

Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, April 12th, 2021
Via Zoom Meeting

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette and Mike Moser

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Chet with the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Approval: Motion by Jayne seconded by Dick to amend the agenda with the addition of action item h: Bruno's liquor license. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Dick seconded by Jayne to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 8th, 2021.

Public Concerns: none

Action:

- a) **Resolution for NeighborWorks retiring director Ludy Biddle** – Mary Ann presented the resolution highlighting Ludy's 20 year career. Motion made by Chet seconded by Jayne to approve and sign the resolution honoring the twenty year career of Ludy Biddle, NeighborWorks's executive director. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) **Liquor License Renewal:**
 - a. **American Legion Post #87** – Motion by Chet seconded by Nick to approve American Legion Post #87 first and third class liquor license. Motion approved.
 - b. **Sweet Caroline's** – Motion by Nick seconded by Chet to approve Sweet Carolines's first class liquor license. Motion approved.
 - c. **Bruno's** – Motion made by Chet seconded by Jayne to approve the liquor license for Bruno's. Motion approved.
- c) **Award Paving Bid** – We received three bids for the paving of Pleasant Street (1710 Pleasant until the gravel); Ross Street and Thrall Avenue. Pike at \$131,230, Fuller at \$128,024 and Wilk Paving at \$154,336. Motion made by Chet seconded by Jayne to award the paving bid to Fuller Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$128, 024 to include cold plane. Motion passed.
- d) **Thrall Avenue Sidewalk Replacement** – We are installing a new sidewalk on the upper end of Thrall but the lower end is in need of replacement before we pave the road. The highway crew will remove the existing walk and the contractor will reset the existing granite curb. We received bids from Weaver \$80,570, Reed at \$59,875 and Fabian's at \$41,480. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to award the Thrall Avenue sidewalk replacement to Fabian's at a price of \$41,480. Motion passed.

- e) **Otter Creek Dewey Avenue Proposal** – Dick Daley recused himself. We are still working with FEMA’s mitigation department for approval of the work on Dewey Avenue. However, in the meantime, we should still proceed with a fix the road in hopes of construction this fall. Mary Ann requests that we approve Item 1 and #2 of the scope of services which includes the final design and permitting at \$20,000. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve Otter Creek’s Dewey Avenue proposal option #1 and #2 final design and permitting at \$20,000. Motion approved.

- f) **Aqua Treatment Services Proposal** – We have a proposal to rehab the UV system for \$142,500. This is part of the plant upgrade but we may not be able to wait. Otter Creek is trying to include the UV system cost into the bond requirements but we do not have the State’s commitment as of yet. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve ATS proposal of \$142,500 to rehab the UB system pending the state commitment for funding. Motion passed.

Discussion Items:

- g) **Town Manager Report** –
 - a. **Gateway Beautification** – We are hoping to remove the phragmites (cut and spray) at the old jughandle and plant more willow trees. Mary Ann has a price of \$600 from a licensed sprayer. We are just waiting for the State’s approval. We are also looking for funds to remove the pavement in the islands to plant some plants and or grass.
 - b. **Marbleway Path** – We did not receive the grant to install the path along the channel. The State wants us to revise the cost structure and inquire about a permit. We will apply in June at the next round for the VTrans Bike / Ped Grant.

Board Member Concerns: Dick mentioned speeding on Pleasant Street near Durgy Hill. Nick inquired about the Townwide Yard Sale, yes, it is scheduled for May 8th. Chet suggested some clean up at the end of Elm Street. John suggested some clean up in the yard at the highway garage.

Executive Session: Chet made a motion to enter into executive session for real estate at 7:05pm and Nick seconded. Motion approved. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to leave executive session at 7:14pm. No action taken.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette