

Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, August 8th, 2022
6:00 pm

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser, Steve Pietryka, Victoria Gorham and Sean Barrows.

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

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

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the minutes of July 11th, 2022. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: None

Discussion Items:

- a) **Skatepark Proposal** - Steve Pietryka thanked the board for their time. He is extremely pleased with the recent improvements at the recreation area and has noticed a large increase in users. He introduced town resident, Victoria Gorham. Victoria knows the skatepark industry and has submitted a proposal for the feasibility and design of a skatepark at the recreation area, determine public interest and explore grant funding opportunities. The closest parks are Burlington and Lebanon and the park could become an economic driver for the community. Comparison was made to the dog park and the regional draw. There is no cost until something is built. The board determined to move forward to explore the feasibility. Mary Ann will forward the mapping of the recreation area from the master plan.
- b) **Town Manager Report**
 - a. **RTFD Merger** – We continue to explore the possibility of taking over the Rutland Town Fire District. The lawyer has submitted a draft agreement. Mary Ann explained that more users will add to the revenues. Concerns on the condition of their existing infrastructure. John Harvey and John Center agreed to meet with their prudential committee to determine next steps and address any outstanding items. Both parties will need to vote in November or March.
 - b. **Block Party** – The block party is scheduled for Sept. 17th. We have received some sponsorships and vendor fees which support the costs of entertainment. Do we want to include the fireworks again this year as the price has increased to \$5,000. Chet made a motion to approve the \$5,000 expenditure for fireworks at the annual block party. Seconded by John Center. Motion approved unanimously.

Action Items:

- a) **Whipple Hollow Bridge Proposal** – The Town has been watching the condition of the bridge and allocating funds into a reserve account. Recently the bridge deck has become unstable and VTrans determined we should close the bridge to traffic. Sean contacted Daniels Construction who was working nearby and was able to inspect and submit a proposal for a new deck. They are proposing to remove the existing timber bridge deck and steel girders and construct a new reinforced precast concrete structure for \$359,425. Both Daniels and the Carrara have availability this fall. Mary Ann and Sean met with Butch Shaw and Vtrans and we were able to secure a \$200,000 structures grant out of next year’s funding. We have \$237,692 in our bridge account. Motion made by Chet seconded Nick to sign and accept the proposal from Daniels Construction for \$359,425. Motion approved unanimously. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to sign the VTrans Structure Grant for \$200,000. Motion approved unanimously. Dick questioned how to stop the ongoing issue of Omya truck traffic on that road. Mary Ann is meeting with their plant manager in the next few weeks.

- b) **Access Request for Regional Ambulance at 484 Main Street** – Preliminary design for the Regional Ambulance shows there will be two bays on the east side of the building. They are requesting to alter and widen the existing curb cut to 30’ to accommodate the two bays. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to alter the curb cut at 484 Main Street as requested. Motion approved unanimously.

- c) **Award Fuel Bids** – We received bids from Johnson Energy, Proctor Gas, Sam’s U Save, Irving and Suburban Propane. With the uncertainty in the market, it was difficult to get fixed pricing. The best prices were from Irving with \$3.672 oil, \$1.519 propane and \$3.901 diesel which is the State variable price. Motion made by Nick seconded by Chet to award the bid to Irving at the prices quoted. Motion approved.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet – rat issue on Clarendon Avenue.

John Harvey – we need to adjust two sewer manholes on Pleasant Street and one on Dewey Avenue.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette