

Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, October 11th, 2022
6:00 pm

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser, Sean Barrows, Michael Skaza, Fire Chief, Tom Lacz, Assistant Fire Chief and the West Rutland Girls Varsity Softball Team, Coach Laurie and Carl Serrani and various parents.

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

Agenda Approval: Motion by John Center seconded by Chet to approve the agenda as items may shift depending on when guests arrive. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the minutes of September 12th, 2022 with the name correction of attendee Aaron Jones. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: None

Action Items:

- a) **Fire Station Boiler Bids** – One of the two boilers is not working. Both are 15 years old. Michael Skaza requested bids from six companies and received two. Irving suggested three boilers at a total of \$23,870 and Fitzgerald Services gave \$8,865 for one boiler or two boilers for \$17,130 including gas work. There could be some savings with installing two. Discussion on a possible heat pump for the training room. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to accept the bid for two boilers with Fitzgerald Services for \$17,130. Motion approved unanimously.
- b) **Proclamation to honor WR Varsity Softball Championship**– The Town Moderator Mike Moser read aloud the proclamation recognizing the West Rutland Girls Varsity Softball Team as 2022 Division 4 State Champions. John Harvey thanked everyone for attending. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to sign the proclamation as stated. A copy is attached to these minutes. Motion approved unanimously.
- c) **Listers Errors & Omissions** – The listers are requesting a correction on the assessment of Parcel 040042199 owned by Lori McKearin from \$121,500 to \$132,900. There was an error based on a change from the 2018 Board of Abatement decision that was not carried over to the new database during the reappraisal. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to change the assessment on parcel #040042199 to \$132,900. Motion approved unanimously.
- d) **Lake Champlain Basin Program Grant** – The Town completed a stormwater master plan in 2014 for the Castleton Headwaters. This \$30,000 grant application is for a stormwater master plan for the Clarendon River. No match is required. It will provide

planning, design, and prioritization for future water quality improvement projects. Motion made by Chet seconded by John to sign the letter of support for the Lake Champlain Basin Program Grant application. Motion approved.

Discussion Items:

- a) **Blanchard Avenue Stormwater** – Sean asked Otter Creek Engineering to look at the stormwater issue on Blanchard. The water is continually running on the south side and causing icing issues in the winter. Otter Creek suggested intercepting flows with a new catch basin that is connected to the existing catch basin along Franklin. Also, installing a bioswale type drainage that will mimic the previous drainage ditch that appears to have been filled in over time by residents. This will provide a low-cost option and aesthetic opportunity for the neighborhood. Discussion on if this was the best solution and where the water was coming from, old quarry. Mary Ann will include this site in the new stormwater master plan.
- b) **Cannabis Control Board** -The vote in August authorizing cannabis retailers in Town failed by 11 votes. The vote authorizing retail portion of integrated licensee operation in Town passed by 12 votes. Municipalities may create a local cannabis control commission, but they are not required to. Given the voting results there is no need to create a commission at this time.
- c) **Town Manager Report**
 - a. **Whipple Hollow Bridge Update** – Work continues on the abutments and surrounding area. The deck should be installed in the next several weeks and the bridge should be open to traffic by December 1, 2022. Discussion on additional no OMYA trucks signs.
 - b. **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund** – Otter Creek suggested we apply for funding to develop an Asset Management Plan. West Rutland is also eligible for \$118,280.73 fully subsidized loan to develop a service line inventory which is required by the revised lead and copper rule by October 2024.
 - c. **2023 Road Projects** - Otter Creek will be submitting a proposal for Skyline Drive road rehab, stormwater and water line replacement.

Board Member Concerns:

John Center – there is a company doing some exploratory work at Gawet’s quarry. For safety reasons, they have posted no trespassing signs at the property.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette