

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, May 16th, 2022**  
**7:00 pm**

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

**Others Present:** Mary Ann Goulette, Josh Butler. Bob Firpo, Karl and Pam Sokol. Via Zoom – Lisa Wright, Christy Wright.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm by John Harvey with the pledge of allegiance.

**Agenda Approval:** Motion by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**Public Concerns:** Bob Firpo was present to discuss the Miller property across the street from his house. The barn was demolished without a permit. He also raised a number of issues regarding safety standards, asbestos abatement and environmental concerns. He was also displeased with the lack of the response of the Town's zoning administrator. Mary Ann said the zoning administrator would look into the matter.

Karl and Pam Sokol expressed their concern of ATV activity and the firing of explosives on Whipple Hollow Road over the last two weekends. There is also a larger number of OMYA trucks travelling over the bridge. Mary Ann explained the new weight limit ordinance and will speak to the sheriff on additional patrol.

**Action Items:**

- a) **Folsom Water Connection** – Josh Butler was present to ask for a waiver for the connection fees at his new restaurant location 702 US Business Route 4 in Center Rutland. Mary Ann explained the connection fee is \$1,325 and we offered a free connection to all Rutland Road businesses when we installed the line but that has expired. Discussion on his new business and the difficulty in getting state permits. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to waive the connection fee for Don Folsom at 702 US Business Route 4 Center Rutland. Motion approved.
- b) **Liquor License Renewal: Bruno's** – Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the first, third class and outside liquor license for Bruno's Bar & Grill. Motion approved.
- c) **Vendor Permit: Frickin' Chicken** - The Town's new zoning bylaws will address the food trucks and vendor regulations. This permit is a six-month temporary permit on Rutland Road across from Poultney Pools. Motion made by John Center seconded by Chet to approve the vendor permit for Frickin' Chicken. Motion approved unanimously.

- d) **Award Paving Bid** – Roads to be paved include two sections on Pleasant Street and milling and filling Meadow Lane. 3 bids received Pike Industries at \$177,518, Fuller Sand & Gravel at \$135,794 and Wilk Paving \$123,575. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to award the 2022 paving bid to Wilk Paving at \$123,575. Motion approved. Note two manholes need to be adjusted near Nick’s house.
- e) **Award Crack Seal Bid** – We have approximately 7 miles of roads to complete. It’s approximately one day per mile at \$4500 a day. Mary Ann is waiting for one more quote and we need to schedule it soon for this summer. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to spend up to \$30,000 for crack sealing. Motion approved. Sean has arranged a crack sealing demonstration in town as part of the highway foreman meeting.
- f) **MPM Agreement with RRPC** – As part of the State grant agreement we need to hire a municipal project manager which is funded with the grant. Steffanie Bourque from the RRPC will represent us for the contract price of \$35,697.81. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick. Motion approved.
- g) **Appoint Otter Creek CUD representative** – Mary Ann has been representing us. Fiber is being installed throughout town and we have very few underserved households. Our needs have been met.

**Discussion Items:**

- a) **Rutland County Dispatch Center** – The VT State Police is discontinuing dispatching for municipal agencies including police, fire and rescue. An advisory committee is being formed to discuss future plans. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to appoint Michael Skaza as our designee to represent West Rutland on the Rutland County Regional Dispatch Center advisory board. Motion approved.
- b) **Sheriff’s contract** - Mary Ann provided the board with the current sheriff’s contract which is due to expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>. She also provided a sample work schedule with Proctor, activity log for the month of April and a summary of hours worked, tickets and fines issued.
- c) **Boardman Hill Solar CPG** – We received notification the project filed for their CPG. Mary Ann reviewed the site plan and aesthetic report.
- d) **Town Manager Report**
  - a. **Parking lot grant approval** – We received notification we received the Downtown Transportation Fund in the amount of \$225,000 for the municipal parking lot across the street from the Town Hall.
  - b. **School path** – the school asked for assistance in developing a pedestrian path around the perimeter of the school grounds. Mary Ann and Sean roughed out some costs of approximately \$15,000 in materials.
  - c. **Carving Studio path** – the carving studio is also at looking at installing a pedestrian path around its sculpture garden. They are wondering if there are any grants or in-kind services the Town can provide. Mary Ann suggested getting a wish list together for ARPA projects and we can gather public input and prioritize the projects.

**Board Member Concerns:**

Chet – Any word on the drainage issue on Blanchard Avenue? Mary Ann and Sean discussed and we will need an engineer to look at it. There are power poles and sewer lines to be considered. Zoning needs to look at a residence on Elm Street .

**Adjournment:** Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette