

**Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, September 8th, 2025
5:30 pm**

Present: John Harvey, Dave Webster, Bob Bach and Chet Brown

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser, Sandra and Kevin Bruno, Melanie Paskevich and Mike Tyminski.

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 Bob seconded by Dave to approve the agenda as presented. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Bob seconded by Dave to approve the minutes of the meetings of August 11th, 2025. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: Sandra and Kevin Bruno of 60 Elm Street attended the meeting to express concerns regarding the new apartment building under construction adjacent to their property. They noted that they had also raised concerns at the initial public meetings, specifically about the drainage ditch located between the two properties.

Mary Ann and representatives from Cornerstone have previously met on-site with the Brunos to review the stormwater management plans. As part of their permit requirements, Cornerstone conducted a hydraulic study and incorporated stormwater controls into the project design.

The Brunos requested that it be placed on record that they are concerned about potential water issues on their property, emphasizing that their basement is currently dry.

Action Items:

- a) **Vermont Community Development Grant Program:** Melanie Paskevich was present to discuss the latest VCDP Scattered Site Grant Application for \$800,000. The \$5,000 grants are passed to low-income homeowners for home repairs in the Rutland, Addison and Bennington counties. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dave to approve the resolution for the VCDP Grant. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) **Liquor License – Maple Angus** – This is for a one-time caterer license for an event at the Town Hall. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dave to approve the caterer license for Maple Angus as indicated. Motion approved unanimously.
- c) **Listers Omissions & Corrections** – The listers sent a change of assessment notice to VT Transco in June of 2025 with the original (and current) GL assessment. They did not receive any request for grievance, or request to discuss this figure with Sansoucy, until July. This was brought to our attention on July 7, 2025, after they had concluded grievance and finalized the Grand List. Per our settlement agreement, we are advised that we should honor additions and

deletions, and this change was the result of items that should have been deleted being incorrectly carried forward into the next year. While the Listers would like to advise that this error was brought to the town after Listers Grievance and thus in an untimely manner, we concede that it is likely in the best interest of the town to grant this correction in the spirit of our court agreement. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dave to approve the Reduction in Assessment to Velco in the amount of -\$381,600. Motion approved. John Harvey recused himself from the vote.

- d) **Precision Trenchless Proposal** – We are still trying to determine the issue with the sewer system at the recreation building. Precision Trenchless needs to camera and clean the pipe to determine if they can line it and what type of liner will be best. The camera and cleaning will cost \$2,950 and the slipline is approximately \$70/foot for 80 feet. Bob made the motion to authorize Mary Ann to spend up to \$10,000 to camera and slipline the sewer pipe at the recreation building. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- a) **Dangerous Building Ordinance** – We are looking at sample ordinances so we are able to shut down buildings that are vacant, abandoned and in disrepair. These structures are dangerous and unsafe and are a blight on their neighborhoods. They have an adverse impact upon adjacent and nearby properties. Mary Ann will work with the planning commission on a draft ordinance.
- b) **Town Manager Report:** Mary Ann discussed the recent audit. We were able to generate \$120,000 in interest. The Block Party went well despite the weather. Fireworks were moved to the Tree Lighting in December. RFP went out for the village master plan.

Board Member Concerns:

Bob – the painting of crosswalks looks good.

Dave – the soccer gate at the recreation area was left open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The field sees lots of use between football and soccer.

Executive Session: A motion to enter Executive Session at 6:02 for legal purposes. A motion was made to exit Executive Session was made by Chet, seconded by Dave, at 6:32 p.m. Mary Ann was directed to draft a settlement agreement with Mike Tyminski in the amount of \$4,000 for the four zoning violations, including reimbursement of soil test costs and issuance of a new permit for the remaining container. A motion to approve was made by Chet, seconded by Dave. The motion carried.

Adjournment: Chet made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm and Dave seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette