

**Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, July 10th, 2023
6:00 pm**

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser and Sean Barrows

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

John Harvey offered a moment of silence in honor of the fallen Rutland City Police Officer - Jessica Ebbighausen. The Town Hall flag is flown at half mast.

Agenda Approval: Motion by Chet seconded by Nick to approve the agenda with the deletion of action item b. approve and sign warning. Mary Ann is waiting for the language from the attorney.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by John Center seconded by Chet to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2023. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: None

Action Items:

- a) **Set 2023-24 Tax Rate -** The grand list has increased but the budget and articles also increased approximately \$300K. The education rate is set by the state and has increased 14 cents to \$2.21 homestead and \$2.49 for non-residential. The municipal rate is calculated at .8922 cents which is an increase of 7 cents. The total increase of education and municipal tax will result in \$136 annual increase on a \$100,000 home. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to approve the municipal tax of \$.8922. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) **Access Permit: Marechaux** – Request for new access at 78 Skyline Drive. Sean has reviewed the request and has the following conditions. Trim brush on east side of bank to the line of maple tree to maintain sufficient sight distance. Also, depending on the when the work is scheduled, work with highway foreman to establish ditch and installation of driveway culvert. The homeowner must repair the water leak. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to approve the access permit at 78 Skyline Drive based on the conditions stated. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) **Review Survey Proposal** – We have the design nearly ready for the Marble Street parking lot but we were unable to locate the boundary pins. It was suggested to have a survey completed before construction since its fairly close to the adjacent landowners. We have a proposal from Tinker Surveys to not exceed \$4,400. Motion made by Chet

seconded by John Center to approve the survey proposal from Tinker Survey for the Marble Street parking lot to not exceed \$4,400. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- a) **Town Manager Report** – no major flooding issues in town. We will reach out to provide mutual aid if any nearby towns need help.

Board Member Concerns:

John Center – The Act 250 permit has gone through for the modifications at Westway Mall. Lenny Knapmiller would like to talk with us about access to his lot on Clark Hill. Mary Ann will bring the maps for the next meeting.

Chet – do we have an assistant treasurer appointed yet? No.

Adjournment: Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette