

Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, March 9th, 2026
5:30 pm

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

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser, Pat Trepanier and Sue Trepanier

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

Organization of the Board:

- A) Election of Officers:** John Center made a motion to elect John Harvey as Chair, seconded by Chet. Motion approved. John Center made a motion to elect Chet as Vice Chair seconded by Dave. Motion approved. Chet made a motion to elect John Center as Secretary/Clerk seconded by Dave. Motion approved.
- B) Rules of Procedure –** There are no changes from last year. Motion by Chet seconded by Bob 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 Dave to adopt the Conflict-of-Interest Policy as presented. Motion approved.

Agenda Approval: Motion made by Chet seconded by Dave to approve the agenda with the addition of Action Item G). Road Posting weight limits. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Bob seconded by Chet to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2026. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: None

Action Items:

- a. Appoint 2026 Town Officials –** Motion made by Chet seconded by Bob to appoint the officials as presented (the list is attached to these minutes). The group welcomed Sean Barrows as tree warden and Lisa Wright as assessor. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards -** Motion by Bob seconded by Chet to approve the 2026-27 Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards. The municipal cross culvert has increased to 18” in diameter. Motion approved unanimously.
- c. Approve Liquor and Tobacco License –** The applicant applies online and the selectboard approves them. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to approve Stewart’s Shops – Tobacco Substitute, Tobacco, 2nd class liquor licenses; Motion approved unanimously as presented.

- d. Certificate of Deposit-Rollover** – One of our CD expire this month at Bar Harbor. Mary Ann recommends renewing \$500,000 for 12 months at the rate of 3.10%. Mary Ann reported we have earned over \$88,000 in interest in the last year. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dave to roll over the certificate of deposit at \$500,000 for 12 months at the rate of 3.10%. Motion approved.
- e. Road Posting Weight Limits** – Motion made by Dave seconded by Chet to adopt the Town Highway weight limits for Class 2, 3 and 4 roads until May 15th, 2025. Two axle - 15,000lbs; Three axle – 18,000lbs; tractor trailer – 20,000lbs. Motion approved.
- f. Approve Zoning Flood Hazard Regulations** - Our current bylaws were missing a few National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. This helps keep our ERAF rating and allows us to receive the maximum % of funding under FEMA. It also helps property owners to buy flood insurance if they choose to. The planning commission approved the changes and will hold public hearings once the Selectboard approves the changes. Motion made by Dave seconded by Chet to approve the changes as presented. All in Favor. Motion passed.
- g. Resolution to honor Pat Trepanier’s retirement** - Patrick Trepanier has served as the Town Lister for 13 years of service to the Town of West Rutland. He served with honesty and integrity. Over the years, Pat also served the West Rutland recreation department, devoting many hours, winter and summer, volunteering on programs for West Rutland’s youth and townspeople. We thank him for his many years of service to our Town. Motion made by Bob seconded by adopt the resolution to honor Pat Trepanier’s retirement. All in Favor. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- a) **Town Manager Report** – Mary Ann passed out a tree planting survey, as it is a requirement for our grant. The trees will mostly be planted near the old jughandle to create a more welcoming area. Dave Wiebinski will be transferring to the wastewater department and will begin his 10-week class this week.

Board Member Concerns:

Chet Brown – The bridge near him on Rt 133 needs some maintenance by the State. The dog park did have some water over the weekend we might want to investigate where its coming from.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette