

Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, January 10th, 2022
6:00 pm

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

Others Present: Sheriff David Fox, Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser **Remote:** Jayne Pratt

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

Agenda Approval: Motion by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the agenda with the addition of Action Item d) Sign and Approve Warning. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2021 with the correction of date 2019. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: none

Discussion Items:

a) **21-22 Budget Discussions:**

- a. Sheriff Department – Sheriff David Fox indicated a 2% increase for the new budget. The hourly rate is \$47.33 increasing to \$48.27 for the 2022-23 budget. We still contract 40 hours a week and share patrol with Proctor. They are very short staffed and seeing increases on insurance, gas, etc. The board discussed speeding, truck traffic on Whipple Hollow and overweight ordinances.
- b. General Budget – Mary Ann indicated we have level funded most of the budget items despite an increase in costs. The administrative salary increase is additional staff time for event planning, recreation and lister support. Overall budget increase is 3.2%. Water is showing at 1.4% increase. Wastewater is at a 2.9% increase. We will get back to a 3-person department later this year and the budget indicates that change.

Action Items:

- a) **Budget Approval** - Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the general budget at \$1,737,602 a 3.2% increase. Motion approved unanimously. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the wastewater budget at \$571,972 a 2.9% increase. Motion approved unanimously. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to approve the water budget at \$429,493 a 1.4% increase. Motion approved unanimously.
- b) **Review and Sign Warning** – All articles are the same as last year except the paving is increased to \$100,000. Question on Wonderfeet Museum and how many residents are using the venue. Motion by Chet seconded by Nick to sign the warning as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
- c) **Traffic Ordinance Amendments:** The sheriff's department offered to help to review the amendment. We will table this item to a later date.

- d) **Certificate of Highway Mileage** – Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the certificate of highway mileage with the following reclassifications -.195 removal of the jughandle on BR-4, -.076 removal of the BR-45 slip ramp and addition of +.0005 on T.H. 45 Class 4. Motion approved.
- b) **Coin Drop Request** – The board received a request from the American Legion Auxiliary for a coin drop on June Saturday, June 4th between the hours of 9-2. Discussion on what intersections will be used. Motion made by Dick seconded by Nick to approve the American Legion Auxiliary coin drop request on June 4th between the hours of 9am-2pm. Motion approved.

Board Member Concerns:

None

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette