

Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, January 25th, 2021
Via Zoom Meeting

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette and Fire Chief Michael Skaza

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by John with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Discussion Items:

- a) **Fire Department** – The Fire Chief gave an update on the year’s operations. The number of calls in the beginning of the year started out slow because of the pandemic but they did increase and ended at year end with 84 calls. There are 19 members currently, which is near the maximum of 20. All members have been vaccinated that have wanted to. Service awards were recognized to the following: Scott Fitzgerald at 20 years, Jeffery Wos at 15 years and Josh Webster at 5 years. Chief Skaza kept the budget nearly flat showing at .7% increase. He is trying to increase the truck savings account by 10% every year as the bond payment decreases. The ladder truck is 30 years old but they also look at hours and mileage. Will need to purchase new rescue equipment and will apply to a firefighters grant. Will also need to replace some hoses and nozzles at approximately \$3-5,000 and will install a dry hydrant on Whipple Hollow with a grant. The board thanked Chief Skaza for his service.

Action Items:

- b) **Approve 21/22 Budget** – No changes since last meeting. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the general budge at \$1,673,857. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) **Approve and Sign 2021 Warning** – Mary Ann verified all service requests. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve and sign the 2021 Warning as presented. Motion approved.

Board Member Concern: Chet suggested we install a doorbell at the Town Hall to allow better access to those who may not have a phone. Mary Ann will investigate.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette