

Minutes
West Rutland Selectman Meeting
Monday, July 13th, 2020
Via Zoom Meeting

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette and Mike Moser.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by John with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Minutes Approval: Chet made a motion to approve the minutes from June 8, 2020 meeting. Nick seconded. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: none

Action Items:

- A) **Set Tax Rate** – After grievances the grand list was filed at \$2,108,142 resulting in a municipal tax rate of .7373 which is a .018 increase from last year. The education rate set by the State is 1.3783 for homestead which is a .126 increase from last year and 1.5168 for non-residential which is a .166 increase. A home with a value of \$100,000 will see a 7.3% or \$143.94 increase. Motion made by Nick seconded by Jayne. Motion approved.
- B) **VCDP Resolution** – This resolution states the Town accept and agrees with the terms and conditions of the Neighborworks scattered site grant #SS-2019-W Rutland05. The grant was amended to include COVID Cares funding for housing assistance. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to sign the VCDP grant agreement resolution for Grant ##SS-2019-W Rutland-05.
- C) **Law Enforcement 2020-21 Contract** – The contract runs on the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The annual fee is \$96,670 which reflects a 12.3% increase due to an increase in health coverage and wages. Jayne made a motion to approve the 20/21 sheriff's contract for \$96,670. Nick seconded. Motion approved.
- D) **Department of Public Safety Grant Agreement** - All the FEMA grants are run through the Public Safety Department. The total grant amount is \$26,325.50 for the April 15th storm damage. Motion made by Chet to authorize Town Manager to sign the Department of Public Service grant agreement in the amount of \$26,325.50 for the expenses incurred from the April 15 storm. Seconded by Nick. Motion approved. We are still waiting for FEMA approval on the permanent fix for Dewey Avenue.

E) Liquor License: Sweet Caroline's – Due to the COVID 19, the State offered a grace period for liquor licenses considering many establishments were closed for an extended time. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the liquor license for Sweet Caroline's. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

a) Town Manager Report

- All construction projects still moving along. The sidewalk project should be completed by the end of the month. The Class 1 Paving is on also on schedule. It was good to see the islands in front of Price Chopper removed. Chet had some suggestions to see if we can add a right turning lane into Price Chopper and remove the right turning lane onto Clarendon Ave.
- Looking at possibly moving the gate at True Blue Road to Marble Street to prevent dumping etc. Will talk with the landowners.
- Do we want to reschedule the Townwide yard sale and block party? Let's wait to decide, another COVID outbreak in Manchester.
- The office is getting ready for the audit next week.

Approved Orders: The board approved the pay orders.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette