

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

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

**Others Present:** Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser, Carol Driscoll executive director of the Carving Studio, Olivia and Jim Boughton.

**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 Dick to approve the agenda with the removal of Action Item d. Marble Street Parking Lot. Motion approved unanimously.

**Minutes Approval:** Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to approve the minutes of October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion approved.

**Public Concerns:** Mike Moser asked for speeding enforcement on Main Street. Carol Driscoll from the Carving Studio updated the group on the new sculpture trail. They have raised funds from private donations and grants. The Town's recreation facilities grant was denied as it didn't fit the recreation parameters. They need approximately \$13,000 additional funds to complete the work. Mary Ann suggested designated some of the Town's ARPA funds since this is an opportunity to enhance the experience at the Carving Studio and link to the village center marbleway trail. Dick Daley made the motion to give \$15,000 to the Carving Studio to complete the sculpture trail which will benefit the entire West Rutland community. Seconded by Nick. Motion approved unanimously.

**Action Items:**

- a) **Rutland Emergency Management Committee Appointments** – Michael Skaza, the fire chief and Mary Ann Goulette, the emergency management director serve on this regional committee and are interested in reappointment. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to appoint Michael Skaza and Mary Ann Goulette to the Rutland Emergency Management Committee. Motion approved unanimously.
- b) **Salt Purchase**– The 1,000 ton purchase is for next year's salt delivery that we receive in June. Cargill has a new terminal in Rutland. This year's price is \$97/ton for enhanced and \$85.50/ton for deicing. The enhanced salt is treated and we are able to use less but Sean likes to have some untreated on hand for late season storms. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to purchase 900 tons of clearline deicer enhanced bulk salt at \$97.00 per ton and 100 tons of bulk deicing salt at \$85.50 per ton. Motion approved unanimously.
- c) **Otter Creek Skyline Drive Proposal** – As previously discussed, Skyline Drive is in need of road reconstruction, stormwater improvements and possible water/sewer line replacement. We asked Otter Creek to develop some alternatives based on soil borings.

Their proposal is for survey work, soil borings and an alternatives report for \$11,750. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to authorize Mary Ann to sign the Skyline Drive proposal with Otter Creek Engineering in the amount of \$11,750. Motion approved.

- d) **UV System Subpanel Installation Proposal** – The replacement UV system is on order but a new subpanel is needed for installation. It has been difficult to get bids. Racette electric submitted an estimate for \$41,400. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the UV System subpanel installation by Racette Electric for \$41,400. Motion approved.

**Discussion Items:**

a) **Town Manager Report**

- a. **Pleasant/Baxter Street Stormwater** – We are receiving complaints from property owners on North side of Baxter that the water levels are high due to the stormwater coming from Pleasant Street and above. Sean is looking at a hydraulic study for the Pleasant Street culvert but there are no easements and the ditch on private property looks like it has filled in.
- b. **Zoning Bylaws Update** – The planning commission has completed their draft and has scheduled a public meeting. Once approved they will submit it to the Selectboard for a hearing and comments. A draft is posted on the website.
- c. **2023/24 Budgets** – Mary Ann will start the budget process at the next meeting beginning with the sheriff department.

**Board Member Concerns:**

Dick Daley – would like to see a list of ARPA projects. Mary Ann will hold a public meeting to gather input and develop a matrix for assessment. The funds need need to be committed by the end of 2024 and spent by 2026.

**Adjournment:** Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette