Minutes West Rutland Selectboard Meeting Monday, August 11th, 2025 5:30 pm

Present: John Harvey, Dave Webster, Bob Bach and John Center

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser, Peter Kulig and Tom Burditt.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by John Harvey with the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Approval: Motion made by Dave seconded by Bob to approve the agenda with the addition of Executive Session for legal purposes. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Bob seconded by Dave to approve the minutes of the meetings of July 14th, 2025. Motion approved.

Public Concerns:

Mike Moser noted that the trees and bushes at Walgreens are overgrown, obstructing the view of oncoming traffic and encroaching onto the sidewalk. He also reported that silt has accumulated at the crosswalk, creating a potential slipping hazard.

Peter Kulig suggested that the Town and the Historical Society collaborate to place new Betsy Ross flags around town in celebration of Vermont's 250th anniversary next year.

Tom Burditt suggested we host a regional meeting with the speaker of the House, Jill Krowinski. It was also suggested touring the new housing project. Dates are tentative September 4th or 5th.

Action Items:

- a) **Assessor Contract:** Lisa presented her contract to serve as the Town assessor, citing the difficulty in finding candidates to fill the lister positions. A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Dave, to approve and sign the assessor contract as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) Fuel Bids We received 5 bids: Johnson Energy, Marcell Oil, Getch Fuel, Irving Oil and Proctor Gas. Mary Ann recommended awarding all the bids to Irving at the following prices: \$2.632 oil, \$1.29 propane and \$2.616 diesel (variable). Motion made by John Center seconded by Dave to award all fuel bids to Irving at indicated. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

a) **Town Manager Report:** Mary Ann discussed the recent water main break on Skyline Drive. The fire department took water out of the hydrant for the fire in Ira. That section of pipe was problematic. Auditors will be here next week. Dave and Wes are in CDL

school. We received a stream permit to work on the Clarendon River where we experienced flooding in June.

Board Member Concerns:

John Center – Pleases be vigilant on locking your doors. There has been a number of individuals caught on cameras.

Dave – homeless person at the recreation area as well as garbage. The water fountain is already very popular.

Bob – are there poop bags at the recreation area? Yes, two stations. Block Party is Sept 6th. 2:30-8:00pm followed by fireworks.

Executive Session: Motion made by John Center seconded by Bob to enter executive session at 5:56 for legal. Motion to exit executive session at 6:02pm by John Center seconded by Dave. No action taken.

Adjournment: John Center made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04pm and Dave seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Goulette