

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, February 8th, 2021**  
**Via Zoom Meeting**

**Present:** John Harvey, Nick Notte and Chet Brown

**Others Present:** Mary Ann Goulette and Mike Moser

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:09pm 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 January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and January 25, 2021 meeting. Nick seconded. Motion approved.

**Public Concerns:** None

**Action:**

- a) **Adopt Local Hazard Mitigation Plan** – The State reviewed, commented and approved our plan. We need to adopt it and Steffanie will document and send it to FEMA. Motion made by Nick to adopt the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Motion seconded by Chet. Motion approved.
  
- b) **Small Scale Bike/Ped Grant Application: Marble Pathway** – The State is looking to fund projects that are ready to go to construction in 2021. These projects will make improvements to support walking and/or bicycling to local communities and the investment will support local economies especially due to COVID. We have the feasibility study of the marble pathway that runs along the channel from Thrall to Gilmore. The study shows the total cost of \$121,000 and requires a 50% match but it can be in-kind. The grant maximum is \$150,000. We will need to adjust numbers to reflect the new asphalt price and a 10% contingency and possible wayfinding. Chet said there are two crossings over the channel if we need. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to apply for the small-scale bike ped grant for the marble pathway and commit a 50% match and future maintenance of the project. Motion passed.
  
- c) **Resolution: VCDP Implementation Grant** – The State is looking to distribute more COVID funding for rental and mortgage assistance through their existing housing agencies, such as NeighborWorks. The grant is for \$425,000. Motion made by Nick seconded by Chet to sign the resolution for the VCDP Implementation Grant of \$425,000 to distribute COVID relief money for rental assistance. Motion passed.

- d) **Review Liquor license application – Sandri #283 Sunoco** – Motion by Chet seconded by Nick to approve Sandri Sunoco #283 liquor license. Motion approved.

**Discussion Items:**

- e) **American Legion** – They need a new furnace at a cost of nearly \$20,000. They are financially strained since COVID. They have been shut down and not able to do dinners or bingo. It's too late to put an article on the ballot. They are trying to raise funds with a prime rib fundraiser. We can offer a zero interest loan. Mary Ann is also looking at some COVID relief funding for venues that qualify.
- f) **Town Manager Report** – Working on a scavenger hunt with the Historical Society to offer some winter activity.

**Adjournment:** Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette