

Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, May 10th, 2021
Via Zoom Meeting

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser, Sean Barrows, Sheila Anagnos and Geoffrey Merkle

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by John with the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Approval: Motion by Nick seconded by Chet to amend the agenda with the addition of discussion item: m) Transportation Advisory Committee update. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 12th, 2021.

Public Concerns: Sheila Anagnos and her husband Geoffrey Merkle from 145 Fairview Avenue spoke to the board about several issues including: cars travelling up the hill from the recreation area despite it being a one way and her lack of privacy now that the Town cut down the trees to install a new ballfield. Mary Ann said a fence would be installed once the ballfield is constructed. There are also many Anagnos personal items on the Town's property including a small building which has since been removed. The board agreed these items, as long as they are removable, can spill over onto the Town's property but no vehicles are allowed to drive across the field.

Action:

- a) **VTrans Bicycle & Pedestrian Grant Application: Marbleway Path** – This path was recommended by a feasibility study conducted in 2017. Weston and Sampson have revised the costs associated with this multi-use path along the channel from Thrall Avenue to Gilmore Street. The total cost is \$398,082 and will require a 20% match of \$79,616.40. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to apply for the VTrans Bike & Ped Grant with a letter of support and guarantee the 20% match or \$79,616.40 for the Marbleway Path. Motion approved.
- b) **Approve LEMP** - The plan is similar to last year with some updates on contact information. The Local Emergency Management Plan is part of the Vermont Emergency Management requirements. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to adopt the 2021 LEMP Plan. Motion approved unanimously.
- c) **Approve Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement for the Public Works** – This agreement is similar to last years and is between the RRPC and area municipalities to be able to request and received aid. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to adopt the 2021 Mutual Aid Agreement for Public Works Departments. Motion approved.

- d) **Water/Sewer Connection: Parkman** – Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the water and sewer connection for Robert Parkman at 327 Hanson Drive (lot #13). Motion approved.
- e) **Water/Sewer Connection: Bob's Heating** - Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the water and sewer connection for Bob's Heating Service Lot #6 Hansen Drive. Motion approved.
- f) **BCA appointment: Kulig** – Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to appoint Paul Kulig in the vacant seat on the Board of Civil Authority. Motion approved.
- g) **Emergency Health Order** – Mary Ann Goulette, the Town Health Officer, issued an emergency health order to Zachary Furman and Sara Clayton for a dangerous garbage issue at 1516 Main Street. The sheriff served the order and the ten days compliance has expired. A hearing was not requested. Mary Ann requests this to be a final order by the Selectboard. Motion made Daley seconded by Chet to affirm the Emergency Order by the Health Officer and issue a final order to Zachary Furman and Sara Clayton at 1516 Main Street. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- a) **Speed limit requests** – We received a request to lower the speed limit on Mead Street to 25mph. The board has had numerous discussions over the years. Dick researched other towns and many have 25 or 30mph. Mary Ann reminded the board we changed Main Street from Gilmore to Barnes to 25mph in 2011. Discussion to extend it to the Urban Compact Map or village center and exclude Pleasant Street and Clarendon Avenue. Mary Ann will work on amending the existing traffic ordinance for the next meeting.
- b) **Sanitary Survey** – Two issues were in the report: We will need to plan and schedule for collecting disinfection residual concentrations before the first connection and after disinfection contact time. Seth is coordinating with Fabians on the installation and Otter Creek Engineering on the best location. The cost is approximately \$5-6,000. We also need to install standby power at the Pine Hill Pump Station that serve the 21 connections. Seth is coordinating with an electrician to install a switch for our standby generator.
- c) **Animal Control** – The Town of Proctor approached us to see if we can look at sharing an animal control officer. It may be worth looking into. Mary Ann and Mike Moser will attend the committee meetings.
- d) **Construction Update** – Thrall Avenue sidewalk is nearly complete; they will be pouring concrete this week. We did need to replace a long culvert as it was deteriorated. The extra cost is \$26,000 but we will save some dollars at Pleasant Street as some will go to the water project also saving on crosswalk markings because we will pave Thrall later this summer. Pleasant Street project is starting slow but we still expect to complete on time. We are changing the paving plan on Pleasant Street; we will reclaim the road first and add 2 ½" asphalt costing an extra \$15,000. A top coat will be applied next year.
- h) **Town Manager Report** – We should look at replacing the One Ton truck as its a 2015 with 50,000 miles. Some are concerned on the lack of inventory. Pedestrian signs on the island in front of Bailey Motors were run over. We are awaiting insurance information. An old fire extinguisher exploded at the wastewater plant. We will issue an insurance claim as we had to hire GW Savage to clean and may need to replace computers. Dry hydrant will be installed soon on Marble Street.
- i) **TAC Update** – Sean Barrows is our TAC representative and they received three proposals for the Essential Air Service (EAS) Contract at Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport. Mayor Allaire is our community representative to the EAS program

and is likely to recommend Boutique Air for the fourth time. In the past three contract cycles, Boutique Air has been recommended both by the local group and VTrans but not awarded the contract. They are asking towns for a letter of support for Boutique Air based on better safety measures, two pilots, comfortable seating, marketing dollars and new test routes. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to send a letter of support to recommend Boutique Air for the EAS contract at the airport. Motion approved.

Board Member Concerns: Chet asked about funding for the UV system, Mary Ann is still working on getting an answer. Dick asked about getting our salt early as we could see delays in delivery. Mary Ann will look into a June delivery. Nick mentioned the no parking sign is missing from Thrall and Marble Street and its difficult to see pulling onto Marble Street will the car parked.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette