

Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, February 14th, 2022
6:00 pm

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Lisa Wright and Eric Mahar

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

Agenda Approval: Motion by Chet seconded by Jayne to approve the agenda with the addition of Action Items: Liquor License Renewal for Stewart's Shops #198 and Jiffy Mart #458. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Chet seconded by Jayne to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2021 with the spelling correction. Motion approved.

Executive Session: Motion made by Chet seconded by Jayne to enter executive session at 6:05 for a legal consult. Lisa Wright and Eric Mahar were invited to join. John Harvey recused himself. Motion made by Chet seconded by Jayne to exit executive session at 6:33. Motion approved.

Chet made a motion to accept the agreement from Velco for an assessment of \$36.6 million less a \$3 million adjustment in lieu of 3 years of credit for 2019, 2020 and 2021 tax years equaling a new total assessment of \$33.6 million. This \$33.6 million assessment will stand for the next 5 years beginning in 2022 subject to additions and deletions. In exchange, Velco will withdraw its lawsuit for tax year 2019, 2020 and 2021. A written agreement is forthcoming. The motion was seconded by Jayne. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Concerns: none

Action Items:

- a) **Village Designation Amendment:** The village designation is set for renewal for May 2024. However, in the interim we are looking at amending our boundaries based on upcoming redevelopment projects. This allows availability of tax credit programs for property owners and enhanced competitiveness in applying for federal and state funding. We are looking at extending to Proctor Street and adding three parcels: 0010376, 0010326, 0370023. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to adopt the resolution to amend West Rutland's village Center Designation. Motion approved.
- b) **Award Transportation Alternative Scoping Study:** The selection committee, consisting of the Town Manager, Sean Barrows, Eric Hall of RRPC and Derek Kenison, of Vtrans, received and reviewed two proposals. Based on the ranking process the selection committee recommends Weston and Sampson Engineers as the consultant to perform the sidewalk scoping study. Motion made by Nick seconded by Chet to award

the sidewalk scoping study to Weston and Sampson as recommended by the selection committee.

- c) **2022 Highway Financial Report** - Chet made a motion to accept the 2022 Highway Financial Report in the amount of \$771,488. Seconded by Nick. Motion approved.
- d) **Sewer Connection: Melissa James** – new owner of 262 Thrall Avenue. Motion made Chet seconded by Nick to approves Melissa James’s sewer connection. Motion approved.
- e) **Liquor License Renewal:**
 - a. **Price Chopper #122** – Motion made by Nick seconded by Chet to approve the second class liquor license for Price Chopper #122. Motion approved.
 - b. **Stewarts Shops #198** - Motion made by Chet seconded by Jayne to approve the second class liquor license for Stewart Shops #198. Motion approved.
 - c. **Jiffy Mart #458** - Motion made by Nick seconded by Chet to approve the second class liquor license for Jiffy Mart #458. Motion approved.
- f) **Recognition of Service Award** – Mary Ann presented twenty-five year service awards to Frank Woolf and Dave Zawistowski. Both employees will be recognized at a luncheon this week. Motion made by Nick seconded by Chet to recognize Frank Woolf and Dave Zawistowski for their twenty-five year anniversaries. Motion approved unanimously.
- g) **RCSWD Letter of Support** – Rutland County Solid Waste District is looking for a letter of support to purchase an excavator through the USDA Solid Waste Management Grant. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to send RCSWD a letter of support for their purchase of an excavator for an USDA grant. Motion approved.

Discussion Items:

- a) **Town Manager Report** –
 - a. **20 Year Evaluation Study: Wastewater Treatment Facility** – Otter Creek Engineering presented us with a draft study. Initial reports show the upgrade will cost \$1,946,775. We will finalize the report and look at funding opportunities.

Board Member Concerns:

None

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette