Boardman Hill and Quarterline. It should only be 4-5 hours. The board is in agreement to help our neighbor. Mary Ann will invoice based on standard rates. The State has informed us that there will be a delay in setting the education tax rate until August 1st at the earliest. Our tax bills will be delayed at least 2 weeks perhaps a month.

Action Items:

a) **Resolution COVID 19** - Due to the COVID-19 municipalities are concerned on lost revenues. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns has joined the National League of Cities' campaign to lobby Congress for direct federal aid to cities and towns throughout the country. The VLCT Board voted to participate in the campaign financially and through active advocacy. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to adopt the Vermont Local Government Resolution. Motion approved

Approved Orders: The board approved the pay orders.

Executive Session: Motion made Chet seconded by Bill to enter executive session at 7:00pm for legal consult and invite the listers and Eric Maher to join. John Harvey secluded himself.

Chet made a motion to exit executive session at 7:45. Seconded by Jayne. No action taken.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette