

**Town of West Rutland
Selectboard Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2006, 5:30 p.m.
West Rutland Town Hall**

Present: Ed Gilman, Pete Bianchi, Tom Burditt, John Harvey, and Sean Barrows.

Also Present: Tom Yennerell, Drew Cross, and Judi McCullough.

Item 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by Ed Gilman.

Item 2) Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting: A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2005 meeting. John Harvey seconded and the Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3) Public Concerns: None.

Drew Cross, WR Town Sheriff, came in to meet the Board. Drew stated that there had been a couple of burglaries, arguments, etc. and that he and Dave Fox have been pretty busy the last couple of weeks. Drew has been with the Sheriff's Department for about 4 years. He is in almost daily contact with the School Resource Officer; if he is dealing with a juvenile he makes contact with the SRO to keep her updated.

Item 4) Action Items:

A) Consider Water Meter Rebates and Fees: Tom reviewed the changes made to the proposed water meter rebates and stated that there were 5 new houses built before 1999 that had purchased their own meters and are eligible for a rebate. The total is \$2,235 for the different rebates that should be paid. A Motion was made by Sean Barrows to approve the water meter rebates as presented, a \$125 meter test fee, and a \$50 frozen meter repair. John Harvey seconded the Motion. Ed Gilman abstained from voting; the Motion carried by majority.

B) FY07 Budget: Review of the budget by the Board members. Tom stated that there were no changes since the last review and the board requested it be placed on the agenda when a full board was present. The Board questioned the revenues from law enforcement; Steve Bernard had said he would check into it because he thought the revenues were higher than Tom did. Steve said he would get back to us, which he has not done to date. The regional recreation center has put off voting until the Fall of 2008, and has not established a budget yet. The Board will wait until the next meeting and for the regional recreation center budget request and then vote on the budget.

C) Sign TRANS. Certificate of Highway Mileage: This document just enables the Town to receive its portion of State aid for highways. The Board members signed the document. The mileage calculations have not changed.

D) Reappoint Planning Commissioner: A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi and seconded by Sean Barrows to appoint David McDevitt as a planning commissioner for another 4 years. The Motion was approved by all.

Item 5) Discussion Items:

A) Trail Grant Application: Tom explained the cost estimate for the Town Farm Trail and reviewed the project summary. If the trail is not built this year, we have two years to complete the project.

B) FY05 Audit: The Board received copies of the FY05 audit for their review. Tom pointed out the section that mentions how cash reserves have declined from last year. This was a planned decline, but it is making cash flow planning much more difficult.

C) Manager's Report:

- Next Monday is the Fire Station information meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall followed by a tour of the Fire House.
- The Board received a copy of the temporary access permit granted for VELCO on December 21, 2005.
- There was a large amount of motor oil inflow into the treatment plant last week. It did not pass through any pump stations, excepting Elm St. Approximately 60 gallons of oil was skimmed from the main tanks. This could be potentially very damaging to the plant and is very illegal. Future communications to sewer system users will address this issue and also more info on the Town's monthly oil disposal will be provided.
- Otter Creek gave a \$500 donation to the Friends of the Town Hall.
- The CLA for West Rutland is at 73.37%.
- A developer is interested in a large project (up to 50 units) of elderly housing. They will be coming back on January 17th to meet with Tom, Ed Gilman, and Amy Loomis.
- The Town has recently received two grants. \$196,000 enhancement grant for Pleasant St. and \$14,000 for the Town Hall project.

Item 6) Board Member Concerns:

Pete Bianchi: O'Brien property has been posted and the tax sale is set.

Tom Burditt: Nothing.

Sean Barrows: Regarding the sewer and water, is the consumption going to be by residence? Discussion about what is fixed cost and what is metered. What is the comparison of pumped to metered water? The speed limit from Whipple Hollow Road to the Town limit is 40 mph; a resident out there stated that it is a little high when the rest of the Town is at 35 mph. The portion being questioned is a State Highway.

Is the only option to get out of the regional recreation center this March? No, we would have another year, because the vote date for staying in has been moved ahead. As long as there is still another opportunity to get out, the Board sees no reason to place it on the ballot this year.

Ed Gilman: What should be done about zoning in regard to this new developer? Is the board interested in modify the regulations, since this proposal is not defined in the current regs. The Board would like to see it go forward and would consider an appropriate modification.

Item 7) Approve Orders: The Board reviewed and approved Orders.

Item 8) Adjournment: A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi and seconded by Sean Barrows to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The Motion was approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi McCullough