

**Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, September 11th, 2023
5:00 pm**

Present: John Harvey, John Center, Dick Daley

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette and Don Curtis

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

Agenda Approval: Mary Ann added one agenda item under Action Items: c.) Accept resignation of Town Clerk. Motion made by John Center seconded by Dick to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion approved.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by John Center seconded by Dick to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 14th, 2023. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: None

Action Items:

- a) **Consider Audit Proposal** – The proposal is \$22,400 which is a \$1,000 more than last year. We haven't gone to bid in over 5 years. It was suggested Mary Ann ask if there is a way to reduce the cost. Item tabled until next meeting.
- b) **Vermont State Revolving Loan Fund** – The \$79,960 loan is for the service line inventory that is a new requirement of the State of Vermont. The loan is 100% forgivable if the conditions are met. Motion made by John Center seconded by Dick to sign the loan agreement and resolution and certificate for the Vermont State Revolving Fund for \$79,960. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) **Accept Town Clerk Resignation** – Town Clerk Christine Wener has submitted her resignation to the Selectboard. She offered to remain on part time as the Assistant Clerk. John Center made the motion to regrettably accept the resignation of the Town Clerk Christine Wener and appoint Debora Jasmin as the new Town Clerk. Motion seconded by Dick. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- a) **Town Manager Report-**
 - a. Mary Ann reported the Block Party is scheduled for Saturday. We have a large number of vendors this year. Fireworks will begin at 8:15pm.
 - b. We applied for a \$25,000 Recreation facilities grant for the pavilion.
 - c. We hired a new recreation director Aimee Pittrich.

- d. We received a free energy assessment for three buildings: Town Hall, Wastewater Plant and Fire Station.
- e. We need to purchase a new zero turn mower for the recreation area. Seth has four quotes from John Deere, Townline Kabota and GT Outdoor Power from \$12,694 to \$18,700. We would also like a trailer and delivery of both in the spring. Dick made the motion to authorize Mary Ann to purchase the mower and trailer up to \$20,000. Seconded by John Center. Motion approved. The recreation area looks great.

Board Member Concerns:

Dick – has Bob Carroll been contacted about his water issue? There is a pot hole at the end of his cul-del-sac that keeps getting bigger.

John – great job on the paving. The manholes on Pleasant Street might need a little work.

Adjournment: Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:35pm and John Center seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette

**Informational Hearing for the Rutland Town Fire District Vote
6:00pm**

Attendees: Don and Kim Curtis, Pat Dzuibek, Melissa Clark, Wayne Crockett, Tom Burditt, Tyler and Liz Socinski, Bob Parkman, Sean Barrows, Ron and Patty Clark

Selectboard Members: John Harvey, Dick Daley and John Center

Staff: Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager and Seth Pietryka, Water and Wastewater Superintendent.

Mary Ann gave the background of the project and recapped the information in the mailed newsletter. The Selectboard and Superintendent Seth Pietryka answered questions from the audience. There will be no additional cost for the Town except staff time for administration and maintenance. \$100,000 additional annual revenue. Seth has been shadowing their staff for six months. The three-year warranty alleviates any unforeseen costs. Voting is upstairs tomorrow from 10:00am-7:00pm