

Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, October 12th, 2020
Via Zoom Meeting

Present: John Harvey, Chet Brown, Nick Notte, 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.

Minutes Approval: Chet made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14th meeting. Jayne seconded. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: Mike Moser has noticed traffic is not stopping for pedestrians at the new crossing by Bailey's Motors.

Action Items:

- a) **Grants-In-Aid Agreement** – This grant provides funding for municipalities to implement best management practices in compliance with municipal roads general permit. The award is dependent on the number of hydrologically connected roads we have and the number of municipalities participating. We will focus on Clark Hill which has most of our issues. Mary Ann will provide a map to the board. The grant is administered through the RRPC and we have participated every year since its inception. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to sign the letter of intent to participate in the municipal roads grants-in-aid program. Motion passed unanimously.

- b) **Otter Creek Communications Union District, Appointments and Resolution** – A Communications Union District (CUD), allowing two or more towns to bond together as a municipal entity for a means of building communication infrastructure together. Some benefits are: Mixing dense and less dense towns to project more attractive to providers and more negotiating power for the CUD. The entire region can benefit rather than creating a digital divide with town-by-town buildout by different carriers. Network design, construction, and operation can all be more efficient when planned together from the onset. Individual towns are not on the hook. Easier access to federal and state grants and loans that require providing services to those least served. Brandon, Pittsford and a number of towns have already signed on. Nick seconded by Chet made the motion the Selectboard of the Town of West Rutland, acting pursuant to authority granted by Section 1 of Act No. 119 of the Acts of 2020, to enter into a Communications Union District to be known as the Otter Creek Communications Union District, under the provision of 30 V.S.A. chapter 82. Motion approved. Motion by Nick seconded by Chet to appoint Mary Ann Goulette as primary representation and John Harvey as alternate

representative. Motion approved. Motion by Nick seconded by Chet to approve the Selectboard chair and Town Clerk to sign the resolution and appointment document. Motion approved.

- c) **Request to FEMA for Dewey Avenue Project Extension** – The deadline for work to be completed at Dewey Avenue is December 18, 2020. The project is now with the mitigation project to include a more permanent fix and we will need to request a time extension. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to request an extension to FEMA to complete the Dewey Avenue project by November 15, 2021. Motion passed.
- d) **Salt Contract** – We received the State price of \$78.50 for 1000 tons of treated salt. Frank tried the treated salt last year and liked it. We have \$90,000 in the budget. Motion made by Nick seconded by Jayne to purchase 1000 tons of treated salt from Cargill at the price of \$78.50. Motion passed.

Discussion Items:

A. Town Manager Report

- a. **GIS Mapping** – as part of the Vermont Cares Grant we are able to digitize tax maps into GIS. The information will go on the website so parcel information and listers card will be easily accessible.
- b. **Marsh Trail Update** – The Rutland County Audubon began working on Phase 2 of the Marsh Trail near the Town's old dump on Whipple Hollow Road.
- c. **Source Protection Plan** – Our plan is updated every 5 years and mailed to stakeholders and landowners. There were no substantial changes.

Selectboard Concerns:

Nick – camper parked overnight at the park and ride.

Chet – Boardman Hill needs grading and ditching above the new tar grindings. The new material is holding up well. Marble Blocks that were disturbed during the sidewalk project on Clarendon Avenue should be removed.

Executive Session: Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to enter into executive session and invite Mark Youngstrom to review contract. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to exit executive session at 6:59. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to send a letter to the Rutland Town Fire District Prudential Committee to move forward with merger discussions with the fire district based on the results of Otter Creek Engineering's study. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette