

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, August 9th, 2021**  
**Via Zoom Meeting and In Person**

**Present:** John Harvey, Chet Brown, Dick Daley and Nick Notte **Remote:** None

**Others Present:** Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser, Kendra McMahon, and Jamie Larson

**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 c) cell tower public hearing notice. Motion approved unanimously.

**Minutes Approval:** Motion made by Nick seconded by Dick to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 12th, 2021. Motion approved.

**Public Concerns:** Jamie Larson and Kendra McMahon from 76 Smith Street was present to discuss a loose dog on two occasions killing their chickens and ducks. They have spoken with the owner Jenn Nelson from 270 Marble Street but have not seen any change in behavior. They also have three young children and a dog and are worried something even more serious could happen. They have also had an issue with their vehicle being stolen by Jenn's son. Discussion on possible solutions to restrain the dog. Mary Ann will look at the ordinance and speak to animal control officer on what can be done: such as muzzled, chained or relocation.

Mike Moser also has concerns with the water drainage near Walgreens. The west side of Proctor Street is a large hump in the pavement that is keeping the water from running properly. Also, there is a build up of silt at the crosswalk near Walgreen's that needs to be cleaned.

**Action:**

- a) **VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program** – We received the large scale grant award for the Marbleway Path totaling \$320,000 in Federal funds. The path runs along the channel from Thrall Avenue to Gilmore Street. The Town will be responsible for 20% match or \$64,000. Mary Ann asked that we sign the project commitment form. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to designate Mary Ann as municipal employee in responsible of charge and John Harvey as authorized municipal official. Motion approved unanimously.
- b) **Award Fuel Bids** – We received six bids. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to award the following bids for the 2021-22 season: Sam's U Save for heating oil at \$2.45 per gallon; Sam's U Save for diesel at \$2.50 per gallon and Proctor Gas for propane at \$1.249 per gallon. Motion approved.
- c) **Listers Errors and Omission** – The listers found a camp on the Costantino property off Clarendon Avenue that was never assessed. The listers assessed the camp at \$37,100 based on their best information. However, an inspection was not performed. Discussion on notifying property owner to get a proper inspection. Mary Ann will invite listers to the next meeting for an update.

**Discussion Items:**

- a) **Certificate of Approval for Location of a Salvage Yard** – A new company Copart is looking to operate a short-term automobile auction on 16 acres next to Rosen and Berger. The Selectboard needs to approve all salvage yards but zoning needs to first look at their application.
- b) **Town Manager Report** – We will be going to bid for Dewey Avenue this week. We are getting ready to sell the one ton truck. Mary Ann would like to apply for more recreation grants for tennis court/ pickle ball courts, walking path next to the river and the pavilion. Still need to pull together more numbers for the pavilion, will need to raise it because of the flood plain. The paving on Pleasant is a little rough but we should still let it settle over the winter before we put a top coat.

**Board Member Concerns:** Nick was concerned people are mowing grass onto the road and sidewalk on Thrall Avenue and many other places making it dangerous for walker, bikers and motorcycles. Chet indicated there is two areas on Clarendon Avenue where cars are parked in the road, need no parking signs. Crosswalk plate broken on Blanchard Ave. Dick said there are two sofas near true blue road also inquiring about our exposure with the Velco tax appeal.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjournment:** Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette