

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Special Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, August 24th, 2020**  
**Via Zoom Meeting**

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

**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 Nick to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**Action Items:**

- A) **Award Bid – Pleasant Street Water System Improvement** - The \$730,000 loan is already in place. We received 9 bids for the project ranging from \$511,410 to \$800,055.74. Otter Creek Engineering is recommending Zaluzny Excavating Corp. as the lowest and responsible bidder at \$511,410 for the Pleasant Street Water line replacement. They hope to construct this fall or spring depending on availability of asphalt. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to award the Pleasant Street Water System Improvement to Zaluzny Excavating Corp. at the low bid of \$511,410. Motion approved.
  
- B) **Thrall Avenue Sidewalk Project** – The original bid came in high when we rebid the project we kept two segments as alternatives, the Ross Street school path and Thrall Avenue. The Thrall Ave Alternate was priced by Weaver at \$183,528.50 and was omitted from the bid award due to the high cost. The project is nearly complete and we expect an underrun of \$156,539.19. The current delta is approximately \$27,000. Weaver will honor its net pricing. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to proceed with the Thrall Avenue sidewalk with the remaining funds. Motion approved.
  
- C) **Access Permit** – We received a request from Todd Smith at 23 Barnes Street for a new driveway access. The neighbor, St. Stanislaus and Frank have approved it. Chet made a motion to approve the access application for Todd Smith at 23 Barnes Street. Bill seconded. Motion approved.

**Discussion Items:**

- a) **Town Manager Report** – Sean Barrows has been hired as the new highway maintenance worker. As part of our personnel policy no employee can also serve as an elected official. Sean is currently a justice of the peace and involved in the BCA hearings. Mary Ann suggested we let him continue to serve through the appeals and then resign. All agreed.
- b) **Perry fence** – Bill Perry wants to install a privacy fence next to the pedestrian path from Ross Street to the school. We took some trees down, will drill the holes and

purchase the materials. He will install the fence. Mary Ann asks that we waive the permit fee for Perry. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to waive the permit fee for Perry.

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

**Adjournment:** Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette