

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, June 14th, 2021**  
**Via Zoom Meeting and In Person**

**Present:** John Harvey, Chet Brown and Dick Daley **Remote:** Jayne Pratt

**Others Present:** Mary Ann Goulette **Remote:** Mike Moser, Sam Colvin and Danielle Garrow

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by John with the pledge of allegiance.

**Agenda Approval:** Motion by Chet seconded by Dick to amend the agenda with the addition of action items: c) Review Sheriff Contract d) Review Audit Contract Motion approved unanimously.

**Minutes Approval:** Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 10th, 2021. Motion approved.

**Public Concerns:** Mike Moser stated there is still standing water at the crosswalk in front of Walgreens. The Bailey Motors side is draining properly.

**Action:**

- a) **Traffic Ordinance Amendment – 25 mph** – Mary Ann drafted the amendment based on the safety discussion at the last Selectboard meeting. The sheriff was also in agreement to lowering the speed limit in the downtown or village center district as several surrounding towns have changed it as well. Discussion on including Dewey, Pleasant, Main Street and excluding Clarendon Avenue. We need to make sure the sheriff enforces this. The notice must be posted for 30 days.

Proposed Amendment to the West Rutland Traffic Ordinance 24 V.S.A §1976  
113. MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT - The following speed limit are hereby established. A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. on all town highway roads to include all town highway roads within the urban compact map with the following boundaries:

T.H.#1 – Main Street from the intersection of T.H. #38 Gilmore Street extending western to the state highway limit.

T.H.#3 – Marble Street from the intersection of T.H. #1 Main Street to the Carving Studio.

T.H.#4 - Pleasant Street from the intersection of U.S. Rt 4 to the end of pavement.

Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to amend the traffic ordinance with 25mph within the urban compact map as stated. Motion approved.

- b) **Approve Truck purchase** – Frank Woolf has found a truck to replace the one ton. Ford of Claremont has a 2021 Ford F-600 with Viking Body and Equipment for a total price of \$114,659 We will sell the one ton ourselves. Bar Harbor offered us a 5 year \$100,000

loan at 2.186 rate. Motion made by Dick seconded by Chet to approve the purchase of a new 2021 Ford F-600 with Viking Body and Equipment for \$114,659 financed with a \$100,000 loan with Bar Harbor for 5 years at 2.186 fixed rate. Motion approved unanimously.

- c) **Sheriff's Contract Renewal** – This agreement is similar to last years with a 1.5% cost increase. Services are for 40 hours a week and billed at \$4,101.88 bi-monthly with a cap at \$98,445.26 including cruiser, gas and animal control. Discussion on potentially sharing services with Rutland Town or Pittsford. Mary Ann to look into for next year. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to sign the 2021-22 sheriff contract at \$98,45.26. Motion approved.
- d) **Audit Proposal 20/21** – The price increased by \$1,000 from last year. We will need a single audit because we will be over the \$750,000 in federal funds. Motion made by Dick seconded by Chet to approve the audit contract for FY 2021 at a cost of \$19,400. Motion approved.

#### **Discussion Items:**

- a) **FEMA Funds for Dewey Avenue** – We received notification that we finally received approval for the repair of Dewey Avenue in two slope areas up to a cost of \$758,607.62. The state will pay a small% as well and town will be responsible for a 12% match. Otter Creek is finishing the design and we will be going to bid in a few weeks with construction hopefully this fall. We may need to ask for an extension.
- b) **Town Manager Report** – The sidewalk project is nearly complete. We will have a walk through this week on any outstanding issues. Chet mentioned more grass seed at Woodward. Pleasant Street water line is on schedule. Lower Thrall sidewalk and the paving will be completed later this summer. The marsh trail will begin construction at the end of the month. The VYCC crew will be here for 5 weeks. Summer events will begin soon. Discussion on block party and fireworks. Trying to recruit a bank in the Bar Harbor location.
- c) **Declaration of Inclusion** – Mary Ann offered the Pittsford statement as an example. It was in agreement we adopt a similar statement. Mary Ann will draft a declaration of inclusion statement for the next meeting.

**Board Member Concerns:** Jayne mentioned a loud red pickup truck that is speeding through the neighborhood. Mary Ann to check on signage. Chet asked if the channel is mowed. Yes Sean finished it last week. Chet and Dave Webster will open up the old dump for yard waste every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month beginning in August. Dick suggested we speak with Bank of Middlebury for a location in town.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjournment:** Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette