

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, March 13th, 2023**  
**6:00 pm**

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

**Others Present:** Mary Ann Goulette and Mike Moser.

**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 to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**Organization of the Board:**

- A) **Election of Officers:** Chet made a motion to elect the same slate of officers as last year. **Chair** - John Harvey, **Vice Chair** – Nick Notte, **Secretary** – Chet Brown. The motion was seconded by John Center. Motion approved unanimously.
- B) **Rules of Procedure** – There are no changes from last year. Motion by Chet seconded by John Center to adopt the Selectboard Rules of Procedure. Motion approved.
- C) **Conflict of Interest Policy** – There are no changes from last year. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick Daley to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy as presented. Motion approved.

**Minutes Approval:** Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2023. Motion approved. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2023. Motion approved.

**Public Concerns:** None.

**Action Items:**

- a) **Town Official Appointments** – Mary Ann presented the list of appointees (see attached).. No changes from last year except for Christopher Wener as the new tree warden. Thank you to Denis Lincoln for his many years of service. John Center made a motion to appoint the list of officials as presented. Seconded by Dick. Motion approved unanimously.
- b) **Approve Liquor Licenses** – All the licenses are online and the town clerk approves them. Motion made to approve all the 2023 liquor licenses for: Second Class: Family Dollar Store of Vermont, Sandri Sunoco #283, Stewart’s Shops #198, Price Chopper #122, Jiffy Mart #458. Outside Consumption: The Tavern, American Legion Post #87. First and Third Class: The Tavern. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve all the liquor licenses as presented.
- c) **Vtrans Transportation Alternatives Grant Match Increase** – This application is for the Tri-Town Trails Scoping Study with the Towns of Proctor and Pittsford. The original

grant was \$40,000 with a \$10,000 match, split between the three towns. There was concern from the State that the funding amount was inadequate. Suggested to increase the grant request to \$48,000 with a \$12,000 match. West Rutland's match will be \$4,000 increased from \$3,333. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to approve the grant match increase to \$4,000 for the Tri-Town Trails Scoping Study. Motion approved unanimously.

- d) **Coin Drop Request** – The American Legion Auxiliary requested a coin drop to be held in May on Main Street near the school. Motion made by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the coin drop for the American Legion Auxiliary Post #87. Motion approved unanimously.

**Discussion Items:**

- a) **Town Manager Report** – The Municipal Energy Resilience Program have grants available to municipalities up to \$4,000 for consultants, host education events and promotional materials. Dick Daley suggested we apply to help homeowners. Also, the Rutland County Solid Waste District has unveiled a program to help educate homeowners how to recycle and compost. West Rutland would like to participate.

**Board Member Concerns:**

John Center – Suggested we invite Mike Skaza to give the selectboard a presentation how the fire department operates as a volunteer organization. Mary Ann will schedule a date.

Chet Brown - Has Sean Barrows heard back about the designation for the burning of brush at the old dump? Not yet. Any feedback on how to calculate the water and sewer allocation for the proposed housing project. Mary Ann has gathered information for when the application comes in.

**Adjournment:** Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette