

Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, November 9th, 2020
Via Zoom Meeting

Present: John Harvey, Chet Brown, Nick Notte, Bill Kulig, John Socinski and John Zawistoski.

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette and Mike Moser

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

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

Minutes Approval: Chet made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12th meeting. Bill seconded. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: None

Discussion Items:

- a) **WWII Memorial Group** – John Socinski and John Zawistoski brought the idea of a Fallen Veteran Memorial Banner Program as seen in the town of Adams, MA. The Town would hang banners (15) on Main Street to honor those who have served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice. The banners, brackets and installation would cost approximately \$4700 and would need to be replaced every 3-4 years at a cost of \$150 each. The Town would be responsible for ongoing maintenance and installation. Mary Ann suggested we could also hang holiday and welcome signs during other seasons. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to move forward with the Fallen Veteran Memorial Banner Program as suggested. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) **Public Wifi Hotspots** – The State is looking to expand wifi networks. Mary Ann proposed we add access points to extend the fiber network from the Town hall to cover the village center. It's especially important now with remote learning and working etc. We are awaiting to see if our project was awarded.
- c) **Gateway Enhancement** – We have asked permission from the State to mow the phragmites at the former jughandle. We would also like to address the islands with planting of grass or perennial grasses. Mary Ann will get prices together.
- d) **Town Manager Report**
 - a. **State Highway Aid** – the State suspended most of the grant programs and gave the Towns more dollars in state highway aid. We received approximately \$22,000. The bank stabilization project at the recreation area wasn't funded and cost us \$18,000.

- b. New logo ideas** – Mary Ann presented several designs depicting the town hall, marsh and boardwalk. The board liked the direction and gave feedback.
- c. Tree Lighting Event** – Our plan is to still try to hold the tree lighting outside and have one family at a time meet Santa for a picture. No food or drink.
- d. Water Leak** – We have another water leak in Center Rutland on West Proctor Road. Belden is fixing this week and Otter Creek Engineering will be on site to discover the issue.

Action Items:

- A. Transportation Alternative Grant Application** – This program is similar to the grant that funded the sidewalk project we completed this summer except the match is now 20% instead of the 10%. Mary Ann suggests applying for a scoping study for replacement sidewalks:

- Pleasant Street – BR4 to Sheldon (635 ft); Baxter to Durgy (588 ft)
- Thrall – park & ride to Sheldon (850 ft)
- Ross Street – Main to fence (179 ft) Franklin to garage (670 ft)
- Dewey Avenue – Clarendon to Clark Hill (1728)
- Total 4,650 feet

The scoping study will cost \$30,000 so we will need a match of 20% of \$6,000. Motion made by Nick seconded by Bill to provide the \$6,000 match for the Transportation Alternative Grant Application for a scoping study costing \$30,000. Motion approved.

Selectboard Concerns:

Nick – Wants to recognize Fabian’s for a fantastic Halloween event.

Chet – How is Crushed Rock reporting weight if there are no scales on location? Mary Ann will reach out. Boardman Hill still needs ditching near Grabowski farm. Gate was moved on True Blue Road.

Bill – culvert near 3rd base little league field needs attention. There is a new rustproof available at Earl’s for \$300/truck

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette